Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
May 13, 2021
Via YouTube Live
Special Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: R. Smith; T. Govert; C. Quinn
Also Present: L. Zemienieski and other members of the public via virtual media

1. The First Selectman Smith called the Special Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Grant Acceptance – American Library Association: The Board of Finance authorized application for this grant on February 8, 2021. The purpose of the $3,000 grant is to host community conversations in three distinct areas related to job growth. Examples include resume building to operating a business and human resource management and marketing. There is no town match.

   Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Govert, to accept a grant in the amount of $3,000 from the American Library Association for a Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries initiative grant and send acceptance of said grant to the Board of Finance and Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

3. Grant Acceptance—Peach Pit Foundation/Community Foundation of Middlesex County for Library System**:** First Selectman Smith called the Board's attention to a copy of a Middletown Press article with regard to this grant. The article states that a Durham family intent on its philanthropic mission to "plant seeds of opportunity" in the community, in conjunction with a Middletown charitable foundation, surprised 18 librarians by giving grants to each facility for a job well-done during a very trying year. Since East Haddam has two libraries each library was awarded $1,000. There was no application process and there are no matching requirements. The stipulation of the grant is to do something fun.

   Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Quinn, to accept a grant in the amount of $2,000 from the Peach Pit Foundation/Community Foundation of Middlesex County for the East Haddam Library System and send acceptance of said grant to the Board of Finance and Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye

4. 2021-2022 Proposed Budget Resolution: Mr. Smith noted that the Board of Finance passed a motion to ask the Selectmen to send the budget to Town Meeting then referendum.

   Motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Govert, to adopt the following resolutions:

   RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting is hereby called to be held on May 25, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Hall on Town Street in the said Town of East Haddam, Connecticut (the "Town Meeting"), to consider the resolution recommended and approved by the Board of Finance at its meeting held on May 12, 2021 to approve the budget of $36,950,274 for fiscal year 2021 – 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, hereby removes the item described above on the call of the Town Meeting for submission to the voters on June 8, 2021 for vote by paper ballots or voting machine ballot labels by the voters entitled to vote at the Town Meeting between the hours of twelve o'clock p.m. and eight o'clock p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex, Moodus, Connecticut under the following heading:

> Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of $36,950,274, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2021-2022 be approved?

The moderator of the Town Meeting shall adjourn such meeting after reasonable discussion of such item and conclusion of such other business as may properly come before the Town Meeting and order such vote by paper ballots or voting machine ballot labels in accordance with this resolution and Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the voters at the Town Meeting shall determine whether the polls shall be open at six o'clock a.m. to conduct the referendum on June 8, 2021 and this resolution is hereby added to the agenda of such meeting.
Unanimous aye.

5. Call for Town Meeting:

Motion made by Ms. Govert, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the following call for Town Meeting:

The Electors and citizens of the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut qualified to vote in Town Meeting are hereby warned and notified that a Special Town Meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Town Street in the said Town of East Haddam at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 for the following purposes, to wit:

Item 1: To consider and discuss (but not to vote on) the Town Budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year in the amount of $36,950,274 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 paper ballots or voting machine ballot labels on the following question:

> Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of $36,950,274, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2021–2022 be approved?

The vote by paper ballots or voting machine ballot labels will be conducted at the Municipal Office Complex, Moodus, 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 June 8, 2021.

Item 2: To consider and 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 June 8, 2021.

Item 3: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of $935.00 from the Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee and the National Park Service under CFDA: 15:962-Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Assistance, for native plantings along the ADA accessible trail on the Patrell Preserve (revenue account 26541-43000 and expense account 26541990-54010).

Item 4: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of $3,000 from the American Library Association for a Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries initiative grant (revenue account 28345-43000 and expense account 28345033-53010).

Item 5: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of $2,000 from the Peach Pit Foundation/Community Foundation of Middlesex County for the East Haddam Library System (revenue account 28345-43000 and expense account 28345033-53010).

Item 6: To consider and act upon the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to enter into a 48-month agreement on behalf of the Town with Energy Resources for a comprehensive energy efficient facility upgrade to include A/C upgrades at the East Haddam Public Works facility.

Item 7: To consider and act upon the recommendation that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into all necessary agreements with the Transportation Commissioner of the State of Connecticut for the receipt of State Aid for town highways in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut.

Item 8: To consider and accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

Item 9: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to amend the 2020-2021 budget to reduce interest expense (10548990-58320) by $34,069 and to increase the transfer to Capital Project Savings Reserve Fund (10549010-58010) by $34,069.
Unanimous aye.

6. Public Comment: There were no public comments discussed at the meeting:

7. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Quinn, to adjourn their meeting at 9:16 a.m. Unanimous aye.

Recorded

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Govert, Secretary