Board of Selectmen Town Office Annex February 16, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: Mark Walter, Pete Govert, Emmett Lyman Also Present: C. Behilo, E. Blaschik, D. Galford, L. Galford, B. Thody, S. Thody, L. Zemienieski, S. Wheeler

- 1. First Selectman Walter called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Walter stated he would like to amend the agenda as follows:
 - Add item 8G Amendment of Open Space Board of Selectmen Resolutions and move the item for discussion as the first item under New Business.
 - Add item 8H Bid Award Heating Oil & Diesel.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimous aye.

- 3. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting of February 4, 2011: Mr. Govert stated that he had not yet reviewed the minutes and the Selectmen agreed to table approval until their next meeting.
- 4. Correspondence:
- A. News Articles Goodspeed Airport: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of a news article in their meeting materials from the February 11th edition of the Hartford Courant, by Erik Hesselberg, titled <u>U.S. Appellate Court Upholds Ruling Faulting Landowner For Cutting Trees Near Airport</u>. He noted that the Goodspeed Airport may appeal the decision.
- B. Letter from Conservation Commission: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of a letter from Cynthia Matthew, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, to Randy Dill, Chairman of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, dated February 14, 2011, regarding the proposed new protocol to maintain clear and consistent communication between the two Commissions. Mr. Lyman noted that some of the items in Ms. Matthew's letter will need clarification.
- 5. First Selectman's Report: Mr. Walter stated that work on the budget was moving forward. There was a general discussion about the expense of anticipated road repairs as a result of the harsh winter.
- 6. Citizen's Concerns: Mr. Behilo noted several roads that he felt should be at the top of Public Works' list for repairs this spring.

Mr. Galford expressed concern about a notice that the residents of Cherry Swamp Road had received from the Town's insurance company advising that they were being included in a law suit related to the Shorthouses' claim regarding water drainage onto their property. Mr. Walter stated that the law suit has not yet been filed and that he has asked the insurance company not to include the residents. He further stated that the Town supports the residents of the Salmon River development and,

in response to a question from Mr. Galford, did not recommend they seek legal counsel yet. He agreed to update the affected residents by phone at the beginning of next week.

In response to a question from Ms. Thody, Mr. Walter advised that the Town's insurance company has hired an engineer to determine if any changes to the area's wetlands have occurred.

In response to a question from Mr. Thody, Mr. Walter confirmed that the insurance company can move forward with the law suit even if the Town does not agree with their approach. He also noted that the attorney for the Shorthouses can also include the neighbors in a separate law suit.

Mr. Govert stated that he felt the insurance company should have notified the Town before sending letters to the residents. He also recommended communicating the Town's position in writing to the insurance company and Mr. Walter agreed to do so.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. 4-8 Middle School: Mr. Walter advised that Mr. Carroll was prepared to sign-off on all of the punch-list items. In response to a question from Mr. Govert, he confirmed that that would allow the Town to move forward with assuming ownership of the school.
- B. Goodspeed Opera House Update: Mr. Blaschik advised that the weather has slowed progress somewhat; however, the Goodspeed expected that the two houses on Creamery Road will be completed by March.
- C. Old Middle School: Mr. Walter reported that Mr. Parady had recommended that the Town do some additional snow removal from the school's roof and that he had authorized the work.
- D. Rotary Club Donation of Edgar D. Williams Park: Mr. Walter reported that the outstanding issues have been resolved and the Town can move forward on the acceptance of the Park.
 - E. Solar Project 4-8 Middle School: There was no update on this agenda item.

8. New Business

G. Amendment of Open Space Board of Selectmen Resolutions: Mr. Walter advised that the Board of Selectmen's open space resolutions that were approved on February 4th need to be revised slightly. He stated that the Town Clerk had suggested the names Harris, Dean and Bogan be added to the questions for better identification for the voters. He stated that the following resolution contains the noted change.

Motion made by Board Member Mark Walter, seconded by Board Member Peter Govert, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2011, the Board of Selectmen (the "Board") of the Town of East Haddam (the "Town") adopted three (3) separate resolutions ("Resolutions") authorizing (i) the acquisition of three (3) certain properties, known, respectively, as the Dean Property, the Harris Property and the Bogan Property (collectively, the "Properties") and financing related thereto, (ii) the calling of a Special Town Meeting on March 1, 2011 for the purpose of submitting the Resolutions to the electors

and citizens of the Town and (iii) the removal of said Resolutions from the call of the Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters for "yes" or "no" vote by voting machine on March 10, 2011 and the wording of the questions to be utilized for such referendum;

