Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
September 1, 2021
Via YouTube Live
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: R. Smith; T. Govert; C. Quinn
Board of Finance Present: B. Dutch (Secretary); J. Corbett; T. Gelston; H. Thomas
Also Present: E. Blaschik; L. Duncan; J. Olin; C. Varricchio; S. Wheeler; L. Zemienieski, and other members of the public via virtual media.

1. First Selectman Smith called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance. Board of Finance Secretary Dutch called the Board of Finance's meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

   Motion made by Ms. Govert, seconded by Ms. Quinn, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous aye.

3. Joint Discussion with Board of Finance Regarding Mullazi Open Space Property

   A. Open Space BOS Resolution – Mullazi et al Property - O'Connell Road Extension – The Hayward Lot

      Mr. Smith called the Board's attention to materials in their meeting packets regarding this agenda item. He provided some background information regarding the funding to purchase this property.

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

      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $328,000 FOR THE OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION OF THE MULLAZI PROPERTY AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $328,000, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR, AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR REFERENDUM

      RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen (the "Board") of the Town of East Haddam (the "Town") hereby adopts, and recommends to the Board of Finance with respect to, the following:

      (1) That the Town (i) appropriate the sum of $328,000 for costs related to the acquisition of approximately 124 acres of land or rights therein located on O'Connell Road Extension from Jennifer Mullazi, et al. ("Mullazi") (also known as the Hayward parcel) in East Haddam, Connecticut, shown and designated as Lot #36 on the East Haddam Assessor's Map #86 (the "Property") for open space purposes such as, but not limited to, preservation, conservation, recreation, hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, horseback trails and hunting (the "Project"), including, without limitation, the costs of land acquisition, site work, demolition and

removal, easement acquisition, signage, engineering, legal, administration, temporary and permanent financing and any other costs and expenses related thereto, including the costs of printing explanatory text and any other materials in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes, and (ii) authorize the Board, through the actions of the First Selectman, to acquire the Property from Mullazi pursuant to the terms of a certain contract dated June 2, 2020, provided that no acquisition shall be undertaken until after referral of the proposed purchase to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(2) That to finance said appropriation for the Project, the Town issue general obligation bonds and notes pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended (the "Connecticut General Statutes"), or any other applicable provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed $328,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefor).

(3) That the Town issue and renew notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the Project or the receipt of grants for the Project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed $328,000. The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

(4) That the First Selectman, or a majority of the Board, and the Treasurer (the "Officials") be authorized to issue and sell bonds and notes secured by the full faith and credit of the Town in an amount not to exceed $328,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefor), pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes or any other applicable provision of law thereto enabling, to finance the appropriation for such project having been made by this resolution; that the Officials are hereby authorized to appoint a bank or trust company to be the certifying agent, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for such bonds and notes; that Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C., Hartford, Connecticut is designated as the attorneys at law to render an opinion approving the legality of such issue or issues; that the Officials be authorized to sign any bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures; and that the Officials be authorized to determine the rate or rates of interest for such bonds and notes, their date or dates, the dates of principal and interest payments on such bonds and notes, the form of such bonds and notes, the provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the holders of such bonds and notes and all other terms, conditions and particular matters regarding the issuance and securing of such bonds and notes and to sell and deliver the same, in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other act of the General Assembly thereto enabling.

(5) That the Officials are authorized to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes. If the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the Officials are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(6) That the Town reasonably expects to incur expenditures (the "Expenditures") in connection with the Project described above. The Town reasonably expects to reimburse itself for

the cost of the Expenditures with the proceeds of general obligation bonds and notes of the Town described above. The maximum principal amount of such debt (both bonds and notes) is not expected to exceed $328,000. This declaration of official intent is a declaration of official intent made pursuant to Federal Income Tax Regulations Section 1.150-2. The Officials are authorized to amend such declaration or official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(7) That the Officials are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws of rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.

(8) That the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to execute any agreements, documents and instruments necessary or in furtherance of the acquisition of the Property, and to execute and file any grant application or enter into any grant agreement or other obligations prescribed by such granting authority, including the State of Connecticut.

