Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Room 1
October 19, 2020
Special Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: R. Smith; T. Govert Absent: C. Quinn
Also Present: L. Zemienieski
Virtual Attendance: Members of the public

1. First Selectman Smith called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Tax and Business Incentive Program Application (Staehly Farms): Mr. Smith reported that, at a previous meeting of the Board of Selectmen, at the recommendation of the Economic Development Commission, the Board accepted the application of Staehly Farms and had authorized the Town's attorney to prepare the written agreement. Mr. Smith advised that an agreement had been prepared and is acceptable to Staehly Farms.

   Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Govert, to approve the written agreement with Staehly Farms for abatement of property taxes under the Town of East Haddam ordinance entitled "Tax and Business Incentive Program" adopted June 30, 2010 and amended June 30, 2015, and forward it to the Board of Finance and Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

3. Grant Acceptance – Safe Polls Grant: Mr. Smith notified the Board that the follow grants have been received through the Finance Office for the Safe Polls Initiative.

Date Received	Amount	Purpose
9/25/20	$3,604	Absentee Ballot Aid Grant
9/15/20	$2,500	Town Clerk/Registrar Election Expenses Aid
9/9/20	$1,100	Local Election Costs
Total	$7,204	

   Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Govert, to accept three grants from the State of Connecticut for the purpose of offsetting local election costs including absentee ballot aid in the total amount of $7,204 and send acceptance of said grant to the Board of Finance for approval. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and response, the Governor's Executive Order 7CC issued April, 21, 2020 permits the municipality's legislative body (Board of Selectmen) and budget-making authority (Board of Finance) to authorize certain actions by a majority vote of each such body to include (i) the application for or acceptance of any grants, funding or gifts. Unanimous aye.

4. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Govert, to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m. Unanimous aye.

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Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Govert, Secretary