Special Town Meeting
February 2, 2023

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Building, Meeting Rooms 1 and 2. Six (6) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Irene Haines motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator, Robert Casner seconded the motion. Mrs. Denette inquired if there were other nominations, hearing none she called for a motion to close nominations. Mr. Casner motioned to close nominations, said motion was seconded by Erik Dill. The motion closing nominations carried unanimously via voice vote. The motion approving Deb Denette as Moderator also carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator presented the call of the meeting and accepted a motion from Mr. Casner accepting the call as read. Mrs. Haines seconded the motion accepting the call as read which carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 1: Denise Dill motioned, Mr. Casner provided the second that the Legislative Body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of $5,224.50 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland security entitled "FY-2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant" (revenue account 10542-43000 and expense account 10542070-51590 & 10542070-56010).

Opportunity for comments or questions was offered. Nothing was noted. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote.

The motion accepting a grant in the amount of $5,224.50 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland security entitled "FY-2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant" (revenue account 10542-43000 and expense account 10542070-51590 & 10542070-56010). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #2 Mrs. Haines motioned, Mr. Dill provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of $19,568.42 from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, entitled FY2023 Comprehensive DUI enforcement Program for Resident Trooper Towns".

Opportunity for comments or questions was offered. Nothing was noted. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote.

The motion accepting a grant in the amount of $19,568.42 from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, entitled FY2023 Comprehensive DUI enforcement Program for Resident Trooper Towns. Carried unanimously.

Item #3: Mr. Casner motioned, Mrs. Haines provided the second that the Legislative Body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of $1,136.40 from the M. Jones Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County for the purpose of supporting summer 2023 camp programs.

Opportunity for discussion was offered, none was held. Accordingly, the Moderator called for a vote.

The motion accepting a grant in the amount of $1,136.40 from the M. Jones Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County for the purpose of supporting summer 2023 camp programs carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #4: Mrs. Haines motioned, Mr. Casner provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to adopt the following Resolution:

> RESOLVED: That a grant in the amount of $5,500 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, State Library, for the purpose of historic document preservation and appropriated to the Historic Document Preservation Fund (account 26041-43000) and that Irene M. Haines , First Selectman is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Document Preservation Grant.

Mrs. Denette stated that this grant will be utilized to further expand the Town's electronic land records.
Opportunity for discussion was offered, none was held. Accordingly, the Moderator called for a vote.

> **The motion adopting the following resolution:**
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> **RESOLVED: That a grant in the amount of $5,500 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, State Library, for the purpose of historic document preservation and appropriated to the Historic Document Preservation Fund (account 26041-43000) and that Irene M. Haines , First Selectman is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Document Preservation Grant., carried unanimously via voice vote.**

Item #5 is to consider and act on the recommendation of the Board of Finance to allocate the amount of $138,000 from the town ARPA Fund Grant – Fund 1500. Account 59020 to the FY 2022-2023 capital budget (Project C0217) to fund the cost of a contract for Architectural Services in accordance with RFP Bid #2022-1: Renovation of Firehouse Company #2.

Mrs. Denette solicited a motion and a second to put item 5 on the table for discussion.
Mrs. Haines provided the motion, having called for a second but not hearing one, Mrs. Denette provided the second to move the question forward.
Opportunity for discussion was offered. Mr. Casner stated that it appears that the ultimate goal is to tear down fire house #2. He noted that 1/3 of the building is less than five years old. He stated that the building would be better of sold and other sites reviewed. He suggested looking at other options and bringing those to the town's people at public hearing. Mr. Casner further added that he believed that the site was too small to invest additional funding into.

No other comments or concerns were raised. Accordingly the Moderator called for a vote.

Mrs. Haines voted in the affirmative;
Mr. Casner voted nay:
Mrs. Denette then called on Mr. and Mrs. Dill for their vote
Mrs. Dill voted in the affirmative;
Mr. Dill abstained.

Mr. Angersola was in the audience, however, he is not an East Haddam resident or voter.

Mrs. Denette noted that she would only vote to break a tie. The vote allocating the amount of $138,000 from the town ARPA Fund Grant – Fund 1500. Account 59020 to the FY 2022-2023 capital budget (Project C0217) to fund the cost of a contract for Architectural Services in accordance with RFP Bid #2022-1: Renovation of Firehouse Company #2 was declared passed by a vote of 2 in favor; and 1 opposed.

There being no other business to discuss, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Casner so motioned; Mrs. Haines provided the second. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Denette
East Haddam Town Clerk