Special Town Meeting
August 20, 2025

Town Clerk, Kathleen Klinck called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:07 pm in the Municipal Office Complex, Gymnasium, 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Ct. Approximately three hundred (300) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Crary Brownell motioned to nominate Kathleen Klinck Moderator, Peter Govert seconded the motion. Other nominations were solicited, none were offered. Melissa Ziobron motioned to close nominations, Ed Gubbins 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. Robert Casner motioned to accept the call as presented, Tanya Bourgoin provided the second. There being no discussion, the motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #1. Crary Brownell motioned, Roberta Denya provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the following question as petitioned by electors of the Town of East Haddam qualified to vote at a Town Meeting.

Item #1 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.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. Scott Jezek motioned, John Gowac provided the second to call the question. The motion passed by a hand count 240 yes and 16 no.

The vote was taken by a paper ballot. The vote passed with 202 yes and 49 no.

Steven Kuczynski, Jr motioned, Denise Dill provided the second to rescind the vote. The Moderator stated that a petition could be filed to rescind. The Moderator determined that this motion was out of order.

There being no further business the Moderator stated that this is all the business I have for this evening. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Klinck
Town Clerk