(9) That the Officials are authorized to take all other actions which are necessary or desirable to complete the Project consistent with the foregoing and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

(10) That this resolution shall become effective after approval at referendum vote.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should the Board of Finance approve the foregoing resolution for the appropriation of funds for the Project and the issuance of bonds and notes to finance such appropriation as recommended above, the Board hereby calls a Special Town Meeting of the Town to be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at the Municipal Office Complex, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, located on 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Connecticut at 8:00 p.m., and submits the following resolution to the electors and citizens eligible to vote at town meetings of the Town for their approval or disapproval, at said town meeting, the notice of such meeting to be published as required by the Connecticut General Statutes:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $328,000 FOR THE OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION OF THE MULLAZI PROPERTY AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $328,000, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the preparation and printing of explanatory text in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes for the question to be voted upon approved hereby. Subject to the approval of the Town Attorney, the Board further authorizes the preparation and printing of materials concerning the question to be voted upon approved hereby in addition to the explanatory text in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, hereby removes the aforesaid resolution on the call of the Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters for a "yes" or "no" vote by voting machine to be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 during the hours from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Connecticut, in the manner provided by the Connecticut General Statutes, and that the Town Clerk is directed to post and publish notice of such referendum in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes, which notice shall state the question to be voted on as follows:

"Shall the resolution entitled, 'RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $328,000 FOR THE OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION OF THE MULLAZI PROPERTY AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE

TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $328,000, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR, be approved?

Yes _____ No _____"

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

"Shall the Town of East Haddam appropriate $328,000 for the open space acquisition of the Mullazi Property and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?

Yes _____ No _____"

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

In Favor: Robert Smith
Theresa Govert

Opposed: Carleen Quinn

Motion passed by a majority of ayes.

B. Open Space BOF Resolution – Mullazi et al Property - O'Connell Road Extension – The Hayward Lot

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Gelston, to adopt the following resolution:

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance (the "Board") of the Town of East Haddam (the "Town") hereby accepts the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, adopted at its meeting held on Tuesday, September 1, 2021, and recommends to the electors and citizens eligible to vote at town meetings of the Town with respect to the following:

(1) That the Town (i) appropriate the sum of $328,000 for costs related to the acquisition of approximately 124 acres of land or rights therein located on O'Connell Road Extension from Jennifer Mullazi, et al. ("Mullazi") (also known as the Hayward parcel) in East Haddam, Connecticut, shown and designated as Lot #36 on the East Haddam Assessor's Map #86 (the "Property") for open space purposes such as, but not limited to, preservation, conservation, recreation, hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, horseback trails and hunting (the "Project"), including, without limitation, the costs of land acquisition, site work, demolition and removal, easement acquisition, signage, engineering, legal, administration, temporary and permanent financing and any other costs and expenses related thereto, including the costs of printing explanatory text and any other materials in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes, and (ii) authorize the Board of Selectmen, through the actions of the First Selectman, to acquire the Property from Mullazi pursuant to the terms of a certain contract dated June 2, 2020, provided that no acquisition shall be undertaken until after referral of the proposed purchase to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(2) That to finance said appropriation for the Project, the Town issue general obligation bonds and notes pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended (the "Connecticut General Statutes"), or any other applicable provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed $328,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefor).

(3) That the Town issue and renew notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the Project or the receipt of grants for the Project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed $328,000. The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

(4) That the First Selectman, or a majority of the Board of Selectmen, and the Treasurer (the "Officials") be authorized to issue and sell bonds and notes secured by the full faith and credit of the Town in an amount not to exceed $328,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefor), pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes or any other applicable provision of law thereto enabling, to finance the appropriation for such project having been made by this resolution; that the Officials are hereby authorized to appoint a bank or trust company to be the certifying agent, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for such bonds and notes; that Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C., Hartford, Connecticut is designated as the attorneys at law to render an opinion approving the legality of such issue or issues; that the Officials be authorized to sign any bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures; and that the Officials be authorized to determine the rate or rates of interest for such bonds and notes, their date or dates, the dates of principal and interest payments on such bonds and notes, the form of such bonds and notes, the provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the holders of such bonds and notes and all other terms, conditions and particular matters regarding the issuance and securing of such bonds and notes and to sell and deliver the same, in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other act of the General Assembly thereto enabling.

