

Special Town Meeting August 27, 2019

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex, meeting room 1 and 2, 1 Plains Road, Moodus. Fifteen (15) people attended. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Rob Smith motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Bryan Perry seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Cary Brownell motioned to close nominations, Joe Zaid seconded the motion. The motion closing nominations carried unanimously via voice vote. The Town Clerk called for a vote appointing Deb Denette to serve as Moderator, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and read the call of the meeting. Emmett Lyman motioned to accept the call as presented. Harvey Thomas seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #1 Carleen Quinn motioned, Bernie Gillis seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift of a Bird's Nest with attachment joints and labor for installation for the Town Beach valued at approximately \$2,023.13 from the NetPlay USA.

The Moderator opened the floor for comments or questions; Mr. Lyman advised that this the Bird's Nest is a swing to replace another swing that has surpassed its life at the Town Beach. There being no further discussion, The Moderator called for a vote on the Motion to accept a gift of a Bird's Nest with attachment joints and labor for installation for the Town Beach valued at approximately \$2,023.13 from the NetPlay USA. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #2 Mr. Smith motioned, Bob Casner provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Selectmen to approve a "Plan of Conservation and Development dated August 6, 2019."

James Ventres, Land Use Administrator, advised that this is the culmination of a two-year project. The last plan was adopted in 2008 and statutorily requires revision every ten years. During the process, survey's were conducted, workshops, meetings, and public hearings were held. Mr. Ventres noted that a few typographical errors have been discovered, and will be corrected, but no additional substance changes are needed.

Mr. Casner stated that the Economic Development Commission worked closely with the Planning and Zoning Commission through the endeavor. He stated that he was pleased with the efforts of Malone & McBroom, and although it was expensive, he stated that it was money well spent. Mr. Casner advised that he was pleased with the focus on the town's infrastructure. He noted that there is a lot of potential in East Haddam and he believed the Plan of Conservation and Development is a fantastic tool at identifying areas needing improvement and making recommendations for how to facilitate that improvement.

There being no other comments or questions, the Moderator called for a vote approving the Plan of Conservation and Development dated August 6, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Casner at 8:12 p.m. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously via voice vote.

Attest: Debra H. Denette,
Town Clerk
August 28, 2018