**Special Town Meeting**
**May 10, 2022**

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Nathan Hale Ray High School Auditorium, School Drive, Moodus. Approximately twenty five (25) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Denette stated that Notice of the Special Town Meeting and Referendum Resolution are on the back table, along with the draft ordinance regarding Cannabis prohibition and information on the 2022/2023 budget.

**First Selectman Irene Haines motioned to nominate Town Clerk Deb Denette as Moderator, David Denette seconded the motion. Other nominations were solicited, none were offered. Tracy Gionta motioned to close nominations, Ms. Haines seconded the motion. 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, Patricia Stricker motioned to accept the call as presented. Joseph Spurgeon provided the second. There being no discussion, the motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.**

Item #1 Mrs. Stricker motioned, Becky Wonneberger provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled discuss 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".

Mrs. Denette called for comments or questions on item #1, nothing was offered. She reiterated that the determination of item #1 would be made at Referendum on May the 24th.

Item #2 Mrs. Haines motioned, Erik Dill provided the seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and discuss 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.

The Moderator called for comments or questions regarding the ordinance entitled "banning Cannabis establishments". Kim Dodge commented that she believed that the proposed ordinance is contrary to laws of the State of Connecticut.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator reiterated that the determination of item #2 would be made at Referendum on May the 24th.

Item #3 Mrs. Stricker motioned, Mrs. Gionta provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled 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.

The Moderator called for comments or questions regarding the 2022/2023 proposed budget. Sarah Anderson inquired if the voting questions would be clearly defined. Mrs. Denette advised that the questions for the ballot are enumerated within the call and that the sample ballot will be on the town's website beginning tomorrow morning.

Before calling for a motion to adjourn to referendum, Mrs. Denette advised that absentee ballots will be available for issuance beginning tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. Further, she stated that an absentee ballot CANNOT be mailed for a referendum that occurs with less than three weeks notice. This meeting constitutes the start of that 21 day clock. Further, American citizens who may not be electors of the town but are taxpayers based on the last published grand list and owning property assessed at $1,000 or more are eligible to vote at referendum. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk's office.

**Item 4:** Bruce Dutch motioned, Hannah Denette provided the second that the Legislative body adjourn the special town meeting to a vote by voting machine on the above questions to be held on May 24, 2022 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the gymnasium of the Municipal Office Complex. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote at 8:13 p.m..

Attest: May 12, 2022

Debra H. Denette
East Haddam Town Clerk