

## Special Town Meeting February 1, 2012

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. Approximately ten (10) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Mark Walter seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Walter motioned to close nominations, Mr. Rob Smith seconded the motion. The motion closing nominations carried unanimously via voice vote. The vote appointing Deb Denette to serve as Moderator, carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and presented the call of the meeting. Jim Ventres motioned to accept the call as presented, Chris Behilo seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item #1:** Mr. Smith motioned, Robert Casner seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance:

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

1. That the Town (i) appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars to fund a loan to the East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority (the "WPCA") for costs related to construction upgrades to the sewer treatment facility of the Town located on Lumberyard Road (the "Facility") and (ii) authorize the Board through actions of the First Selectman to make the loan to the WPCA pursuant to a Note satisfactory to the First Selectman and the Town Attorney.

Mr. Ventres briefly explained that the maintenance required is to address wetness issues within the facility. He noted that a STEAP grant in the amount of \$100,000 has also been awarded. Responsive to inquiry from Mr. Casner, Mr. Ventres advised that DEEP required upgrades had drained the line used for capital improvements to the facility. He further noted that the number of EDU's had not increased as projected.

Art Merrow noted that he is in favor of the resolution, but found the resolution vague and was disappointed that it didn't address terms or interest rates. Brief discussion was held and the following amendment was offered by Mr. Casner, seconded by Mr. Merrow to make the loan payable over five years with a 0% interest rate. The amendment carried unanimously.

The motion appropriating the sum of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars, payable over five years at a rate of 0% interest to fund a loan to the East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority (the "WPCA") for costs related to construction upgrades to the sewer treatment facility of the Town located on Lumberyard Road (the "Facility") and (ii) authorize the Board through actions of the First Selectman to make the loan to the WPCA pursuant to a Note satisfactory to the First Selectman and the Town Attorney.

The motion as amended above carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item #2:** Mr. Behilo motioned, Mr. Merrow seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve a transfer in the amount of \$28,749 from the Board of Finance Contingency (704-588701) to the Land Use-Contracted Services (713-542101) for the court ordered clean-up of 27 Powerhouse Road.

Mr. Ventres briefly reviewed the long history of zoning violations on the 1.3 acre property, He advised that the property owner was found in contempt of the court's order to remove and cease from collecting. He advised that bids for removal ranged from the low bid as presented, to over \$100,000. He added that removal of the structure is not included in the bid or in the court order.

The motion authorizing the \$28,749 transfer for the court ordered clean-up of 27 Powerhouse Road carried unanimously.

**Item #3:** Mr. Merrow motioned, Mr. Smith seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$25,757.85 to the tax collector-tax refunds (710-582201) to award a court ordered tax refund in the amount of \$25,757.85 to Daral Uloom Shady Brook, Inc. Mr. Walter stated that the Court determined that non-profit status should be utilized in the assessment process, as the property is not functioning as a camp, the town had disagreed; but lost the appeal in court.

There being no discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion. The motion authorizing a special appropriation in the amount of \$25,757.85 for a tax refund to Daral uloom Shady Brook, Inc. carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Blaschik motioned to adjourn at 8:14 pm. Mr. Casner seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously via voice vote.

Dated at East Haddam, Connecticut  
This 2nd day of February, 2012.

Debra H. Denette  
East Haddam Town Clerk