Board of Selectmen
Nathan Hale-Ray High School
Auditorium
April 7, 2026
Special Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: T. Gelston; E. Dill; T. Sevigny
Also Present: V. Belles; L. Zemienieski and other members of the public

1. First Selectman Gelston called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 8:49 p.m.

2. Board of Selectmen 2026-2027 Proposed Budget Resolution: Mr. Gelston noted that the Board of Finance met immediately after the Public Hearing was adjourned and passed a motion to ask the Selectmen to send the budget to Town Meeting then referendum.

   Motion made by Mr. Sevigny, seconded by Mr. Dill, to adopt the following resolutions:

   RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting is hereby called to be held on April 21, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. in the Nathan Hale-Ray High School Auditorium on School Drive in the said Town of East Haddam, Connecticut (the "Town Meeting"), to consider the resolution recommended and approved by the Board of Finance at its meeting held on April 7, 2026 to approve the budget of $43,841,297 for fiscal year 2026 – 2027.

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, hereby removes the item described above on the call of the Town Meeting for submission to the voters on May 5, 2026 for vote by voting machine by the voters entitled to vote at the Town Meeting between the hours of twelve o'clock p.m. and eight o'clock p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Connecticut under the following heading:

   > Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of $43,841,297, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2026-2027 be approved?

   The moderator of the Town Meeting shall adjourn such meeting after reasonable discussion of such item and conclusion of such other business as may properly come before the Town Meeting and order such vote by voting machine in accordance with this resolution and Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the voters at the Town Meeting shall determine whether the polls shall be open at six o'clock a.m. to conduct the referendum on May 5, 2026 and this resolution is hereby added to the agenda of such meeting.
   Unanimous aye.

3. Call for Town Meeting: Mr. Gelston advised that items approved at earlier meetings, items approved at the previous Board of Finance meeting and the budget need be moved forward to a Town Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Sevigny, to approve the following call for Town Meeting:

The Electors and citizens of the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut qualified to vote in Town Meeting are hereby warned and notified that a Special Town Meeting will be held in the Nathan Hale-Ray High School Auditorium, 15 School Drive in Moodus, Connecticut on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 8:00pm for the following purposes, to wit:

Item 1: To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

RESOLVED, that the ordinance entitled Chapter 12 Boards, Commission, Committees and Agencies, Article X Cemetery Committee, Section 12-36 Membership and terms, item A adopted by Town Meeting, October 28, 2021, be amended to add section A (1) Alternate Members as follows:

(1) Alternate Members: There shall be two alternate members who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The initial terms of appointment for the two alternate members shall be as follows: one member shall be appointed for a term of one year and one member shall be appointed for a term of two years. An alternate member in attendance at a meeting shall be counted in the determination of a quorum. Whenever a member is absent or recuses himself/herself from participation or voting on a matter before the Committee, the Chairman or the person serving as Acting Chairman of the meeting shall appoint an alternate member to take the place of the absent or recused member, which alternate member shall be invested with all powers and attributes of full membership on the Commission for the duration of the meeting or on the matter from which the regular member has recused himself/herself, including the right to participate in any discussion and the right to vote.

Copies of said ordinance are on file in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Item 2: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that a grant in the amount of $5,000 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, State Library, for the purpose of historic document preservation and appropriated to the Historic Document Preservation Fund (account 26041-43000); and that Todd H. Gelston, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality, a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Document Preservation Grant.

Item 3: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to adopt the following resolution:

> RESOLVED: Pursuant to Chapter 130, of the Connecticut General Statutes, and the "Town of East Haddam Ordinance to Create the East Haddam Redevelopment Agency for the Development of the Former Town Office and Garage Property and Certain Surrounding Properties" the Board of Selectmen hereby appoints Scott Brown, elector of the Town of East Haddam, to the Town of East Haddam Redevelopment Agency, to serve and fill a vacant term expiring August 31, 2027 and Daniel Cobleigh, elector of the Town of East Haddam, to the Town of East Haddam Redevelopment Agency, to serve and fill a vacant term expiring August 31, 2029, and subject to approval at Town Meeting.

Item 4: To consider and discuss (but not to vote on) the Town Budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year in the amount of $43,841,297 as recommended by the Board of Finance.

All those 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, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of East Haddam have 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 $43,841,297, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2026–2027 be approved?

The vote by voting machine ballot labels will be conducted at the Municipal Office Complex, Moodus, Connecticut between the hours of twelve o'clock p.m. and eight o'clock p.m. (in absence of a contrary determination at the Town Meeting) on May 5, 2026.

Item 5: To consider and vote on the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen that the polls shall be open at six o'clock a.m. to conduct the referendum on May 5, 2026. Unanimous aye.

4. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Sevigny, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Unanimous aye.

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Respectfully submitted,
Erik Dill, Secretary