Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
August 6, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: I. Haines; T. Bourgoin; E. Dill

Also Present: A. Bordick; M. Callahan; R. Swol; M. Velez; L. Zemienieski and other members of the public

1. First Selectman Haines called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

   Ms. Haines advised that she would like to amend the agenda to include the following: (1) agenda item 8F – add Ethics Commission, and (2) an Executive Session to discuss and vote on revisions to the Firefighters collective bargaining agreement and an extension of same.

   Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimous aye.

3. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of July 16, 2025 and Special Meeting of August 4, 2025

   Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to draft minutes of their July 16th meeting.

   Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Mr. Dill, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2025 as written. Unanimous aye.

   Ms. Zemienieski advised that the draft minutes of the Special Meeting of August 4th had not been finalized yet.

   Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to postpone the review and approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 4, 2025. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence

   Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to the following correspondence that was included in their meeting packets:

   - An email from Mary Ann Daly, CT Department of Transportation, dated July 31, 2025, advising that the DOT is developing plans for their 2026 Pavement Preservation Project (State Project No. 0172-0553) in East Haddam, Lyme, and Old Lyme on Route 156,

beginning at the intersection of Route 82 in East Haddam. Ms. Haines advised that the notice would be posted on the Town's website.

- A Public Notice from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New England Division, dated July 30, 2025, advising of virtual Public Meeting on August 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. concerning its research and demonstration project "*to better understand and control the invasive aquatic plant northern hydrilla spreading through the lower CT River and its tributaries"*. USACE is conducting the research in partnership with the RiverCOG, the CT Agricultural Experiment Station Office of Aquatic Invasive Species, and the MA Department of Conservation & Recreation.

  Ms. Haines advised that she had received an inquiry from a local farmer about whether notifications are sent out in advance of hydrilla treatments to local waterways since many of the farmers irrigate their fields with water from the nearby lakes and rivers. She stated she is researching the answer to that question.

5. First Selectmen's Report: Ms. Haines stated that her report will be covered in the course of the discussion of the agenda items for this meeting.

6. Public Comment: There were no public comments brought up at the meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

   A. Bashan Lake/Moodus Reservoir – Wake Surfing Potential Ordinance Discussion: Ms. Haines advised that a petition for a Town Meeting was received on July 30, 2025 to send the proposed ordinance created by DEEP to a Town vote. She stated that the Town has 21 days in which to hold a Town Meeting on this topic and that a call for a Town Meeting is included later on in this agenda.

   B. Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices (ATESD) Discussion: Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to two articles related to the benefits of employing ATESDs to control speeding. She advised that the town of Washington, CT had purchased the ATESD program and she spoke to a representative of their Police Department, who advised that the administration process for the program takes about one-half hour daily. She stated that the representative confirmed that the program is changing driving behavior in the town and is also generating a good revenue stream.

   There was a general discussion regarding the possibility of revisiting the Board's decision not to purchase the ATESD program. Mr. Dill and Ms. Bourgoin continued to express concern about the need to establish an appeals process.

   Public Works Director Velez confirmed that the Town owns three speed radar devices, two of which are currently deployed, which record the highest, lowest, and average vehicle speed daily but that they do not have photographic capability. She agreed to provide the Board with a report of the data gathered by the devices.

8. New Business

A. Resolution Authorizing an Appropriation of $10M for Road Improvements and the Financing of Said Appropriation by the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the Town and Notes in Anticipation of Such Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed $10M, or So Much As May be Necessary After Deducting Grants Therefor, As Well As Establishing a Date for a Referendum: Ms. Haines presented the resolution to move the road improvement project to the Board of Finance, Town Meeting and Referendum.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to adopt the following resolution:

**TOWN OF EAST HADDAM**
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $10,000,000.00 FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $10,000,000.00, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR, AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR REFERENDUM**

*RESOLVED*, that the Board of Selectmen (the "Board") of the Town of East Haddam (the "Town") hereby adopts, and recommends to the Board of Finance with respect to, the following:

(1) That the Town appropriate the sum of $10,000,000.00 for costs related to the pavement resurfacing, crack and chip sealing, mill and overlay, drainage improvements, maintenance work, reclamation and/or reconstruction of, and repair and improvements to, all or portions of certain Town roads selected by the Public Works Department in accordance with the recommendations made in the pavement management study conducted by BETA Group, Inc. for the Town (the "Project"). The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, materials, site improvements, the preparation of schematic drawings, plans and specifications, bid documents, grant applications, reports and studies, informational materials and other preliminary materials, architects' fees, engineering fees, design fees, permit fees, legal fees, capitalized interest, costs of issuance, financing costs, and other expenses related to the Project or its financing. The Board is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the Project. The Board may reduce or modify the scope of the Project, and the entire appropriation authorized hereby may be spent on the Project as so reduced or modified.