(5) That the Officials are authorized to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes. If the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the Officials are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(6) That the Town reasonably expects to incur expenditures (the "Expenditures") in connection with the Project described above. The Town reasonably expects to reimburse itself for the cost of the Expenditures with the proceeds of general obligation bonds and notes of the Town described above. The maximum principal amount of such debt (both bonds and notes) is not expected to exceed $328,000. This declaration of official intent is a declaration of official intent made pursuant to Federal Income Tax Regulations Section 1.150-2. The Officials are authorized to amend such declaration or official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(7) That the Officials are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws of rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.

(8) That the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to execute any agreements, documents and instruments necessary or in furtherance of the acquisition of the Property, and to execute and file any grant application or enter into any grant agreement or other obligations prescribed by such granting authority, including the State of Connecticut.

(9) That the Officials are authorized to take all other actions which are necessary or desirable to complete the Project consistent with the foregoing and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

(10) That this resolution shall become effective after approval at referendum vote.

In response to questions raised by Mr. Gelston, Mr. Smith clarified funding for the purchase of the property and confirmed that the cost of the referendum, approximately $3,000.00, is not including in the funding. In response to a question from Mr. Thomas, Mr. Smith confirmed that the method of payment with either be bonding or from reserves and will be determined at a later date.

In Favor: Bruce Dutch
Joseph Corbett
Todd Gelston
Harvey Thomas

Opposed: None

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Board of Finance Adjournment: Mr. Gelston made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbett to adjourn the Board of Finance meeting at 7:37 p.m. Unanimous aye.

4. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of August 4, 2021.

   Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Govert, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 4, 2021 as written. Unanimous aye.

5. Correspondence

   Mr. Smith called the Board's attention to a copy of a note in their meeting packets from Laurie McCarthy, dated August 5, 2021, thanking Officer Smith for "…*his professional, patient, empathetic assistance*".

6. First Selectmen's Report

   Mr. Smith clarified the staffing history at the Senior Center. He reviewed a list of past and present directors and supporting staff. He noted that activities and attendance have significantly increased over the past several years.

   Mr. Smith also reported the following:

   - The first phase of the road paving project on the roads surrounding the Elementary School has been completed and Mr. Smith described the new product used on the roads. He noted that the product is guaranteed for 10-years.
   - The Town has encountered challenges ordering vehicles and heavy equipment resulting in higher than projected repair expenditures for the existing fleet. He noted that prices for new equipment/vehicles are fluctuating and there are long lead times.
   - Work on refurbishing the tennis courts has started and should be completed by the end of the month.
   - A Freedom of Information Act training class is scheduled for September 9th.
   - The annual Celebrate East Haddam event will be held at the Goodspeed airport this year on Saturday, September 4th.
   - Hurricane Henri had a minimal impact on the Town.

   In response to a question from Ms. Quinn, Mr. Smith confirmed that the generator at the High School is down due to a radiator leak and the part has been ordered.

   A. COVID-19 Reopening Report: Mr. Smith provided an update on the recent surge in positive COVID cases caused by the Delta variant. He advised that East Haddam's status has risen to the orange cautionary range. Mr. Smith noted that many of the surrounding towns are in the red range.

      In response to a question raised by Ms. Quinn, Mr. Smith confirmed that the organizer of the annual Drum & Fife Corps parade and campout was in favor of cancelling the event this year due to COVID concerns.

   B. Responses to Previous Meeting Questions: There were no responses to previous meeting questions discussed at the meeting.