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to amend the referendum questions to include more detailed name descriptions of the Properties;

NOW THEREFORE, *BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Board hereby amends the referendum questions as follows:

(1) The question set forth below:

"SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$820,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT IN RESPECT OF APPROXIMATELY 280 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON PARKER ROAD FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN THE SAME AMOUNT, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER THE DEDUCTION OF GRANTS OR OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE THEREFOR, TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION?"

is hereby replaced in its entirety with the following question:

"SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$820,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT IN RESPECT OF APPROXIMATELY 280 ACRES OF LAND **KNOWN AS THE DEAN PROPERTY** LOCATED ON PARKER ROAD FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN THE SAME AMOUNT, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER THE DEDUCTION OF GRANTS OR OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE THEREFOR, TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION?" (Highlighted for emphasis only)

(2) The question set forth below:

SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$585,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 135 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON MOUNT PARNASSUS ROAD FOR MUNICIPAL AND OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN THE SAME AMOUNT, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER THE DEDUCTION OF GRANTS OR OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE THEREFOR, TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION?

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(3) The question set forth below:

SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$200,000 TO FUND A GRANT TO THE EAST HADDAM LAND TRUST FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT IN RESPECT OF APPROXIMATELY 45 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ALONG THE MOODUS RIVER FOR PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION, HIKING AND OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN THE SAME AMOUNT, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER THE DEDUCTION OF GRANTS OR OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE THEREFOR, TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION?

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Unanimous aye.

A. Planning & Zoning Subcommittee Recommendation: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of a letter in their meeting packets from Mr. Brownell, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission, dated February 7, 2001, requesting the Selectmen establish a committee to review street names and house numbers in Town. He noted that Mr. Brownell's letter stated that duplicate street names and inconsistent house numbering has been an issue with emergency services response time for several years. Mr. Govert expressed concern about renaming streets that already appear to have distinct names but agreed that establishing a committee to sort out the issue was a good idea.

Mr. Walter stated that he would like to have a charge for the committee drafted for consideration at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

B. Call for Town Meeting: The Selectmen discussed the call to send various items to Town Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the following call for Town Meeting:

All electors and citizens eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut (the "Town") are hereby warned and notified that a Special Town Meeting of the Town is to be held at the Town Meeting Hall located on Town Street in East Haddam, Connecticut on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 8:00 p.m., for the following purposes:

Item 1: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Commission and the Board of Selectmen that the ordinance entitled "Inland Wetlands and Water

Courses Commission", adopted June 20, 1974 and amended December 27, 1994 and further amended December 26, 2006, is hereby amended to remove the requirement that one member be from the Conservation Commission and add language related to the election of officers under Section 2 – Membership, and add the word "inclusive" in Section 3 – Responsibilities as follows:

Voted, Be it ordained by a duly warned and called town meeting of the Town of East Haddam: That the following ordinance be adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Act. P.A. 155 (1972), codified as Connecticut General Statute 22a-36 through 22a-45; as amended by P.A. 73-571, effective June 20, 1973, as amended.

Section 1. Statement of Purpose

The inland wetlands and water courses are an indispensable and irreplaceable but fragile natural resource with which the citizens of the Town of East Haddam have been endowed. The wetlands and water courses are an interrelated web of nature essential to an adequate supply of surface and underground water; to hydrological stability and control of flooding and erosion; to the recharging and purification of ground water; and to the existence of many forms of animal, aquatic and plant life. Many inland wetlands and water courses have been destroyed or are in danger of destruction because of unregulated use by reason of disposition, filling or removal of material, the diversion or obstruction of water flow, the erection of structures and other uses, all of which have despoiled, polluted and eliminated wetlands and water courses. Such unregulated activity has had, and will continue to have a significant, adverse impact on the environment, thus adversely affecting the ecological, scenic, historic and recreational values and benefits of the Town for its citizens now and forever more. The preservation and protection of the wetlands and water courses from random, unnecessary, undesirable and unregulated uses, disturbance or destruction is in the public interest and is essential to the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the Town of East Haddam. It is, therefore, the purpose of this act to protect the citizens of the Town of East Haddam by making provisions for the protection, preservation, maintenance and use of the inland wetlands and water courses by minimizing their disturbance and pollution; maintaining and improving water quality in accordance with the highest standards set by federal, state or local authority; preventing damage from erosion turbidity of siltation; preventing loss of fish and other beneficial aquatic organism, wildlife and vegetation and the destruction of the natural habitats thereof; deterring and inhibiting the danger of flood and pollution; protecting the quality of wetlands and water courses for their conservation, economic, aesthetic, recreational, and other public and private uses and dangers of drought, overdraft, pollution, misuse and mismanagement by providing an orderly process to balance the need for the economic growth of the Town of East Haddam and the use of its land with the need to protect its environment and ecology in order to forever guarantee to the people of the Town of East Haddam the safety of such natural resources for their benefit and enjoyment and for the benefit and enjoyment of generations yet unborn.