(2) That to finance said appropriation for the Project, the Town issue general obligation bonds and/or notes pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended (the "Connecticut General Statutes"), or any other applicable provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed $10,000,000.00 (or so much

thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds received by the Town for the Project).

(3) That the Town issue and renew notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the Project or the receipt of grants for the Project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed $10,000,000. The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

(4) That the First Selectman, or a majority of the Board, and the Treasurer (the "Officials") be authorized to sign any bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures and to determine the amounts, the rates of interest, the dates, maturities, dates of principal and interest payments on such bonds and notes, the form of such bonds and notes, the provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the holders of such bonds and notes and all other terms, conditions and particular matters regarding the sale, issuance and securing of such bonds and notes and to execute, sell and deliver the same, and provide all supporting documentation as may be necessary or desirable to accomplish such purposes and to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 ("Rule 15c2-12"), and in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other act of the General Assembly thereto enabling. The bonds and notes authorized hereby shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the full faith and credit of the Town.

(5) That the Officials are hereby authorized to designate a bank or trust company to be the certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for such bonds and notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a municipal advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; that the law firm of Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C., Hartford, Connecticut, is designated as the attorneys at law to render an opinion approving the legality of such issue or issues.

(6) That the Officials are authorized to sell the bonds or notes at a public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes. If the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the Officials are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(7) That the Town reasonably expects to incur expenditures (the "Expenditures") in connection with the Project described above. The Town reasonably expects to reimburse itself for the cost of the Expenditures with the proceeds of general obligation bonds and notes of the Town described above. The maximum principal amount

of such debt (both bonds and notes) is not expected to exceed $10,000,000.00. This declaration of official intent is a declaration of official intent made pursuant to Federal Income Tax Regulations Section 1.150-2. The Officials are authorized to amend such declaration or official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(8) That the Officials are authorized to exercise all powers conferred by Section 3-20e of the Connecticut General Statutes and to make representations and enter into written continuing disclosure agreements pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws of rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.

(9) That the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to execute any contracts with engineers, contractors, architects and other persons for the Project, to apply for and accept local, state and federal grants to finance the appropriation for the Project, and to execute and file any grant application or enter into any grant agreement or other obligations prescribed by the State of Connecticut or any other granting entity.

(10) That the Officials and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other actions which are necessary or desirable to complete the Project consistent with the foregoing and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

(11) That this resolution shall become effective after approval at referendum vote.

*FURTHER RESOLVED*, that, should the Board of Finance approve the foregoing resolution for the appropriation of funds for the Project and the issuance of bonds and notes to finance such appropriation as recommended above, the Board hereby calls a Special Town Meeting of the Town to be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at the Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Connecticut, at 8:00 p.m., and submits the following resolution to the electors and citizens eligible to vote at town meetings of the Town for their approval or disapproval, at said town meeting, the notice of such meeting to be published as required by the Connecticut General Statutes:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $10,000,000.00 FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $10,000,000.00, OR SO

MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR.

*FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the Board, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, hereby removes the aforesaid resolution on the call of the Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters for a "yes" or "no" vote by voting machine to be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, during the hours from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Connecticut, in the manner provided by the Connecticut General Statutes, and that the Town Clerk be directed to post and publish notice of such referendum in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes, which notice shall state the question to be voted on as follows:

"Shall the resolution entitled, 'RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $10,000,000.00 FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $10,000,000.00, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR', be approved?
Yes _____ No _____"

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

"Shall the Town of East Haddam appropriate $10,000,000.00 for road improvements and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?
Yes _____ No _____"

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

*FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the Board hereby authorizes the preparation and printing of explanatory text in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes for the question to be voted upon approved hereby. Subject to the approval of the Town Attorney, the Board further authorizes the preparation and printing of materials concerning the question to be voted upon approved hereby in addition to the explanatory text in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Unanimous aye.

