TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance
Nathan Hale Ray High School Auditorium
April 26, 2022
Special Meeting Minutes
Via YouTube Live

Participating:

Board of Selectmen Members:

Irene Haines
Erik Dill
Theresa Govert (via phone)

Board of Finance Members:

Bruce Dutch
Joseph Corbett
Todd Gelston
Tracey Gionta
Harvey Thomas
Rebecca Whatley

Others:

Cindy Varricchio
Linda Zemienieski
And other members of the public

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

First Selectman Haines called the Board of Selectmen's meeting or order at 8:27p.m.
Ms. Gionta called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 8:27p.m.
All attendees said the pledge of allegiance.

2. Athletic Complex

A. BOARD OF SELECTMEN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $2,800,000 FOR THE NATHAN HALE-RAY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETIC COMPLEX PROJECT AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEEED $2,800,000, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS AND OTHER MONIES THEREFOR

First Selectman Haines stated she would entertain a motion to adopt the following resolution:

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, the following:

(1) That the Town appropriate the sum of $2,800,000 for costs related to the Nathan Hale-Ray High School Track and Field Athletic Complex project, including, without limitation, the costs of (i) the construction of six (6) lane oval/eight (8) lane sprint track, (ii) the construction of a field surface for javelin, discus and other track and field events, (iii) the replacement and removal of existing soccer field and installation of a synthetic turf soccer field, (iv) the construction of restroom facilities, (v) handicapped accessibility code improvements, including those providing ADA-compliant access to the track and fields, and (vi) the preparation and printing of bid documents, cost estimate reports and studies, informational materials and other preliminary materials, studies and reports, (vii) design, construction, site work, permit fees, materials, engineering, architectural, insurance, testing, inspections, legal, administration, temporary and permanent financing, costs of issuance, printing, capitalized interest and any other costs and expenses related thereto, all of the above with such changes as the Board may approve (the "Project"). The Board is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the Project. The Board may reduce or modify the scope of the Project if funds are insufficient to complete all components of the Project, and the entire appropriation authorized hereby may be spent on the Project as so reduced or modified.

(2) That to finance said appropriation for the Project, general obligation bonds and notes of the Town may be issued 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 $2,800,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefor, including, but not limited to, state grants and/or public or private donations).

(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 $2,800,000. 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 $2,800,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefor, including, but not limited to, state grants and/or public or private donations), 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 $2,800,000. 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 of 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 bonds and 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 contracts with engineers, contractors, architects and other persons for the Project, to apply for and accept state and federal grants and donations to finance the appropriation for the Project, and to execute and file any application or enter into any grant agreement or other obligations prescribed by the State of Connecticut or the federal government, as appliable.

(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 (the "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, May 10, 2022 at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School Auditorium, 15 School Drive, Moodus, Connecticut at 8:00 p.m., and submits said proposed Project 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.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, hereby removes the Resolution on the call of the Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters for a "yes" or "no" vote by voting machine by the voters entitled to vote at the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 during the hours from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex. 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Connecticut, and that the Town Clerk be 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 $2,800,000 FOR THE NATHAN HALE-RAY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETIC COMPLEX PROJECT AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2,800,000, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS AND OTHER MONIES THEREFOR', be approved?
> Yes _____ No _____"

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

> "Shall the Town appropriate $2,800,000 for the Nathan Hale-Ray High School Track and Field Athletic Complex Project 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.

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.

Motion made by Mr. Dill to adopt the said resolution. Ms. Govert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

B. BOARD OF FINANCE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $2,800,000 FOR THE NATHAN HALE-RAY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETIC COMPLEX PROJECT AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEEED $2,800,000, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS AND OTHER MONIES THEREFOR

Board of Finance Chairwoman Gionta stated she would entertain a motion to adopt the following resolution:

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 August 26, 2022, and recommends to the electors and citizens eligible to vote at town meetings of the Town, the following:

(1) That the Town appropriate the sum of $2,800,000 for costs related to the Nathan Hale-Ray High School Track and Field Athletic Complex project, including, without limitation, the costs of (i) the construction of six (6) lane oval/eight (8) lane sprint track, (ii) the construction of a field surface for javelin, discus and other track and field events, (iii) the replacement and removal of existing soccer field and installation of a synthetic turf soccer field, (iv) the construction of restroom facilities, (v) handicapped accessibility code improvements, including those providing ADA-compliant access to the track and fields, and (vi) the preparation and printing of bid documents, cost estimate reports and studies, informational materials and other preliminary materials, studies and reports, (vii) design, construction, site work, permit fees, materials, engineering, architectural, insurance, testing, inspections, legal, administration, temporary and permanent financing, costs of issuance, printing, capitalized interest and any other costs and expenses related thereto, all of the above with such changes as the Board of Selectmen may approve (the "Project"). The Board of Selectmen is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the Project. The Board of Selectmen may reduce or modify the scope of

the Project if funds are insufficient to complete all components of the Project, and the entire appropriation authorized hereby may be spent on the Project as so reduced or modified.

