Special Town Meeting
March 22, 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. Five (5) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Irene Haines motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator, David Denette seconded the motion. Mrs. Denette inquired if there were other nominations, hearing none she called for a motion to close nominations. Erik Dill motioned to close nominations, said motion was seconded by Denise 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. Denette accepting the call as read. Mrs. Haines seconded the motion accepting the call as read which carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 1: Mrs. Haines motioned, Mr. Denette 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 an ARPA Rural Roads grant in the amount of $4,973.40 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, with no town match, for the purpose of conducting motor vehicle speed enforcement on rural roads within the town of East Haddam; and by acceptance of this grant, to authorize any subsequent award of funds from this grant in future funding rounds, to a maximum grant total of $50,000 in grant funding, provided that the terms of any future rounds of funding remain consistent with the initial award. .

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

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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 enter into a 36-month agreement on behalf of the Town with Energy Resources for a comprehensive energy efficient facility upgrade at the East Haddam Free Public Library..

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The motion authorizing the Town to enter into a 36-month agreement on behalf of the Town with Energy Resources for a comprehensive energy efficient facility upgrade at the East Haddam Free Public Library carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #3: Mr. Denette 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 enter into a 36-month agreement on behalf of the Town with Energy

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

The motion authorizing the Town to enter into a 36-month agreement on behalf of the Town with Energy Resources for a comprehensive energy efficient facility upgrade at the Rathbun Free Memorial Library carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #4: 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 adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Moodus Firehouse Renovation Committee is hereby established for the purpose of improvements to the Moodus Firehouse (Company No. 2), including, without limitation, the costs of (i) the repair, renovation or expansion of existing size, interior upgrades of kitchens, bathrooms, offices and other designated areas as needed or required, (ii) all required structural repairs to concrete footings, foundation, floors and all structural steel to Company 2 firehouse building, (iii) the installation of new building electrical service, interior electric, HVAC, plumbing and vehicle exhaust system, (iv) the removal of existing parking lot to accommodate correct slopes and grades for water drainage with installation of new asphalt pavement surface at Moodus Firehouse.

Section 1. The Committee shall consist of 3 members and 1 alternate, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The term of office of said members shall continue until the project is complete and accepted by the town and the committee is discharged, except that any member may resign or be removed by a vote of the Board of Selectmen for just cause. Any vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee shall select its own chairman, secretary and treasurer. This committee shall answer to the Board of Selectmen and shall make quarterly progress reports to the Board of Selectmen.

Section 2. The members of the Committee shall not receive any compensation for their services. The necessary expenses of the committee shall be included in the estimated project cost and any appropriation to be requested by the Committee from the Town. All records of the Committee shall be filed with the Town Clerk and open to public inspection in accordance with applicable state statutes.

Section 3. The Town of East Haddam Land Use Administrator and Facilities and Finance Directors will serve as advisory staff to the committee.

Section 4. The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To consult with the Fire Department, Office of the Fire Marshal, Emergency Management and its administrators concerning the plans for said project and its construction and the schedule therefore;

(b) To develop schematic drawings and outline specifications for the project and to review and approve all plans for said project, and to supervise and/or provide for the proper supervision of the project in the Town's best interest;

(c) To assist in the application for any grants that may be available to the Town for said project, and provide or execute any necessary documentation for such a grant application;

(d) Within the future approved appropriations, and subject to the limits thereof, to contract with architects, engineers, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the town to design, build and complete the project, and approve all design and construction expenditures for the project.

Section 5. Upon completion of the Moodus Firehouse Renovation project, the Committee shall make a complete report and accounting to the Board of Selectmen.

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

The motion accepting the following resolution carried unanimously via voice vote:

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There being no further business on the agenda, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Dill, seconded by Mrs. Haines and carried via unanimous vote at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Denette
East Haddam Town Clerk