Board of Selectmen
Nathan Hale-Ray High School
Auditorium
April 29, 2025
Special Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: I. Haines; T. Bourgoin Absent: E. Dill
Also Present: L. Zemienieski and other members of the public

1. First Selectman Haines called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 10:32 p.m.

2. Board of Selectmen 2025-2026 Proposed Budget Resolution: Ms. Haines 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 Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Ms. Haines, to adopt the following resolutions:

   RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting is hereby called to be held on May 13, 2025 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 8, 2025 to approve the budget of $44,540,792 for fiscal year 2025 – 2026.

   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 27, 2025 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 $44,540,792, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2025-2026 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 27, 2025 and this resolution is hereby added to the agenda of such meeting.
   Unanimous aye.

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

   Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Ms. Haines, 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, May 13, 2025 at 8:00pm for the following purposes, to wit:

   Item 1: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a special appropriation of up to $400,000 from the General Fund balance to the Capital Account 33250013-58926 Project C0217 Fire Company #2 Structural Engineer Report for the purposes of funding the Moodus Firehouse Building Project through phase 1 and phase 2 up to contract administration.

   Item 2: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to amend the committee membership portion of the charge of the Moodus Firehouse Building Committee as follows:

   Section 1. The Committee shall consist of ~~3~~ **5** members and 1 alternate, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The term of office of said members shall continue until the project is complete and accepted by the town and the committee is discharged, except that any member may resign or be removed by a vote of the Board of Selectmen for just cause. Any vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee shall select its own chairman, secretary and treasurer. This committee shall answer to the Board of Selectmen and shall make quarterly progress reports to the Board of Selectmen.

   Copies of the complete charge are on file in the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

   Item 3: To consider and discuss (but not to vote on) the Town Budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year in the amount of $44,540,792 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 $44,540,792, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2025–2026 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 27, 2025.

Item 4: 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 27, 2025.

4. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Ms. Haines, to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 p.m.

Recorded

Respectfully submitted,
Irene M. Haines, First Selectman