Special Town Meeting August 2, 2011

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:01 at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Twenty-five (25) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Mark Walter motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Robert Casner seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Walter motioned to close nominations, Laurie Alt seconded the motion. The motion closing nomination carried unanimously via voice vote. Ms. Denette called for a vote appointing same to serve as Moderator, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote. The Moderator stated that she planned to recuse herself from item #3 and noted that Mrs. Alt was willing to Moderate that item if it was the will of the legislative body.

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and presented the call of the meeting. Paul Maxwell motioned to accept the call as presented, Roger Stube seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #1 Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Stube seconded that the legislative body herein assembled amend the ordinance entitled "Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled in the Town of East Haddam", adopted February 3, 2009, to be effective for the Grand List years of 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 and that the requirement for applications for benefits be changed from "filed annually" to "filed biennially".

The Moderator solicited comments and questions. Mr. Walter advised that the proposed amendments put the program in line with the circuit breaker program administered by the State of Connecticut. The cost to the town is approximately \$60,000 annually and approximately 150 people utilize the benefit.

There being no additional comments or questions, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion amending the ordinance entitled "Tax relief for the Elderly and Disabled in the Town of East Haddam", adopted February 3, 2009, to be effective for the Grand List ears of 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 and that the requirement for applications for benefits be changed from filed annually to filed biennially carried unanimously.

Item #2: Mr. Bruce Dutch motioned, Mrs. Alt seconded that the legislative body herein assembled 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. A certain Conservation Easement and Restriction granted by CLARK GATES, LLC acting herein by its sole Member, Robert Casner to the TOWN OF EAST HADDAM, affecting certain property described on a certain map entitled "Subdivision Plan 'Homestead' Subdivision Bogel Road East Haddam, Connecticut Scale 1" = 100' Date 01-03-2006 Revised through 08-11-2006" prepared by Richard F. Mihok, P.E. 18 Laurel Lane, Marlborough, CT 06447, said map #3994 being on file in the Land Records of Town of East Haddam, and that the First Selectman is hereby authorized to execute into such Conservation Easement and Restriction on behalf of the Town.
- 2. A certain Drainage and Maintenance Easement granted by CLARK GATES, LLC acting herein by its sole Member, Robert Casner to the TOWN OF EAST HADDAM, as shown on the survey map referenced herein.
- 3. A certain Turning Easement granted by CLARK GATES, LLC acting herein by its sole Member, Robert Casner to the TOWN OF EAST HADDAM, as shown on the survey map referenced herein.

Said map being on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of East Haddam.

The maps depicting the parcels in question were reviewed by Mr. Walter. Questions and comments were asked and answered. There being no further questions, the Moderator called for a vote on the resolution accepting the aforementioned three conveyances from Mr. Casner. Mrs. Joan Osalza voted nay, the remainder of the votes recorded were in the affirmative. The Moderator advised that the motion carried.

The Moderator noted that item #3 involves conveyance of property from the Rotary Club, an organization of which she is an officer. Mrs. Denette requested a motion appointing a substitute moderator for item #3, Mr. Walter motioned to appoint Mrs. Alt. Paul Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion appointing Mrs. Alt Moderator for item #3 carried unanimously.

Item #3 Bruce Dutch motioned, Mr. Casner seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town Meeting authorize the First Selectman to accept a Quitclaim deed from the Rotary Club of East Haddam, Inc. of a certain parcel of land known as Edgar D. Williams Memorial Park containing approximately three and one-half (3 $\frac{1}{2}$) acres as shown on the Town of East Haddam Assessor's Map 17-L079 and more particularly described in said Quitclaim deed subject to the condition that the property remain named in recognition of Edgar D. Williams, Sr. The proposed deed for this conveyance is available at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of East Haddam for public inspection.

The Moderator solicited comments and questions Mrs. Karle inquired about the intended use of the property, Mr. Walter stated that the he believed that the property would remain a park. Mr. Charles Hnilicka noted that it is unusual for Rotary Club's to own property. There being no further inquiry, The Moderator called for a vote on the motion accepting a Quitclaim Deed from the Rotary Club of East Haddam, Inc. for the certain parcel of land known as the Edgar D. Williams Memorial Park. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Denette thanked Mrs. Alt and resumed her duties as Moderator.

Item 4: Mr. Stube motioned, Mr. Lyman seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a grant in the amount of \$3,830.00 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection, entitled "Connecticut Lawn Equipment Exchange Fund", for the purpose of improving local air quality by replacement of lawn and grounds maintenance equipment; said grant requiring grantee match of 20% (revenue account 701-410155 and expense account 750-574202).

Mr. Walter noted that the equipment purchased pursuant to the grant would be shared by the Board of Education and the Town. After solicitation, there were still no comments or questions, accordingly the Moderator called for a vote.

The motion accepting a grant in the amount of \$3,830.00 from the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, entitled "Connecticut Lawn Equipment Exchange Fund" for the purpose of improving local air quality by replacement of lawn and grounds maintenance equipment; said grant requiring grantee match of 20% (revenue account 701-410155 and expense account 750-574202). carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 5: Mr. Walter motioned, Mrs. Alt seconded that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of \$26,625 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, entitled "FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program".

Mr. Walter reported that this annual grant provides additional coverage for DUI enforcement. There were no comments or questions. The motion accepting a grant in the amount of \$26,625 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, entitled "FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program".

Mr. Walter stated that this annual grant funding allows for additional enforcement beyond what is scheduled and budgeted. There were no comments or questions raised. The motion accepting a grant in the amount of \$26,625 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, entitled "FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program" carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 6. Mr. Casner motioned, Mr. Hnilicka seconded that the legislative body herein assembled adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that a grant in the amount of \$3,500 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, State Library, for the purpose of historic document preservation and appropriated to Fund 14 - Historic Document Preservation Fund; and that Mark B. Walter, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality, a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Document Preservation Grant. The Town Clerk explained that the grant would be utilized to scan, microfilm and preserve vital statistics and meeting minutes in the same manner that land records are addressed. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 7: Mr. Walter motioned, Donald Osalza seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a gift in the amount of \$10,000 from Consumers Union of United Sates, Inc. for the lighting project in front of the Town Hall and Grange Hall properties (revenue account 79-431510-G1201 and expense account 79-541750-G1201). Mr. Walter advised that the lighting will be period correct for the historic district in which the property is located. He also noted that there is a long range plan to put in a stone wall. The electrical will be under ground. Mrs. Alt noted how pleased she is to see the project move forward. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Casner, seconded by Mrs. Alt the Town meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Attest: Debra H. Denette

East Haddam Town Clerk

September 6, 2011