

Special Town Meeting
May 13, 2025

Town Clerk, Kathleen Klinck called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:08 pm in the Nathan Hale-Ray High School Auditorium, 15 School Drive, Moodus, Ct. Approximately thirty five (35) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Irene Haines motioned to nominate Kathleen Klinck Moderator, Craig Mansfield seconded the motion. Other nominations were solicited, none were offered. Laurel White motioned to close nominations, Patty Stricker provided the second. The motion closing nominations 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. Patty Stricker motioned to accept the call as presented, Irene Haines provided the second. There being no discussion, the motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #1. Craig Mansfield motioned, Kevin Ruddy provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled 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.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. There was none. The Moderator called for a vote on the motion authorizing the Board of Finance to approve a special appropriation of up to \$400,000 from the General Fund balance to the Capital Account for the Moodus Firehouse building project. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #2. Irene Haines motioned, Craig Mansfield provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled 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.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. There being none. The Moderator called for a vote on the motion to amend the committee membership portion of the charge of the Moodus Firehouse Building Committee to 5 members and 1 alternate, to be appointed by the Board of Selectman. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #3. Patty Stricker motioned, Irene Haines provided the second that the legislative body herein 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.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. There was none. The pass or fail of the FY2025/2026 budget will be determined at referendum on May 27, 2025.

Item #4. Irene Haines motioned, Craig Mansfield provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled 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.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. There was none. The Moderator called for a vote on opening the polls at six o'clock a.m. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

There being no further business to discuss the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. Patty Stricker provided the motion, Irene Haines seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Klinck
Town Clerk