B. Resolution Authorizing an Appropriation of $2,387,750.00 for Road Culvert Replacement Work Associated with Beebe Road and AP Gates Road and the Financing of Said Appropriation by the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the Town and Notes in Anticipation of Such Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed $2,387,750.00, or So

Much As May be Necessary After Deducting Grants Therefor, As Well As Establishing a Date for a Referendum: Ms. Haines presented the resolution to move the road culvert replacement work associated with Beebe Road and AP Gates Road to the Board of Finance, Town Meeting and Referendum.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to adopt the following resolution:

**TOWN OF EAST HADDAM**
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $2,387,750.00 FOR ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT WORK ASSOCIATED WITH BEEBE ROAD AND AP GATES ROAD AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2,387,750.00, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR, AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR REFERENDUM**

*RESOLVED*, that the Board of Selectmen (the "Board") of the Town of East Haddam (the "Town") hereby adopts, and recommends to the Board of Finance with respect to, the following:

(1) That the Town appropriate the sum of $2,387,750.00 for costs related to the acquisition, replacement, installation, repair, restoration and/or construction of culverts, wing walls, return walls, cut-off walls, roadside barriers and other drainage improvement associated with Beebe Road and AP Gates Road, including any pavement work, temporary bridge work and relocation of underground utilities related thereto, all of the above with such changes as the Board may approve (the "Project"). The appropriation may be spent for design, planning and construction costs, equipment, materials, site improvements, the preparation of schematic drawings, plans and specifications, bid documents, grant applications, reports and studies, informational materials and other preliminary materials, architects' fees, engineering fees, design fees, permit fees, legal and other consultant fees, insurance, bidding expenses, construction administration expenses, construction inspection expenses, advertising and printing expenses, capitalized interest, costs of issuance, financing costs, and other expenses related to the Project or its financing. The Board is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the Project. The Board may reduce or modify the scope of the Project, and the entire appropriation authorized hereby may be spent on the Project as so reduced or modified.

(2) That to finance said appropriation for the Project, the Town issue general obligation bonds and/or notes pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended (the "Connecticut General Statutes"), or any other applicable provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed $2,387,750.00 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds received by the Town for the Project).

(3) That the Town issue and renew notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the Project or the receipt of grants for the Project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed $2,387,750.00. The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

(4) That the First Selectman, or a majority of the Board, and the Treasurer (the "Officials") be authorized to sign any bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures and to determine the amounts, the rates of interest, the dates, maturities, dates of principal and interest payments on such bonds and notes, the form of such bonds and notes, the provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the holders of such bonds and notes and all other terms, conditions and particular matters regarding the sale, issuance and securing of such bonds and notes and to execute, sell and deliver the same, and provide all supporting documentation as may be necessary or desirable to accomplish such purposes and to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 ("Rule 15c2-12"), and in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other act of the General Assembly thereto enabling. The bonds and notes authorized hereby shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the full faith and credit of the Town.

(5) That the Officials are hereby authorized to designate a bank or trust company to be the certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for such bonds and notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a municipal advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; that the law firm of Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C., Hartford, Connecticut, is designated as the attorneys at law to render an opinion approving the legality of such issue or issues.

(6) That the Officials are authorized to sell the bonds or notes at a public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes. If the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the Officials are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(7) That the Town reasonably expects to incur expenditures (the "Expenditures") in connection with the Project described above. The Town reasonably expects to reimburse itself for the cost of the Expenditures with the proceeds of general obligation bonds and notes of the Town described above. The maximum principal amount of such debt (both bonds and notes) is not expected to exceed $2,387,750.00. This declaration of official intent is a declaration of official intent made pursuant to Federal

Income Tax Regulations Section 1.150-2. The Officials are authorized to amend such declaration or official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(8) That the Officials are authorized to exercise all powers conferred by Section 3-20e of the Connecticut General Statutes and to make representations and enter into written continuing disclosure agreements pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws of rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.

