

Special Town Meeting January 12, 2022

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Building conference rooms 1 and 2. Approximately (30) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Patricia Stricker motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator, Deb Fiala seconded the motion. Mrs. Denette inquired if there were other nominations, hearing none she called for a motion to close nominations, said motion was made, duly seconded and carried unanimously via voice vote. The motion nominating Mrs. Denette as moderator carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator reviewed the protocols for the meeting and presented the Call.

Mrs. Stricker motioned to accept the call as presented. Joseph Spurgeon seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 1: Mr. Spurgeon motioned, Mrs. Fiala provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled approve the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, The East Haddam Schools Capital Improvements Building Committee is hereby assigned the Underground Oil Storage Tank Replacement at Nathan Hale Ray High School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of East Haddam hereby authorizes the East Haddam Schools Capital Improvement Building Committee to develop schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Underground Oil Storage Tank Replacement at Nathan Hale Ray High School.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. Superintendent of Schools Brian Reas noted that statutorily these underground tanks are required to be replaced every 30 years, and that date is rapidly approaching. He further noted that if feasible, the new tank will be located above ground. There being no further comment or question, the Moderator called for a vote to accept the Resolution. The motion carried via voice vote.

Item #2 Mrs. Fiala motioned, Justin Kennedy seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve the following resolution to amend the charge of the East Haddam Schools Capital Improvements Building Committee as follows:

RESOLVED: That an East Haddam Schools Capital Improvements Building Committee was established at Town Meeting on February 29, 2000 for the purpose of oversight and completion of Capital Improvements for the East Haddam Schools.

The East Haddam Schools Capital Improvements Building Committee will be assigned projects for the East Haddam Schools by the Board of Selectmen when necessary.

Section 5. Approved/Assigned Committee Projects:

- Electrical upgrade at the East Haddam Elementary and Former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle Schools (Completed)
- Roof replacement at the Former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School (Completed)
- Asbestos tile removal/tile replacement in the East Haddam Elementary School (Completed)
- Asbestos tile removal/tile replacement in the Former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School (Completed)

- Boiler Replacement/Asbestos Removal at the Former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School (Completed)
- Window Replacement at the Former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School (Completed)
- Roof replacement at the East Haddam Elementary School (Completed)
- Fire Alarm System at the East Haddam Elementary School (Completed)
- Chimney Replacement at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School (Completed)
- Roof Replacement at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School (Completed)
- Water Supply System Replacement at the East Haddam Elementary School (Completed)
- Underground oil storage tank replacement at the East Haddam Elementary School (Completed)
- Exterior Restoration and Window Replacement at East Haddam Elementary School
- Athletic Complex at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School
- Indoor Air Quality and HVAC Systems at East Haddam Elementary School, Nathan Hale Ray Middle School and Nathan Hale Ray High School
- Underground Oil Storage Tank Replacement at Nathan Hale Ray High School

A copy of the entire charge, as amended, is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Opportunity for discussion was offered, it was noted that this action is customary to assign new projects to the Capital Improvements Building Committee. No further discussion was held, accordingly the Moderator called for a vote amending the East Haddam Schools Capital Improvements Building Committee charge. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #3. Mrs. Stricker motioned, Mr. Kennedy provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled accept a contribution from the Albert E. Purple Fund in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of funding Phase 2-additional engineering design services for the proposed Nathan Hale-Ray Athletics Complex (revenue account 33415-49725 and expense account 34050060-54500).

Opportunity for comment or question was offered. Several mentioned their support for a track. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a motion accepting a contribution from the Albert E. Purple Fund in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of funding Phase 2-additional engineering design services for the proposed Nathan Hale-Ray Athletics Complex (revenue account 33415-49725 and expense account 34050060-54500). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #4. Mrs. Stricker motioned, Mr. Spurgeon provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled authorize a transfer in the amount of \$267,309 from the General Fund (10549010 -58928) to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund (3320-10506-25790).

Opportunity for discussion was offered. It was noted that the practice of transferring unspent funds from the Board of Education to their capital account has encouraged savings for future projects. There being no other comment or discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion authorizing a transfer in the amount of \$267,309 from the General Fund (10549010 -58928) to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund (3320-10506-25790) carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #5: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to amend the capital budget for the replacement and removal of the Nathan Hale-Ray High School underground oil tank by \$225,000 (expense account 33250013-58926-C0158) to a total budget amount of \$300,000, funding source for the amendment to be provided from the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund (3320-10506-25790).

Opportunity for comment or question was offered. There being none, the Moderator called for vote on th

Mrs. Fiala motioned to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Mr. Spurgeon provided the second. The motion carried unanimously at 8:12 p.m.

Attest: Debra H. Denette
 East Haddam Town Clerk
 January 14, 2022