Section 2. Membership

An Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Commission is hereby established which shall consist of five (5) members and two alternates who are electors of East Haddam and shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen by a majority vote for a term of office of two years. In the event that a Commission member is absent from four consecutive meetings, the Board of Selectmen may remove the member by a majority vote and fill the vacancy created.

Any elector of East Haddam who is a municipal employee may be appointed to serve as member or alternate to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission as provided by Connecticut General

Statutes, Section 7-421(e)(2)(D). (Town Meeting December 26, 2006)

At the first regular meeting of the Commission in January of every even numbered year the members shall elect officers, a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary.

Section 3. Responsibilities

The Commission shall have all the powers and responsibilities authorized under said Public Act (1972), codified at Connecticut General Statutes Sections 22a-36 to 22a-45 **inclusive**; as amended by Public Act 73-571, effective June 20, 1973, as amended from time to time.

Section 4. Effective Date

The Provisions of the Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after adoption by the legislative body of the Town of East Haddam, and publication in accordance with law.

Copies of said ordinance are on file in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Item 2: To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance:

RESOLVED: That a grant in an amount of \$250,000 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation upon the terms and conditions set forth in the First Supplemental Grant Agreement, and the First Selectman, Mark B. Walter, be, and hereby is authorized to sign the agreement entitled: "FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 6, 2005 STEAP GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION RELATED TO THE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO POWERHOUSE ROAD", and is authorized to affix the corporate seal of the municipality; said funds to be appropriated to Reserve for Capital Projects.

Item 3: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Selectmen to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town Meeting authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the following certain conveyances, to wit:

- 1. The conveyance from RODNEY C. DAVIS II to the Town of East Haddam of that portion of property known generally as Grove Street and shown and designated as "Grove Street" on a certain map entitled "ROAD AS-BUILT GROVE STREET, "GREEN VILLAGE ESTATES" PREPARED FOR RODNEY C. DAVIS II EAST HADDAM, CONNECTICUT SCALE 1"=40' DATED FEB. 5, 2001 REVISED 11-13-03 ADDED EASEEMENTS AND REVISED STREET LINES REVISED 12-03-04 CHANGED 25' TO 20' EASEMENT" prepared by Robert R. Weaver, L.S. 147 Parker Road, East Haddam, Connecticut 06423. Said map being on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of East Haddam.
- 2. The conveyance from RODNEY C. DAVIS II which includes a snow and slope easement as shown on said map as SNOW SHELF & SLOPE EASEMENT LINE IN FAVOR OF TOWN OF EAST HADDAM; and a drainage easement as shown on said map as PROPOSED 20' DRAINAGE EASEMENT & FIRE PROTECTION EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF THE TOWN

OF EAST HADDAM at the southerly end of said Grove Street. Said map being on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of East Haddam.

Item 4: To consider and discuss (but not vote on) a resolution:

(a) to appropriate \$585,000 for costs related to the acquisition of approximately 135 acres of land or rights therein located on Mount Parnassus Road in East Haddam, Connecticut for municipal and open space purposes, including, without limitation, the costs of land acquisition, site work, demolition and removal, easement acquisition, engineering, legal, administration, temporary and permanent financing and any other costs and expenses related thereto; (b) to authorize the Town to issue and sell its notes and bonds pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or any other provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed \$585,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefore including, but not limited to, a grant from the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$108,900, general fund monies and/or capital reserve funds); and (c) to authorize such other actions relating to the foregoing as may be necessary or appropriate.

Item 5: To consider and discuss (but not vote on) a resolution:

(a) to appropriate \$820,000 for costs related to the acquisition of a conservation easement in respect of approximately 280 acres of land located on Parker Road in East Haddam, Connecticut for open space purposes, including, without limitation, the costs of easement and land acquisition, site work, demolition and removal, engineering, legal, administration, temporary and permanent financing and any other costs and expenses related thereto; (b) to authorize the Town to issue and sell its notes and bonds pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or any other provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed \$820,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefore including, but not limited to, a grant from the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$400,000, general fund monies and/or capital reserve funds); and (c) to authorize such other actions relating to the foregoing as may be necessary or appropriate.