(2) That to finance said appropriation for the Project, general obligation bonds and notes of the Town may be issued 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 $2,800,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefor, including, but not limited to, state grants and/or public or private donations).

(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 $2,800,000. 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 $2,800,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefor, including, but not limited to, state grants and/or public or private donations), 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 $2,800,000. 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 of 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 bonds and 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 contracts with engineers, contractors, architects and other persons for the Project, to apply for and accept state and federal grants and donations to finance the appropriation for the Project, and to execute and file any application or enter into any grant agreement or other obligations prescribed by the State of Connecticut or the federal government, as appliable.

(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.

Motion made by Mr. Dutch to adopt said resolution. Mr. Gelston seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

3. Board of Selectman – "Banning Cannabis Establishments Ordinance" Resolution

First Selectman Haines stated she would entertain a motion to adopt resolutions regarding an ordinance to ban cannabis establishments in East Haddam.

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

RESOLVED, that the East Haddam Board of Selectmen does hereby recommend that approval of an ordinance entitled "Banning Cannabis Establishments" be submitted to the voters at a Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 8:00pm in the Nathan Hale Ray High School Auditorium, and submits said proposed ordinance 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.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, hereby removes the Resolution on the call of the Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters for a "yes" or "no" vote by voting machine by the voters entitled to vote at the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 during the hours from six o'clock a.m. to eight o'clock p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Connecticut, and that the Town Clerk be 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 town of East Haddam approve an ordinance entitled "Banning Cannabis Establishments'?
> Yes _____ No _____

Copies of said ordinance are on file in the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

Unanimous aye.

4. 2022-2023 Budget

A. Budget Review and Discussion

Ms. Gionta provided the following updates to the 2022-2023 proposed budget: the Fire Department's operating budget as presented is $20,000 over, and the First Selectman has requested that the Land Use Department's $30,000 capital request to fund a Land Use/EDC Conceptual Design Study for a Master Plan for Moodus Center be reinstated. She recommended repurposing the excess funds in the Fire Department's budget to fund the Land Use Department's capital request and, if needed, fund the $10k balance in next year's budget.

Ms. Gionta also referenced the public's expressed concern about the salary and scaled back responsibilities for the current human resource position. She advised that the salary being paid to the current human resource professional is over the authorized budget and noted that, on average, Town directors are paid approximately $55.70 per hour. She stated that she did not believe it was the Board of Finance's intent, when they authorized the budget for the human resource position, to make it the highest paid position in the Town. Ms. Gionta solicited input from the Board of Finance members.

Mr. Gelston stated that it is the Board of Finance's responsibility to ensure that Town operations are funded so that they can run effectively and efficiently. He stated that he is in favor of the human resource position; however, noted that he feels it was the Board's intent that the role would serve both the Town employees and those in the Board of Education. He noted that, based on comments made at the Public Hearing, the public's perception of the current situation is negative and he stated that both the salary and responsibilities need to be addressed and fixed.

Mr. Thomas stated that the original proposal was for a Shared Services position that would cover employees of the Town and the Board of Education; however, that is not what happened. He stated he would support either a proportional reduction in the authorized salary to reflect the reduced number of employees the position is serving or zeroing out the line item until the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education can come to an agreement regarding the position and justify it to the Board of Finance.

Ms. Whatley expressed concern for the long-term consequences of not meeting the needs of the Board of Education and encouraged the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education to find a solution sooner rather than later.

Mr. Dutch agreed that the current situation was not what the Board of Finance had envisioned when it authorized adding a human resources salary to the Shared Services budget. He stated, however, that he recognizes the need for the role and is favor of keeping the funding in place but possibly adjusting it to reflect actual responsibilities. He suggested that the Boards of Selectmen and Education consider whether one full-time or two part-time positions would be more appropriate.

Mr. Corbett concurred that the existing situation has fallen short of the goal of giving all of East Haddam's employees human resources representation. He stated he recognized the value of having a human resource professional on staff but feels the needs of all employees have not been addressed.