7. Citizens' Concerns: The were no citizens' concerns discussed at the meeting.

8. Unfinished Business

   A. East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee Update: Mr. Smith called the Board's attention to materials in their meeting packets regarding Board of Finance Chairman DiCristofaro's recommendation that the Town establish a Redevelopment Agency to oversee large development projects such as the Goodspeed Landing proposal. He noted that Mr. Riley of the Centerbridge Group supported Mr. DiCristofaro's suggestion. The other Board members both stated that they are in agreement with the recommendation and the Board agreed that the Town should continue to research the proposal.

   B. Ordinance Amendment Request – Lake Hayward Speed Limit: Mr. Smith reported that the East Haddam News had failed a second time to publish the notice for a Public Hearing on this item. He stated that Ms. Zemienieski has rescheduled the Public Hearing to September 16th and will re-submit the notice and monitor the East Haddam News in publishing it.

   C. East Haddam Swing Bridge – Approach Sidewalks & Lighting: Mr. Smith advised that the Board of Finance had, at its July 13th meeting, approved an appropriation of $150,000.00 for the Town's cost-share with the CT Department of Transportation for the Swing Bridge's approach sidewalks and lighting. He stated the subject will be on the call for a Town Meeting on September 21st.

   D. State of Connecticut – Proposed Property Acquisition – Bridge No. 01138 Replacement Project: Mr. Smith stated that a resolution for the state's proposed purchase of Town property abutting Bridge No. 01138 will be forthcoming.

9. New Business

   A. Grant Acceptance – Chapman Falls Archeological Survey: Mr. Smith called the Board's attention to a copy of an email in their meeting packets from Finance Director Varricchio, dated August 11, 2021, forwarding a notice from Mary Dunn, State of CT Historic Preservation Officer, advising that the Town had been awarded a grant of $20,000.00 for an archaeological survey at Chapman Falls.

   Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Quinn, to accept a grant in the amount of $20,000.00 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development for the "Chapman Falls Archeological Survey", and send acceptance of said grant to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

   B. Call for Town Meeting

   Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Govert, 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 at the Municipal Office Complex, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, located on 1 Plains Road in Moodus, Connecticut on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 8:00 p.m., for the following purposes, to wit:

   Item 1: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to appropriate $150,000 from the General Fund (10549010-59700) to the Capital Projects Fund (33250013-58926) toward the municipal contribution (total cost $300,000 shared equally by the Towns of East

Haddam and Haddam) for the East Haddam Swing Bridge approach sidewalks as part of the rehabilitation of the East Haddam Swing Bridge.

Item 2: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of $20,000.00 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development for the "Chapman Falls Archeological Survey".

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 $1,000.00 from the M. Jones Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County for the purpose of supporting summer youth camps (revenue account 28045-44709-R1040 and expense account 28045033-56900-R1040).

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 $16,508.00 from the State Library as part of the American Rescue Plan Act Funding by the Institute of Museum and Library to be shared equally between both libraries for the purpose of creating outdoor Wi-Fi gardens for safer and healthier technology access (revenue account 28345-43000 and expense account 28345033-56010).

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 $5,000.00 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant", (revenue account 10542-43000 and expense account 10542020-51590).

Item 6: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of $13,303.60 (of which $6,651.80 is federal funding, $0 subgrantee match and state in-kind match of $6,651.80) from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant-Supplemental for COVID", (revenue account 33050-43000-G2201 and expense account 33055011-58820-G2201).

Item 7: To consider and discuss (but not vote on) the following resolution:

> RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $328,000 FOR THE OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION OF THE MULLAZI PROPERTY AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $328,000, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR

The full text of the foregoing authorizing resolution is on file and open to inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Municipal Office Complex, Moodus, Connecticut for the use or inspection of any interested person.

All electors and persons eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town are hereby further notified that pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Board of Selectmen of the Town has removed the above item on the call of this Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters for vote by voting machine. The question to be voted upon is as follows:

I. "Shall the resolution entitled, 'RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $328,000 FOR THE OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION OF THE MULLAZI PROPERTY AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $328,000, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR', be approved?
Yes _____ No _____"

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

"Shall the Town of East Haddam appropriate $328,000 for the open space acquisition of the Mullazi Property and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?
Yes _____ No _____"

Unanimous aye.

