

Annual Town Meeting
December 27, 2007

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Annual Town meeting to order at 8:00 pm at the Grange Hall, Town Street, East Haddam. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Laurie Alt motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Pete Govert seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, the motion appointing Deb Denette as Moderator carried unanimously via voice vote.

The moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct.

Deb Denette reviewed the call of the meeting. Laurie Alt motioned to amend the call inserting the following in place of item 8:

To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the *Registrar of Voters* and the Board of Selectmen:

RESOLVED, that the Town Meeting hereby establish *the current middle school gymnasium at 1 Plains Road, Route 151, Moodus* as the location of the polling place for all elections held subsequent to this date, and hereby repeals any prior ordinance or resolution establishing a different location.

Judy Fiala seconded the motion amending the call. Opportunity for discussion on the amendment was offered, none was held.

The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment to the call. The motion amending the call carried unanimously via voice vote. The Moderator requested a motion accepting the call as amended. Upon a motion made by Laurie Alt and duly seconded the call of the meeting was approved as amended via a unanimous voice vote.

Item 1: Laurie Alt motioned and Jim Ventres seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. Opportunity for discussion was offered, none was held. The Moderator called for a vote accepting the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 2: Pete Govert motioned, Laurie Alt seconded that the legislative body herein assembled authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all necessary agreements with the Transportation Commissioner of the State of Connecticut for the receipt of State Aid for town highways in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. Opportunity for discussion was given, none was held. The motion authorizing the Board of Selectmen to enter into all necessary agreements with the Transportation Commissioner of the State of Connecticut for the receipt of State Aid for town highways in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 3: Pete Govert motioned, Jim Ventres seconded, that the legislative body herein assembled approve the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That this town meeting accept, the following conveyances:

1. A certain Conservation Easement and Restriction granted by ROBERT J. BRAVERMAN and CLAIRE M. BRAVERMAN to the TOWN OF EAST HADDAM, affecting certain property described on a certain map entitled "Record Subdivision Map Land Now or Formerly of Robert J. Braverman and Claire M. Braverman, Bogue Lane and Shanaghan Road Tax Map 29 Lot 1 East Haddam, Connecticut Date: February 6, 2007 Scale 1"=40' Revised 6/01/07 Added Cons. Easement Annino Survey, LLC, Deep River, Connecticut, said map being on file in the Land Records of Town of East Haddam, and that the First Selectman is hereby authorized to execute into such Conservation Easement and Restriction on behalf of the Town.

2. A certain Drainage Easement granted by ROBERT J. BRAVERMAN and CLAIRE M. BRAVERMAN to the TOWN OF EAST HADDAM, as shown on the survey map referenced herein.

3. A certain Warranty Deed granted by ROBERT J. BRAVERMAN and CLAIRE M. BRAVERMAN to the TOWN OF EAST HADDAM, of property for Open Space purposes, as shown on the survey map referenced herein.

4. A certain Warranty Deed granted by ROBERT J. BRAVERMAN and CLAIRE M. BRAVERMAN to the TOWN OF EAST HADDAM, of property for highway purposes, as shown on the survey map referenced herein.

Mr. Ventres noted that the property was part of a recently approved subdivision and that the property allows access to wetlands and a drainage easement area. Mr. Ventres made a brief presentation that explained what the Town would be acquiring. No questions were asked. The Moderator called for a vote on item 3. Said item 3 carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 4: Emmett Lyman motioned, Pete Govert seconded that the legislative body herein assembled adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That this town meeting pursuant to the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Selectmen, hereby authorizes the acceptance of two certain conveyances, one from PARR INDUSTRIAL, LLC and one from MATTHEWS DRIVE INDUSTRIAL, LLC which, when taken together, convey the remaining portion of Matthews Drive to the Town of East Haddam. The property being conveyed to the Town are shown and described on a certain survey entitled "Survey Plan Showing Parcels to be Conveyed to the Town of East Haddam, Matthews Drive, East Haddam, Connecticut, Date: November 16, 1999, Prepared by Angus McDonald/Gary Sharpe & Associates, Inc." said map being of file with the Town Clerk of East Haddam. Mr. Ventres briefly explained what the acquisition entailed, specifically the end of the cul-de-sac property. No additional comments or questions were posed. The Moderator called for a vote on the resolution authorizing the acceptance of two certain conveyances, one from Parr Industrial LLC and one from Matthews Drive Industrial, LLC. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 5: Pete Govert motioned, Jim Ventres seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Maus and Son, Inc, through the 2007 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act, and to appropriate said funds to line #786 Reserve for Open Space Acquisition. Opportunity for discussion offered, none was held. The Moderator called for a vote accepting a \$500 donation from Maus and Son, Inc. and to appropriate said funds to line #786 Reserve for Open Space Acquisition. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 6: Emmett Lyman motioned, Mark Walter seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Town Meeting hereby appropriates the sum of \$500,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance, as recommended by the Board of Finance, for the acquisition of certain property described herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Meeting hereby authorizes the Board of Selectmen to acquire for open space purposes the following parcel of land from Charles Sabine and Louis Ferrari, or current owner all that real property known generally as a parcel Daniel Peck Road, East Haddam, Connecticut and shown as Lot # 31 on East Haddam Assessor's Map # 59, together with any improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto, (collectively known as the "premises") and all as more particularly bounded and described in Schedule A to the contract between the Town of East Haddam, Buyer, and Charles Sabine and Louis Ferrari, Sellers, dated December, 2007 a copy of which is on file with the office of the town clerk, and be it further

RESOLVED, that funds appropriated pursuant to paragraph 1 to be replaced in the Undesignated Fund Balance by appropriate bond funds when available.

Mr. Ventres displayed maps and photographs of the 70.7 acre parcel that is contiguous with other protected parcels. Opportunity for questions was offered, none were asked. The Moderator called for a vote authorizing the acquisition of the Sabine Property (so-called) identified herein. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 7: Mark Walter motioned, Emmett Lyman seconded that the Legislative Body herein assembled accept a grant in the amount of \$20,400.00 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, entitled "FY 2007/2008 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program". Opportunity for discussion was offered, none was held. The Moderator called for a vote accepting the FY 2007/2008 comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program grant. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 8: Laurie Alt motioned, Judy Fiala seconded that the Legislative Body herein assembled enact the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town Meeting hereby establish the location of the current Middle School, 1 Plains Road, Route 151 for all elections held subsequent to this date, and hereby repeals any prior ordinance or resolution establishing a different location.

Ms. Alt motioned to amend the resolution contingent upon Board of Education approval. Mr. Govert seconded the motion. The Moderator called for discussion on the amendment. Ms. Alt stated that Dr. Solek was amenable to the change, however, the Board of Education will not meet to take formal action authorizing the use of the school until January 8, 2008. Ms. Alt also noted the statutory time limitations involved with changing a polling location. There being no additional discussion, the Moderator called for a vote accepting the amendment. The amendment carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator allowed opportunity for additional discussion on the motion changing the location of the polling place for all elections. None was held. The Moderator called for a vote amending the polling place for all elections to the current Middle School contingent upon Board of Education approval, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Jim Ventres motioned to adjourn at 8:15 pm, Pete Govert seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Dated at East Haddam this 4th
day of January, 2008**

**Attest: Debra H. Denette
East Haddam Town Clerk**