Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
August 20, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

1. Selectman Dill called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Dill noted that First Selectman Haines is attending via Zoom.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of August 4, 2025 and Regular Meeting of August 6, 2025

   Mr. Dill called the Board's attention to draft minutes in their meeting packets.

   Motion made by Ms. Haines, seconded by Mr. Dill, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 4, 2025 as written. Unanimous aye.

   Motion made by Ms. Haines, seconded by Mr. Dill, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 6, 2025 as written. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence

   A. Patron Compliment – East Haddam Free Public Library: Mr. Dill called the Board's attention to an email in their meeting packets from Library Director Morgen advising that she had received a text from a patron complimenting Joe Riley, Branch Manager of the Moodus Library. Ms. Haines thanked Mr. Riley for his good work.

5. First Selectmen's Report: Ms. Haines noted that she is traveling out-of-state and, consequently, the First Selectmen's Report was postponed.

6. Public Comment

   Ms. Zemienieski reported that an email had been received from Raymond Swol. Mr. Dill read Mr. Swol's comments which expressed his concern with the "*money that has been given EHAA*". Mr. Swol advised that he had been contacted by one of EHAA's vendors about

overdue, unpaid invoices. Mr. Swol questioned the standards of EHAA's financials and asked if the Association has provided the third-party audit requested by one of the OEMS court officers.

Ms. Haines stated that she would research whether or not the audit had been provided and inform Mr. Swol of her findings.

7. Unfinished Business

   A. Bashan Lake/Moodus Reservoir – Wake Surfing Potential Ordinance Discussion: Mr. Dill advised that a proposed ordinance regarding this agenda item will be considered and voted on at a Town Meeting this evening. Ms. Bourgoin stated that she is aware of a lot of misinformation about this issue that is circulating among the community. She emphasized that tonight's Town Meeting and vote on the proposed wake surfing ordinance was not a result of any direct action taken by the Board of Selectmen; rather, it is being driven by a citizens' petition. She noted that statutes require that any lawful petition must be presented at a Town Meeting within 30 days of it being delivered to the Town.

8. New Business

   A. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (RA): Mr. Dill called the Board's attention to a portion of the minutes from the last Redevelopment Agency meeting noting the recommendations made for reappointments to the Agency. He stated that these reappointments will need to be ratified at Town Meeting.

      Motion made by Ms. Haines, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, 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 reappoints William DiCristofaro and Andrew Lord, electors of the Town of East Haddam, to the Town of East Haddam Redevelopment Agency, to serve for 5 year terms expiring August 31, 2030, and subject to approval of a Town Meeting to be held on September 3, 2025. Unanimous aye.

   B. Call for Town Meeting: Mr. Dill advised that items approved at previous Board of Selectmen meetings, which include the three bonding projects, need to be moved forward to a Town Meeting and Referendum.

      Motion made by Ms. Haines, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, 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, September 3, 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 Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of $1,000.00 from the M. Jones Family Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County for the purpose of supporting summer 2025 camp programs (revenue account 28045-44709-R1099 and expense account 28045033-56900-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 $5,000.00 from the Ellen D'Oench Fund and Whelen Family Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County for the purpose of supporting summer 2025 camp programs (revenue account 28045-44709-R1099 and expense account 28045033-56900-R1099).

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 reappoints William DiCristofaro and Andrew Lord, electors of the Town of East Haddam, to the Town of East Haddam Redevelopment Agency, to serve for 5 year terms expiring August 31, 2030, and subject to approval of a Town Meeting.

Item 4: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to adopt the following resolution:

> Whereas, the Town of East Haddam has applied for and received a grant, for financial assistance under the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program (OSWA), established and administered by the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") pursuant to Section 7-131d of the Connecticut General Statutes.
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> RESOLVED, that Irene M. Haines, First Selectmen of the Town of East Haddam, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of East Haddam an Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Agreement and a Conservation and Public Recreation Easement and Agreement for property known as Hayward Property (OSWA#608) with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and to manage said land as open space land pursuant to Section 7-131d of the Connecticut General Statutes.
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> BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, that Irene M. Haines, was elected as First Selectman on November 2, 2021, and her term of office began on November 3, 2021 and will

continue until November 17, 2025. As the First Selectmen, Irene M. Haines serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town of East Haddam and is duly authorized to enter into agreements and contracts on behalf of the Town of East Haddam.

Item 5: To consider and discuss (but not vote on) the following resolutions:

I. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $10,000,000 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 EXCEEED $10,000,000, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR

II. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $2,387,750 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 EXCEEED $2,387,750, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR

III. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $3,400,000 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 EXCEEED $3,400,000, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS THEREFOR

The full text of the foregoing authorizing resolutions are on file and open to inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Municipal Office Complex, Moodus, Connecticut, for the use or inspection of any interested person.

All electors and persons eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town are hereby further notified that pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Board of Selectmen of the Town has removed the above items on the call of this Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters for vote by voting machine. The questions to be voted upon are as follows:

I. “Shall the resolution entitled, ‘RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $10,000,000 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 EXCEEED $10,000,000, 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 for road improvements and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?
Yes _____ No _____"

II. "Shall the resolution entitled, 'RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $2,387,750 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 EXCEEED $2,387,750, 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 _____"

III. "Shall the resolution entitled, 'RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF $3,400,000 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 EXCEEED $3,400,000, 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 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 vote will be conducted 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. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office. Voters approving one or more of the resolutions will vote "Yes" and voters opposing one or more of the resolutions will vote "No".

Item 6: To consider and vote upon a resolution to adjourn the special town meeting to a vote by voting machine on the above questions regarding item 5 to be held on the date, during the time and at the noticed polling place referred to above.

Unanimous aye.

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

9. Selectmen's Discussion

A. Liaison's Reports: Ms. Bourgoin reported that the Sustainability Committee had completed all data needed for their Gold certification. She stated that they expect to know in September whether or not their application has been accepted and approved.

B. Other: There were no other items discussed by the Selectmen.

10. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Ms. Haines, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. .

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Respectfully submitted,
Erik Dill, Secretary