(9) That the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to execute any contracts with engineers, contractors, architects and other persons for the Project, to apply for and accept local, state and federal grants to finance the appropriation for the Project, and to execute and file any grant application or enter into any grant agreement or other obligations prescribed by the State of Connecticut or any other granting entity.

(10) That the Officials and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other actions which are necessary or desirable to complete the Project consistent with the foregoing and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

(11) That this resolution shall become effective after approval at referendum vote.

*FURTHER RESOLVED*, that, should the Board of Finance approve the foregoing resolution for the appropriation of funds for the Project and the issuance of bonds and notes to finance such appropriation as recommended above, the Board hereby calls a Special Town Meeting of the Town to be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at the Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Connecticut, at 8:00 p.m., and submits the following resolution to the electors and citizens eligible to vote at town meetings of the Town for their approval or disapproval, at said Town Meeting, the notice of such meeting to be published as required by the Connecticut General Statutes:

> RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $2,387,750.00 FOR ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT WORK ASSOCIATED WITH BEEBE ROAD AND AP GATES ROAD AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2,387,750.00, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR.

*FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the Board, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, hereby removes the aforesaid resolution on the call of the Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters for a "yes" or "no" vote by voting machine to be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, during the hours from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Connecticut, in the manner provided by the Connecticut General Statutes, and that the Town Clerk be directed to post and publish notice of such referendum in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes, which notice shall state the question to be voted on as follows:

> "Shall the resolution entitled, 'RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $2,387,750.00 FOR ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT WORK ASSOCIATED WITH BEEBE ROAD AND AP GATES ROAD AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2,387,750.00, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR', be approved?
> Yes _____ No _____"

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

> "Shall the Town of East Haddam appropriate $2,387,750 for road culvert replacement work associated with Beebe Road and AP Gates Road and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?
> Yes _____ No _____"

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

*FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the Board hereby authorizes the preparation and printing of explanatory text in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes for the question to be voted upon approved hereby. Subject to the approval of the Town Attorney, the Board further authorizes the preparation and printing of materials concerning the question to be voted upon approved hereby in addition to the explanatory text in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Unanimous aye.

C. Resolution Authorizing an Appropriation of $3.4M for the Purchase of Fire Apparatus and the Financing of Said Appropriation by the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the Town and Notes in Anticipation of Such Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed $3.4M, or So Much as May be Necessary After Deducting Grants Therefor, As Well As

Establishing a Date for a Referendum: Ms. Haines presented the resolution to move the fire apparatus replacement project to the Board of Finance, Town Meeting and Referendum.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Mr. Dill, to adopt the following resolution:

**TOWN OF EAST HADDAM**
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $3,400,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE APPARATUS AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $3,400,000.00, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR, AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR REFERENDUM**

*RESOLVED*, that the Board of Selectmen (the "Board") of the Town of East Haddam (the "Town") hereby adopts, and recommends to the Board of Finance with respect to, the following:

(1) That the Town appropriate the sum of $3,400,000.00 for the cost of purchasing two (2) fire apparatus (the "Project"). The appropriation may be spent for the preparation of grant applications, reports and studies, informational materials and other preliminary materials, permit fees, legal fees, capitalized interest, costs of issuance, financing costs, and other expenses related to the Project or its financing. The Board is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the Project. The Board may reduce or modify the scope of the Project, and the entire appropriation authorized hereby may be spent on the Project as so reduced or modified.

(2) That to finance said appropriation for the Project, the Town issue general obligation bonds and/or notes pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended (the "Connecticut General Statutes"), or any other applicable provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed $3,400,000.00 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds received by the Town for the Project).

(3) That the Town issue and renew notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the Project or the receipt of grants for the Project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed $3,400,000.00. The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

(4) That the First Selectman, or a majority of the Board, and the Treasurer (the "Officials") be authorized to sign any bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures and to determine the amounts, the rates of interest, the dates, maturities, dates of principal and interest payments on such bonds and notes, the form of such bonds and notes, the provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the holders of such bonds and notes and all other terms, conditions and particular matters regarding the sale, issuance and securing of such bonds and notes and to execute, sell and deliver the same, and provide all supporting documentation as may be necessary or desirable to accomplish such purposes and to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 ("Rule 15c2-12"), and in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other act of the General Assembly thereto enabling. The bonds and notes authorized hereby shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the full faith and credit of the Town.