Ms. Gionta reiterated that she does not believe it was the Board of Finance's intent to have the human resource professional be the highest paid individual in Town and reviewed several salary ranges, based on the average hourly rate for a director and various potential weekly staffing hours, that she felt were appropriate. There was a brief general discussion regarding how to best rectify the current situation.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to reduce the Human Resources line item in the Shared Services Salaries & Wages budget by $79,950.00 and increase the Board of Finance's Contingency budget by $79,950.00. Mr. Gelston seconded the motion.

There was a general discussion regarding next steps needed to reinstate the human resources role.

The Board of Finance voted unanimously to approve the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Gionta asked for the Board's decision regarding the use of the excess funds in the Fire Department's budget as well as the First Selectman's request to reinstate the Land Use's capital request to fund a conceptual design study to develop a master plan for Moodus Center.

Motion was made by Ms. Whatley to repurpose $20,000 from the Fire Department's Operating Budget to fund the Land Use Department's capital request for a Land Use/EDC Conceptual Design Study for a Master Plan for Moodus Center. Mr. Gelston seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Motion carried.

B. Guests and Audience Comments: There were no guests or audience comments brought up at the meeting or submitted electronically.

C. Board of Finance Vote to Send budget to Town Meeting

Motion was made by Mr. Dutch to present to the Annual Budget Meeting scheduled to be called by the Board of Selectmen for May 10, 2022 at 8:00 pm at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School Auditorium a total budget of $37,253,754 based on the Grand List as of October 1, 2021 of $932,057,622. The budget would require a mill rate increase of 1.35 mills or a 7.75% tax increase. Ms. Whatley seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

D. Board of Selectmen 2022-2023 Proposed Budget Resolution

Ms. Haines 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. Dill and seconded by Ms. Govert, to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting is hereby called to be held on May 10, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. in the Nathan Hale-Ray High School Auditorium on School Drive 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 April 26, 2022 to approve the budget of $37,253,754 for fiscal year 2022 – 2023.

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 May 24, 2022 for vote by voting machine by the voters entitled to vote at the Town Meeting between the hours of six o'clock a.m. and eight o'clock p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Connecticut under the following heading:

Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of $37,253,754, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2022-2023 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 voting machine in accordance with this resolution and Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Unanimous aye.

5. Call for Town Meeting

Ms. Haines advised that the items discussed previously this evening must be moved forward to a Town Meeting.

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

All electors and citizens of the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut qualified to vote in Town Meetings are hereby warned and notified that a Special Town Meeting will be held in the Nathan Hale-Ray High School Auditorium, located at 15 School Drive in the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut at 8:00p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 for the following purposes:

Item 1: To consider and discuss (but not vote on) the following resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $2,800,000 FOR THE NATHAN HALE-RAY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETIC COMPLEX PROJECT AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEEED $2,800,000, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS AND OTHER MONIES 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 $2,800,000 FOR THE NATHAN HALE-RAY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETIC COMPLEX PROJECT AND THE

FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEEED $2,800,000, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS AND OTHER MONIES THEREFOR', be approved?
Yes _____ No _____"

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

"Shall the Town appropriate $2,800,000 for the Nathan Hale-Ray High School Track and Field Athletic Complex Project and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?
Yes _____ No _____"

The vote will be conducted on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, during the hours from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Connecticut. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office. Voters approving the resolution will vote "Yes" and voters opposing the resolution will vote "No".

Item 2: To consider and discuss (but not to vote on) whether the Town of East Haddam shall approve an ordinance entitled "Banning Cannabis Establishments". Copies of said ordinance are on file in the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

All those electors and 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, as amended, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of East Haddam has 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 approve an ordinance entitled "Banning Cannabis Establishments?"

The vote by voting machine will be conducted at the Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Connecticut between the hours of six o'clock a.m. to eight o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2022. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office.

Item 3: To consider and discuss (but not to vote on) the Town Budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of $37,253,754 as recommended by the Board of Finance.

All those electors and 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, as amended, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of East Haddam has 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 $37,253,754, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2022–2023, be approved?"

The vote by voting machine will be conducted at the Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Connecticut between the hours of six o'clock a.m. and eight o'clock p.m. on May 24, 2022. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office.

Item 4: To consider and vote upon a resolution to adjourn the special town meeting to a vote by voting machine on the above questions to be held on the date, during the time and at the noticed polling place referred to above.
Unanimous aye.

6. Adjournment:

There being no additional business to discuss Ms. Govert made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen's meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Dutch to adjourn the Board of Finance meeting at 9:32 p.m. Mr. Gelston seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Recorded

Respectfully submitted,
/s/
Erik Dill
Board of Selectmen Secretary

Respectfully submitted,
/s/
Bruce Dutch
Board of Finance Secretary