

Special Town Meeting
September 3, 2025

Town Clerk, Kathleen Klinck called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 pm in the Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Ct. Approximately eleven (11) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Melanie Kolek motioned to nominate Kathleen Klinck Moderator, Irene Haines seconded the motion. Other nominations were solicited, none were offered. Robert Kolek motioned to close nominations, Melanie Kolek 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, Todd Gelston provided the second. There being no discussion, the motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #1. William Barney motioned, Irene Haines provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the 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).

Opportunity for discussion was offered. There was none. The Moderator called for a vote on the motion authorizing the Board of Selectmen and the 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. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 2: William Barney motioned, Irene Haines provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled 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).

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Item #3. Melanie Kolek motioned, Robert Kolek provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the 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.

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The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #4. William Barney motioned, Robert Casner provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the 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.

RESOLVED, that Irene M. Haines, First Selectman 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.

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.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. Robert Casner asked what property is this and why do we need to do this. Irene Haines stated it is the Mullazi property and we need more specific language and more detailed resolutions for the grant. The Moderator called for a vote on the motion authorizing the Board of Selectman to adopt the following resolution.

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The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #5. William Barney motioned, Robert Casner provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled 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 EXCEED \$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 EXCEED \$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 EXCEED \$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 EXCEED \$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 _____"

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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 EXCEED \$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".

Opportunity for discussion was offered. Robert Casner asked what is the procedure for the \$10,000,000 and for how many years? Valerie Belles stated it is over four years. Irene Haines said these are similar to the open space grant. We will spend a certain amount over a certain amount of time. When the time comes it will go back to a town meeting to appropriate the funds. Valerie Belles stated there is Capital Project Saving Account that the Board of Finance uses so the mil rate won't spike. This is a permission to bond. The bonds will roll over up to \$10,000,000. There is a debt ceiling we operate under now. The obligation will stay somewhat level. When significant debt falls off in the next five to ten years projects will be funded. Linda Zemienieski stated that all three projects will be funded differently. Todd Gelston asked if there is something we can do to inform the public on how bonding and debt service works?

Item #6. William Barney motioned, Robert Casner provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled 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.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. There was none. The Moderator called for a vote on the motion adjourning the special town meeting to a vote by voting machine on the above questions regarding item 5. The motion passed unanimously.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Klinck
Town Clerk