(5) That the Officials are hereby authorized to designate a bank or trust company to be the certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for such bonds and notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a municipal advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; that the law firm of Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C., Hartford, Connecticut, is designated as the attorneys at law to render an opinion approving the legality of such issue or issues.

(6) That the Officials are authorized to sell the bonds or notes at a public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes. If the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the Officials are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(7) That the Town reasonably expects to incur expenditures (the "Expenditures") in connection with the Project described above. The Town reasonably expects to reimburse itself for the cost of the Expenditures with the proceeds of general obligation bonds and notes of the Town described above. The maximum principal amount of such debt (both bonds and notes) is not expected to exceed $3,400,000.00. This declaration of official intent is a declaration of official intent made pursuant to Federal Income Tax Regulations Section 1.150-2. The Officials are authorized to amend such declaration or official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(8) That the Officials are authorized to exercise all powers conferred by Section 3-20e of the Connecticut General Statutes and to make representations and enter into

written continuing disclosure agreements pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws of rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.

(9) That the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to execute any contracts with engineers, contractors, architects and other persons for the Project, to apply for and accept local, state and federal grants to finance the appropriation for the Project, and to execute and file any grant application or enter into any grant agreement or other obligations prescribed by the State of Connecticut or any other granting entity.

(10) That the Officials and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other actions which are necessary or desirable to complete the Project consistent with the foregoing and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

(11) That this resolution shall become effective after approval at referendum vote.

*FURTHER RESOLVED*, that, should the Board of Finance approve the foregoing resolution for the appropriation of funds for the Project and the issuance of bonds and notes to finance such appropriation as recommended above, the Board hereby calls a Special Town Meeting of the Town to be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at the Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Connecticut, at 8:00 p.m., and submits the following resolution to the electors and citizens eligible to vote at Town Meetings of the Town for their approval or disapproval, at said town meeting, the notice of such meeting to be published as required by the Connecticut General Statutes:

> RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $3,400,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE APPARATUS AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $3,400,000.00, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR.

*FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the Board, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, hereby removes the aforesaid resolution on the call of the Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters for a “yes” or “no” vote by voting machine to be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, during the hours from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Connecticut, in the manner provided by the Connecticut General Statutes, and that the Town Clerk be directed to post and publish notice of such referendum in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes, which notice shall state the question to be voted on as follows:

"Shall the resolution entitled, 'RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $3,400,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE APPARATUS AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $3,400,000.00, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR', be approved?
Yes _____ No _____"

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

"Shall the Town of East Haddam appropriate $3,400,000.00 for the purchase of fire apparatus and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?
Yes _____ No _____"

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

*FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the Board hereby authorizes the preparation and printing of explanatory text in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes for the question to be voted upon approved hereby. Subject to the approval of the Town Attorney, the Board further authorizes the preparation and printing of materials concerning the question to be voted upon approved hereby in addition to the explanatory text in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

In response to a question raised by Ms. Bourgoin, Ms. Haines confirmed that the purpose of the funding is for fire vehicles. Unanimous aye.

D. Call for Town Meeting: Ms. Haines advised that a petition was received seeking a special Town Meeting for the purpose of voting on a proposed amendment to Article II of the Town's Boating Ordinance. She stated that the petition appears to be in legal order and the Selectmen must warn the meeting and they have no discretion to refuse.

In response to a question from Mr. Dill, Ms. Haines advised that a Town Meeting is required whenever the Town is in receipt of a petition that meets legal requirements.

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 Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 8:00pm for the following purposes, to wit:

**Item 1:** To consider and act upon the following question as petitioned by electors of the Town of East Haddam qualified to vote at a Town Meeting.

Shall the Town of East Haddam amend Article II of its Boating Ordinance to adopt an amendment banning wake boating at Bashan Lake and the Moodus Reservoir, as follows:

**§ 171-6. Water skiing.**

**(b) On the waters of Bashan Lake and/or Moodus Reservoir, the following additional rules shall apply:**

**1, No person shall use any device or method intended to increase or enhance the wake of a motorboat that is underway.**

**2. No person shall surf on the waters of Bashan Lake and/or Moodus Reservoir.**

**3. No person shall operate any motorboat in such a manner as to allow a person to wake surf on the waters of Bashan Lake and/or Moodus Reservoir.**

**4. For the purposes of this section the term "wake surf" means to surf the wake or attempt to surf the wake created by a motorboat while connected to, or disconnected from, said motorboat. The term "motorboat" shall mean the same as in Connecticut General Statute Section 15-127.**

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

Unanimous aye.

