Board of Selectmen
Nathan Hale-Ray High School
Auditorium
June 24, 2025
Special Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: I. Haines; T. Bourgoin; 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 8:00 p.m.

2. Rescind 6/18/25 Board of Selectmen Notion Setting the Mill Rate: Ms. Haines noted that through discussions with OPM and our Town Attorney it was discovered that when the Board of Selectmen set a mill rate, it becomes the official mill rate for all town reporting for the entire year. They explained that there is no such thing as an interim, or temporary, mill rate in the state statutes. This determination changes the Board of Selectmen's original plans to set the mill rate at the current 26.76 mill rate and change it once the budget is passed. As such the previous motion needs to be rescinded.

   Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to **rescind** the motion that was adopted by the Board of Selectmen at its June 18, 2025 meeting setting a rate bill for the 2025-2026 budget that read as follows:

   > Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to make a rate bill at 26.76 pursuant to General Statutes § 12-123. Unanimous aye.

3. 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 Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to adopt the following resolutions:

   RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting is hereby called to be held on July 8, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office Complex, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 on Plains Road 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 June 24, 2025 to approve the budget of $44,258,614 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 July 22, 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 $44,258,614, 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 July 22, 2025 and this resolution is hereby added to the agenda of such meeting.
Unanimous aye.

4. 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 Mr. Dill, 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 Municipal Office complex, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, 1 Plains Road in Moodus, Connecticut on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 8:00pm for the following purposes, to wit:

   Item 1: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift in the amount of $1,000 from the Haslam Memorial Foundation for Park and Recreation Summer Camp Programs (revenue account 28045-44709-R1099).

   Item 2: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of $5,260.00 from the Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee for the development of educational curriculum combining field study with digital programming at Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School (revenue account 33050-43000-G3701 and expense account 33055011-58820-G3701).

   Item 3: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve funding for the East Haddam Ambulance Association in the amount of $70,897 from the 2024-2025 BOF Contingency Account (10541020-58911).

   Item 4: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a transfer of $71,000 from the High School Renovation Study account 33250013-58926-C0283 to the Elementary School Generator account 33250013-58926-C0216.

Item 5: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a transfer of up to $41,000 from capital account 33250013-58926-C0239 Public Works Truck #8 to capital account 33250013-58926-C0246 police cruiser.

Item 6: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a transfer of $100,000 from Snow Removal in the following budgeted amounts**:** $83,679 from 10543070-56600 Sand/Salt and $16,321 from 10543070-51510 Regular Employees **to** Capital Account 33250013-58926-C0230 Road Reclamation for the purpose of increasing the funding for road repairs.

Item 7: To consider and discuss (but not to vote on) the Town Budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year in the amount of $44,258,614 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 $44,258,614, 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 July 22, 2025.

Item 8: 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 July 22, 2025.

5. 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,
Erik W. Dill, Secretary