

Special Town Meeting  
May 9, 2012

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.

First Selectman Mark Walter motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Selectman John Blaschik seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Edward Blaschik motioned to close nominations, Kathy Klinck seconded the motion. The motion closing nomination 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 presented the call of the meeting. Laurie Alt motioned to accept the call as presented, Bruce Dutch seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mrs. Denette noted that item #1 has 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 2012-2013 fiscal year in the amount of \$27,910,705 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 \$27,910,705,  
as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year  
2012-2013 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 22, 2012.

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 22, 2012.

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**Item 2.** Mr. Walter motioned 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 22, 2012. Mr. Dutch seconded the motion.

Mr. Walter opined that a noon opening would be sufficient, but stated that the legislative body will decide. He noted that absentee ballots will be available. Mrs. Alt, Registrar of Voters encouraged a no vote in connection with the earlier opening and stated that a noon to 8:00 pm referendum is less costly to the Town.

Mr. E. Blaschik called to move the question. The Moderator did not entertain the motion as there was no further discussion and a vote was forthcoming.

The Moderator called for a vote to open the polls at 6:00 a.m. for the May 22, 2012 referendum. She reiterated that a Nay vote would open the polls at 12:00 noon, as per State Statute. The motion for the earlier opening failed unanimously via voice vote.

Upon a motion made by Mr. E. Blaschik and seconded by Mr. Dutch the Town Meeting unanimously adjourned to referendum to be held May 22<sup>th</sup>, 2012 commencing at noon.

Attest:                      Debra H. Denette  
                                    East Haddam Town Clerk  
                                    May 10, 2012