Special Town Meeting
January 17, 2024

Town Clerk, Kathleen Klinck called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 pm at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School Auditorium 15 School Drive, Moodus. Approximately thirty five (35) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Rob Smith motioned to nominate Kathleen Klinck Moderator, Peter Govert seconded the motion. Other nominations were solicited, none were offered. Rob Smith motioned to close nominations, Peter Govert provided the second. The motion closing nomination carried unanimously via voice vote. The Moderator called for a vote on the nomination of Kathleen Klinck 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, First Selectman Irene Haines motioned to accept the call as presented. Will Brady provided the second. There being no discussion, the motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #1 Laurel White motioned, Jim Ventres provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into all necessary agreements with the Transportation Commissioner of the State of Connecticut for the receipt of State Aid for town highways in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. Todd Gelston asked if this also included bridges and was told yes. Accordingly the Moderator called for a vote on the motion to authorize the Board of Selectman to enter into all necessary agreements with the Transportation Commissioner of the State of The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 2 Rob Smith motioned, Jim Ventres provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled , that the Town of East Haddam hereby agrees to grant to Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy, a permanent and exclusive right Aerial Easement of approximately 2,321 +/- square feet in the northwest corner of property owned by the Town of East Haddam on Main Street, East Haddam, which is more fully defined on a certain Easement Map entitled "MAP SHOWING AERIAL EASEMENT TO BE ACQUIRED BY THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY, EAST HADDAM, CONNECTICUT, further identified as Assessor's Map

026, Lot 090, in exchange for consideration in an amount not less than $1,500.00, and that the First Selectman be authorized to negotiate and execute any documentation related to such easement.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. Will Brady asked where on Main Street was this easement. Jim Ventres stated it comes down Bonfoey Road and goes under the Ct, River. Accordingly the Moderator called for a vote on the motion that the Town of East Haddam hereby agrees to grant to Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy a permanent and exclusive right Aerial Easement of approximately 2,321+/-square feet in the northwest corner of property owned by The Town of East Haddam on Main Street. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #3 Amalia Shaltiel motioned, Tanya Bourgoin provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That a grant in the amount of $20,000.00 is hereby accepted from Eversource Energy Service Company ("Eversource") through the Energize Connecticut Community Partnership Initiative (revenue account 33050-43000 and expense account 33055011-58820) for the purpose of actions leading to an increase in homes participating in Home Energy Solutions-Income Eligible and increase in the adoption of heat pumps among income-eligible customers upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding for Energize Connecticut Community Partnership Initiative By and Between Eversource Energy Service Company and the Town of East Haddam.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. Susan Kinsman asked what are the income limits. Tanya Bourgoin stated that there is a sliding scale but was not sure of how they are broken down.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion to accept $20,000 from Eversource Energy Service Company("Eversource") through the Energize Connecticut Partnership Initiative. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #4 Melanie Kolek motioned, Bernie Gillis provided the second.

RESOLVED: That a grant in the amount of $200,000.00 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut acting by the Department of Economic and Community Development (revenue account 33050-43000 and expense account 33055011-58820) for the purpose of

conducting a brownfield environmental assessment as part of the Village District Assessment Project upon the terms and conditions set forth in an Assistance Agreement by and between The State of Connecticut Acting by the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Town of East Haddam.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. There was no discussion. There being no discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on accepting a grant from the State of Connecticut, Office of the Secretary of the State. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #5 Susan Kinsman motioned, First Selectman Irene Haines provided a second that the legislative body herein assembled adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That a grant in the amount of $10,500.00 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, Office of the Secretary of the State (revenue account 33050-43000 and expense account 33055011-58820 Project Code G2101) for the purpose of costs related to implementing and conducting early voting upon the terms and conditions set forth in an Agreement between The State of Connecticut, Office of the Secretary of the State and the Town of East Haddam.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. There was no discussion. There being no discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on accepting a grant from the State of Connecticut, Office of the Secretary of the State. .

Item 6: To consider and discuss (but not vote on) the following resolutions:

I. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $5,000,000 FOR OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION 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 $5,000,000, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR

II. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $514,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE KRONBERG 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 $514,000, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR

III. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $4,150,000 FOR THE HVAC IMPROVEMENTS AND CHILLER REPLACEMENT PROJECTS 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 $4,150,000, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR

The full text of the foregoing authorizing resolutions are 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 items from the agenda of this Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters for vote by voting machine. The questions to be voted upon are as follows:

I. "Shall the resolution entitled, 'RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $5,000,000 FOR OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION 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 $5,000,000, 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 $5,000,000 for open space acquisition and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?
Yes _____ No _____"

II. "Shall the resolution entitled, 'RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $514,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE KRONBERG 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 $514,000, 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 $514,000 for the acquisition of the Kronberg Property and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?
Yes _____ No _____"

III. "Shall the resolution entitled, 'RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $4,150,000 FOR THE HVAC IMPROVEMENTS AND CHILLER REPLACEMENT PROJECTS 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 $4,150,000, 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 $4,150,000 for the HVAC improvements and chiller replacement projects and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?
Yes _____ No _____"

The vote on said questions will be conducted on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 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".

There being no further business to discuss the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. First Selectman Irene Haines provided the motion, Eric Kolasinski seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 With a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Klinck
Town Clerk