C. Cemetery Committee Ordinance: Mr. Smith called the Board's attention to a draft ordinance establishing a Cemetery Committee in their meeting packets. He advised that the Town Treasurer and Town counsel have reviewed the draft. He stated, however, that prior to moving forward on this item, Ms. Zemienieski will review the draft with Ms. Denette, who is a member of the current Cemetery Committee. Mr. Smith responded to several questions from Ms. Quinn.

The Board discussed the option of adding this proposed ordinance to the same public hearing being scheduled for the Lake Hayward Boating Ordinance on September 16th. The Board would have the opportunity to review it one more time at the next meeting for any suggested changes before the Public Hearing took place. The Board agreed that was a reasonable idea.

Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Govert, to send the proposed Cemetery Committee Ordinance to Public Hearing on September 16, 2021. Unanimous aye.

D. New Library Study Committee Charge Discussion: Mr. Smith called the Board's attention to a draft Resolution establishing a New Library Study Committee. He noted that he is bringing this to their attention for future discussion.

E. Bid Waiver – Lucas Chest Compression System: Mr. Smith called the Board's attention to a copy of an email and associated documents in their meeting packets from Fire LT Eric Kolasinski, dated August 26, 2021, requesting waiver of the bid requirement for two Lucas Chest Compression Systems.

Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Quinn, to waive the bid process for the East Haddam Fire Department Lucas Chest Compression System Project and authorize the Director of Finance and Fire Department, to negotiate with Stryker per their quote of $40,858.06 for this project.

Ms. Govert noted that surrounding towns also use the Lucas Chest Compression equipment and this purchase will be beneficial to the Town's mutual aid services. Firefighter Liam Duncan responded to several questions.

Unanimous aye.

F. Tax and Business Incentive Program Application (Scully Land Development LLC): Mr. Smith called the Board's attention to materials in their meeting packets related to this agenda item. He noted that he would like to have the Assessor verify the tax abatement figures, however, she is on vacation this week. Consequently, discussion of the agenda item was postponed.

G. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (BOFC, EDC, GATEWAY)

Board of Fire Commissioners

Mr. Smith advised that the Board of Fire Commissioners has not yet finalized its recommendation to fill the vacancy on its Board. Discussion of this agenda item was postponed.

Economic Development Commission

Mr. Smith called the Board's attention to materials in their meeting packets advising of EDC's recommendation to fill an alternate position.

Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Govert, to appoint Ryan Davis as an alternate member of the Economic Development Commission for vacant five-year terms to expire June 30, 2025. Unanimous aye.

Connecticut River Gateway Commission

Mr. Smith called the Board's attention to an email in their meeting packets from Joel Ide resigning from the Connecticut River Gateway Commission.

Motion made by M. Smith, seconded by Ms. Quinn, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Joel Ide as an alternate member of the Connecticut River Gateway Commission. Unanimous aye.

H. Tax Refunds: Mr. Smith called the Board's attention to two tax refunds.

Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Govert, to award tax refunds in the amount presented:

- $281.88 to Eric Langer;
- $ 91.32 to Sandra Khoury,
- $149.76 to Paul Botteon,
- $575.59 to USB Leasing LT, and
- $ 98.84 to Paul Provost.

Unanimous aye.

10. Public Comment: The following public comments were discussed at the meeting:

- In response to Mr. J. Olin's inquiries about Mr. DiCristofaro's recommendation that the Town establish a Redevelopment Agency and create a master plan for the Town, Mr. Smith clarified the role and purpose of a Redevelopment Agency and confirmed that its membership would consist of representatives from the Town's Boards and Commissions, the public, and other stakeholders. He stated that, at this time, he did not know how many members would be appointed to the agency.

11. Selectmen's Discussion

A. Liaison Reports: Ms. Govert reported that the LeFebvre property would be opening up soon.

B. Other: There were no additional items discussed at the meeting.

12. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made Mr. Smith by seconded by Ms. Govert, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Unanimous aye.

Recorded

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Govert, Secretary