Special Town Meeting
November 1, 2023

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette, called the Special Town meeting to order at 8:01 pm at the Municipal Office Complex, Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. Approximately twelve (12) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Irene Haines motioned to nominate Deb Denette Moderator, Dave Denette seconded the motion. Other nominations were solicited, none were offered. Robert Smith motioned to close nominations, Mr. Denette provided the second. The motion closing nomination carried unanimously via voice vote. The Moderator called for a vote on the nomination of Deb Denette to serve as Moderator, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator reviewed the protocols for the meeting and called for a motion that the legislative body herein assembled accept the call of the meeting as presented, Mrs. Haines motioned to accept the call as presented. Mr Smith provided the second. There being no discussion, the motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 1: Mrs. Haines motioned, Christopher Behilo provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

RESOLVED: That the Solid Waste Ordinance Article II, Section 296-6, Licensing of Commercial Collectors; Fees, Item B. Adopted July 24, 1990 and amended at Town Meeting on March 28, 2018, is hereby amended as follows:

B. All licenses shall be for a period of one year from the date of issuance. The license fee shall be paid in advance of granting said license. The fee for a license shall be (DELETE: "$250 per year) ADD: set by the Board of Selectmen. For Fiscal year 2023-2024 this fee will be set at $500 and will not be increased more than 25% annually in subsequent years. Copies of said ordinance are on file in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. Mr. Behilo stated that he believed 25% was excessive, he stated that he would prefer to see a cap of 10%. Jim Ventres stated that the key word is "not more than" meaning it could be a number up to that point. Mr. Smith stated that perhaps more clarification was needed. James Jansky stated that he was okay with the change. Angie Jansky also stated that she was comfortable with the ordinance as written. There being no further discussion the Moderator advised that no amendments to the wording could be made at this point, the vote would be a yes or no, a failed vote could result in resubmitting the question at another time.

The vote to amend the Solid Waste Ordinance Article II, Section 296-6, Licensing of Commercial Collectors; Fees, Item B. Adopted July 24, 1990 amended at Town Meeting on March 28, 2018, was further amended by a show of hands, seven in favor and two opposed as follows:

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Item 2: Mrs. Maines motioned, Mr. Smith provided a second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That a Lower Connecticut River Valley Heritage Trail/bike Path – East Haddam grant in the amount of $32,000.00 is hereby accepted upon the terms and conditions set forth in a certain Personal Servies Agreement between the Town of East Haddam and the State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, State Parks Division for the purpose of planning

and design of an outdoor bike path (account 10549010-59700) In addition, the first Selectman, Irene M. Haines, is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts and execute all documents necessary to said grant in the name and on behalf of the Town of East Haddam for the fulfillment of the Lower Connecticut River Valley Heritage Trail/Bike Path

Opportunity for discussion was offered. Mr. Ventres noted that acceptance of this grant would allow for the map out of a route for an outdoor bike path. The path is intended to go along Town Street to the four corners. It is undetermined which side of the road is more appropriate. Intentions are to have a buffer away from the street and to avoid mature trees and water hazards. Responsive to inquiry from Mr. Smith, Mr. Ventres was noted that if ultimately built, the town, and not the State would be responsible for maintenance of the bike path.

There being no further discussion, I have a motion and a second that the legislative body herein assembled adopt the following resolution:

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The motion carried via voice vote unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Smith motioned, Mrs Haines provided the second. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously via voice vote at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Debra H. Denette
East Haddam Town Clerk

That is all the business I have for this evening, May I have a motion to adjourn.
Motion made by: _____
Seconded by: _____
All those in favor?

We are adjourned at _____

Have a good night.