Ms. Haines stated that she supported the right for all citizens, including the minority, to have a voice in the Town's government. She noted further that the Board of Selectmen, as the officials elected to represent the interests of all of the Town's citizens, were doing their due diligence in the matter of pursuing a decision on drafting an ordinance related to wake surfing and, she believed, they were moving in the direction of drafting such an ordinance. Consequently, Ms. Haines stated that she felt it was not necessary to petition the Town for a wake surfing ordinance and she expressed her frustration that the work of the Board of Selectmen had been stifled. She thanked the Board for their work on this matter.

E. Beer & Wine Request – Rathbun Library – Art Show: Ms. Haines called the Selectmen's attention to an email from Evelyn Morgen in their meeting packets, dated July 29, 2025, advising that the Rathbun Library is hosting an art show opening on Friday, September 5, 2025 and would like to serve beer and wine.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Mr. Dill, to approve beer and wine service at the Rathbun Library for the "Art Show Opening" on Friday, September 5, 2025. Unanimous aye.

F. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (GATEWAY, CC, EC)

**Connecticut River Gateway Commission**

Ms. Haines called the Selectmen's attention to correspondence in their meeting packets regarding changes to the East Haddam membership on the Connecticut River Gateway Commission.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to appoint Deborah Langdon as the regular member to fill a two-year term to expire June 30, 2026 on the Connecticut River Gateway Commission. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to appoint Phil Barlow as an alternate member to fill a two-year term to expire June 30, 2026 on the Connecticut River Gateway Commission. Unanimous aye.

Ms. Haines noted that the correspondence also states that Crary Brownell did not wish to be reappointed to the Gateway Commission. The Board thanked him for his time representing East Haddam on the Commission.

**Conservation Commission**

Ms. Haines called the Selectmen's attention to correspondence in their meeting packets advising of membership changes on the Conservation Commission.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Mr. Dill, to reappoint Cameron Beard, Joseph Sina and John Olin as regular members for two-year terms to expire June 30, 2026 on the Conservation Commission. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Mr. Dill, to reappoint Susan Pagnano and Bernard Gillis as regular members and David Walls as an alternate member for two-year terms to expire June 30, 2027 on the Conservation Commission. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Mr. Dill, to appoint Patrick Capel as an alternate member to fill a vacancy with a term to expire June 30, 2027 on the Conservation Commission. Unanimous aye.

**Ethics Commission**

Ms. Haines called the Selectmen's attention to an email from Ethics Commission Chairman Kevin Staehly stating that at the Commission's August 4th meeting they voted to recommend appointment of Jayne Thomas to the vacant position on the Ethics Commission.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Mr. Dill, to appoint Jayne Thomas to the vacant three-year term as a member of the Ethics Commission with a term to expire June 30, 2028. Unanimous aye.

Ms. Haines noted that the correspondence notes that Valerie Almada does not wish to be reappointed. The Board thanked Ms. Almada for her time on the committee.

G. Tax Refunds: There were no tax refunds considered at the meeting.

9. Selectmen's Discussion

A. Liaison's Reports: There were no liaison's reports given at the meeting.

B. Other

1. Executive Session – Firefighter Collective Bargaining Agreement Revision and Extension Discussion:

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to enter into executive session at 9:00 a.m. to discuss revisions and extension to the East Haddam Firefighters' Union (UPPFA, IAFF, LOCAL 3831) Collective Bargaining Agreement and to invite Linda Zemienieski into this session. Unanimous aye.

Selectmen returned to regular session at 9:07 a.m.

2. Vote on Firefighter Collective Bargaining Agreement Revision and Extension

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to accept the revisions and extension to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of East Haddam and the East Haddam Firefighters' Union (UPPFA, IAFF, LOCAL 3831) for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028. Unanimous aye.

10. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Mr. Dill, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m. .

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Respectfully submitted,
Erik Dill, Secretary