Item 6: To consider and discuss (but not vote on) a resolution:

(a) to appropriate \$200,000 to fund a grant to the East Haddam Land Trust for costs related to the acquisition of a conservation easement in respect of approximately 45 acres of land located along the Moodus River in East Haddam, Connecticut, known as the "Bogan Property," for preservation, conservation, hiking and open space purposes, including, without limitation, the costs of easement and land acquisition, site work, demolition and removal, engineering, legal, administration, temporary and permanent financing and any other costs and expenses related thereto; (b) to authorize the Town to issue and sell its notes and bonds pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or any other provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefore); and (c) to authorize such other actions relating to the foregoing as may be necessary or appropriate.

The full text of the foregoing authorizing resolutions, the contracts and other documents related to the acquisitions described in items numbered four through six above and more detailed descriptions of

the subject properties are on file and open to inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, East Haddam, Connecticut for the use or inspection of any interested person.

All electors and persons eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town are hereby further notified that pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Board of Selectmen of the Town has removed the above items numbered four through six on the call of this Special Town Meeting for submission to the electors and citizens of the Town who are eligible to vote at town meetings by voting machine. The aforesaid items shall be placed on the voting machines under the following headings:

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SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$820,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT IN RESPECT OF APPROXIMATELY 280 ACRES OF LAND KNOWN AS THE DEAN PROPERTY LOCATED ON PARKER ROAD FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN THE SAME AMOUNT, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER THE DEDUCTION OF GRANTS OR OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE THEREFOR, TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION?

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The vote will be conducted on Thursday, March 10, 2011, during the hours from twelve o'clock p.m. to eight o'clock p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall, Town Street, East Haddam, Connecticut. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office. Voters approving the resolution will vote "Yes" and voters opposing the resolution will vote "No".

Item 7: To consider and vote upon a resolution to adjourn the special town meeting to a vote by voting machine on the above questions set forth in items numbered four through six to be held on the date, during the time and at the noticed polling place referred to in Item No. 6 above.

Unanimous ave.

- C. Grant Acceptance Emergency Management Performance Grant: Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to accept a grant in the amount of \$4,165.00 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant", and send acceptance of said grant to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.
- D. Commission Appointment (CONS): Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a letter from Ms. Matthew, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, advising of the Commission's unanimous decision to recommend the appointment of Claire Maeder as alternate member.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to appoint Claire Maeder to fill a vacant alternate position with a term to expire June 30, 2011 on the Conservation Commission. Unanimous aye.

E. Volunteer of the Month: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of a letter in their meeting packets from Tiffany Quinn, East Haddam's Director of Parks and Recreation, nominating Andy Riccio as Volunteer of the Month. Ms. Quinn's letter noted Mr. Riccio, "*Has spent many long hours*" coordinating and coaching the 5th/6th grade girls' and boys' travel basket ball team.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Govert, to name Andrew Riccio as volunteer of the month for January 2011. Unanimous aye.

F. Tax Refunds: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to one tax refund.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Govert, to award a tax refund in the amount presented.

- \$ 29.60 to Karen M. Lavoie. Unanimous aye.
- G. Amendment of Open Space Board of Selectmen Resolution: This item was previously discussed.
- H. Bid Awards Heating Oil & Diesel: Mr. Walter explained that the fuel bids came in today and that whatever day we lock in our gallons the price would be based on that days Nymex. If we were to lock today we would be looking at approximately \$3.04/gallon for fuel oil and \$3.17/gallon for diesel at a fixed rate. It was noted that we currently are paying \$2.49/gallon for fuel oil and \$2.566/gallon for diesel. The board discussed the best options for the town.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to finalize prices with the bidder, East River Energy, for #2 heating oil and diesel fuel for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, and to authorize the First Selectman to enter into said agreement on behalf of the Town.

- 9. Public Comment: Mr. Blaschik advised that the Board of Assessment Appeals has received 18 applications for consideration.
- 10. Selectmen's Discussion: Mr. Govert stated that representatives of the Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge had attended a Clean Energy Task Force meeting and asked if they could put up a table to distribute materials about their program at the March 10th referendum. Mr. Walter stated that

he did not object to their request as long it was clear that the Town was a member of the consortium but that the decision to take advantage of the group's programs should be an individual one and there should be no inference that the Town was making a recommendation to do so. Mr. Blaschik suggested that the Registrar of Voters should be advised that the group will be setting up a table outside of the referendum. Mr. Govert agreed to give the information to the Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge representatives.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional regular business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Govert, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Unanimous aye.

Respectfully submitted,

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Emmett Lyman, Secretary