

Special Town Meeting
May 11, 2011

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Approximately twenty five (25) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Selectman Peter Govert motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. First Selectman Mark Walter seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Edward Blaschik motioned to close nominations, Robert Casner seconded the motion. The motion closing nomination carried unanimously via voice vote. The Moderator 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 presented the call of the meeting. Bruce Dutch motioned to accept the call as presented, Rob Smith seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mrs. Denette noted that item #1 had been removed by the Board of Selectmen to referendum;

Item #1 to consider and discuss (but not to vote on) the Town Budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year in the amount of \$28,936,922 as recommended by the Board of Finance.

All those persons qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut, are hereby further notified that pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of East Haddam have removed the above item on the call of this Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters of the Town of East Haddam who are qualified to vote at Town meetings for "yes" or "no" vote by voting machine on the following question:

Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of \$28,936,922, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2011-2012 be approved?

The vote by voting machine will be conducted at the Town Meeting Hall, East Haddam, Connecticut between the hours of twelve o'clock p.m. and eight o'clock p.m. (in absence of a contrary determination at the Town Meeting) on May 24, 2011.

Opportunity for discussion was held. No questions were raised, no comments were offered. Mrs. Denette reiterated that the decision on item #1 would be rendered at referendum on May 24, 2011.

Item 2. Bryan Perry moved that the legislative body herein assembled vote on the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen that the polls shall be open at six o'clock a.m. to conduct the referendum on May 24, 2011. Rob Smith seconded the motion.

Ed Blaschik, Jo Golec and Walt Golec spoke in favor of opening the polls at noon rather than at 6:00 a.m. Mr. Govert spoke in favor of opening them earlier.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion and then again by a show of hands. Three affirmative votes were registered, fourteen negative votes were registered. The Moderator Declared the motion failed and stated that the polls would open at noon.

Item #3: Mr. Casner motioned, F. Kenneth Klein that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town Meeting:

- (1) authorizes the application for the Municipal Plan of Conservation and Development Grant referenced in Section 13(a)(1) and Section 32(a)(1) of Public Act 07-7 (An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements and for Transportation Infrastructure Improvements and Concerning The Connecticut State University Infrastructure Act);
- (2) identifies Mark B. Walter, First Selectmen, as an individual authorized to sign the Notice of Grant Award and administer the grant. Such application is attached to and made a part of this record.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Meeting accepts a grant in the amount of \$12,000 under the Municipal Plan of Conservation and Development Grant Program from the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management, Intergovernmental Policy Division for the purpose of preparation of the Town of East Haddam Plan of Conservation and Development; payment to be credited to revenue account 701-410155.

Mr. Walter advised that the Plan of Conservation and Development has been completed, Responsive to inquiry from Mr. Casner, Mr. Walter advised that the grant funds will go into the general fund.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. Acceptance of the grant in the amount of \$12,000 under the Municipal Plan of Conservation and Development Grant Program from the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management, Intergovernmental Policy Division for the purpose of preparation of the Town of East Haddam Plan of Conservation and Development; payment to be credited to revenue account 701-410155 carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 4: Mr. Perry motioned, Mr. Smith 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 grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "EOC & Emergency Shelter Generator Grant - Phase II" for the purpose of installing a generator at the Senior Center facility so that the facility can be used as an emergency shelter; said grant requiring a grantee match of \$9,400 ", funds to be received to revenue account 79-431510-G1101 and appropriated to expense account 79-541750-G1101.

Responsive to inquiry from Mr. Casner, Mr. Walter advised that the \$59,400 will cover purchase and installation of the generator. Ongoing maintenance will come from the Emergency management budget.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. Acceptance of the grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "EOC & Emergency Shelter Generator Grant - Phase II" for the purpose of installing a generator at the Senior Center facility so that the facility can be used as an emergency shelter; and including a grantee match of \$9,400 carried unanimously via voice vote.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Blaschik and seconded by Jo Golec the Town Meeting unanimously adjourned to referendum to be held May 24th, 2011 commencing at noon.

Attest: Debra H. Denette
 East Haddam Town Clerk
 May 12, 2011