

MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
HELD DECEMBER 21, 2015

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of East Hampton, Connecticut, was held at the East Hampton Middle School Commons, 19 Childs Road, in East Hampton, Connecticut, on Monday, December 21, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Jodi Brazal, Democratic Registrar of Voters, Lori Wilcox, Republican Registrar of Voters.

Mr. Robert McKinney was chosen as moderator of the meeting and Ms. Sandra Wieleba acted as clerk.

The Clerk read the notice for the meeting which was published in the Glastonbury Citizen (Rivereast) on December 4th and December 11th, 2015 and which is recorded in these records immediately preceding these minutes.

Mr. Marty Swan moved to accept the call of the meeting, seconded by Mr. Peter Freund. Moderator McKinney called for a vote and the call was accepted.

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Item 1.

The Moderator requested that the resolution prepared for this item be presented. Mrs. Patience Anderson presented the resolution.

Mr. Marty Swan moved to adopt the resolution **"RESOLVED to appropriate FIFTY SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$56,000) and purchase property known as 2 Bevin Boulevard. The appropriation shall be funded from the unassigned General Fund balance and the total amount shall be transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund. Any unspent amounts will be returned to the general fund and the appropriation may be spent on the cost of the purchase of the property and any legal fees or expenses associated with the acquisition of the property"**, seconded by Mr. George Coshow.

Moderator McKinney opened the meeting to discussion and comments.

Public Comment

Mr. Kyle Dostaler, 56 William Drive asked if the property was located in a Brownsfield area and the cost to remediate the property. He also asked how the property will be used after it is purchased.

Mr. Mike Maniscalco, Town Manager, responded to the questions and indicated that the property was located near the Center School. He further stated that the Center School would be renovated in the future and the property located at 2 Bevin Boulevard would be used for municipal purposes. He indicated that he could not address the question as to whether the property was in a Brownsfield area.

Ms. Cindy Abraham, 47 Clark Hill Road, did not support this purchase.

Ms. Mary Ann Dostaler, 56 William Drive, questioned the cost to remediate the property if contaminants were present.

Ms. Carla Sylvester, 38 North Maple Street, Chair of the Brownsfield Redevelopment Agency, stated that her committee was not asked to assist or report on this property. She stated that the site has lead in the soil but did not have adequate information in order to comment on remediation but would be available to assist the town in the future.

Mr. Sal Nucifora, 147 Colchester Avenue, asked if the property was located in a Brownsfield area. He commented on lawsuits against the town and the cost to the town. He indicated he supported this resolution.

Ms. Susan Weintraub, 25 Knowles Road, did not feel the town had a plan for using this property. She questioned why the Brownfield Redevelopment Agency was not involved and utilized as a resource.

No further discussion.

Moderator McKinney called for a voice vote on the motion to adopt the resolution as presented. The vote was too close to determine and a vote was taken by raised hands. Moderator McKinney asked Messrs. Jack Lanzi, Thomas Cordeiro and Dennis Wall to assist with counting the votes.

A member from the public mentioned that she heard paper ballots were being used tonight. Moderator McKinney indicated that the information concerning paper ballots being used was incorrect.

Yes 115

No 77

Item 2.

The Moderator requested that the resolution prepared for this item be presented. Ms. Melissa Engel presented the resolution.

RESOLVED, to appropriate EIGHT HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND EIGHTEEN DOLLARS (\$805,018) for costs in connection with the acquisition of a Pierce Aerial Ladder Truck and related equipment for use by the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department. The appropriation shall be funded from the following Capital Reserve Accounts: 1) \$50,000 (Fire Department Vehicle Sinking account); 2) \$37,626 (Fire Department Sinking Fund for Vehicle Repairs); and 3) \$717,392 (Debt Sinking Account). The appropriation may be spent for acquisition costs, equipment, and other expenses related to the project.”

Upon duly made and seconded, the resolution was approved.

Moderator McKinney opened the meeting to discussion and comments.

Public Comment

Mr. Dean Markham, 8 Huckleberry Acres, Vice Chairman of the Board of Finance, spoke in favor of this resolution and the dedication of the volunteer firefighters and the need to provide safe equipment. He did not support the method to fund this purchase and that the Board of Finance and Finance Director recommended a lease-purchase agreement. He hoped that the Town Council would reconsider the method to fund the purchase of the truck.

Mary Ann Dostaler, 56 William Drive, supported the Board of Finance and Finance Director's recommendation to fund this purchase through a lease-purchase agreement. She agreed with the comments by Mr. Markham.

Ms. Susan Weintraub, 25 Knowles Road, did not support the funding method. She also agreed with Mr. Markham's comments.

No further discussion.

Moderator McKinney called for a voice vote on the motion to adopt the resolution as presented.

Vote in the affirmative.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Moderator McKinney called for a vote. Vote in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra M. Wieleba, MM, CCTC, CMC
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$56,000 FOR
PURCHASE OF 2 BEVIN BOULEVARD AND AUTHORIZING A GENERAL FUND
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND ASSOCIATED FUNDED TRANSFER FOR
ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY

RESOLVED, that the Town Council recommends that the Town of East Hampton appropriate \$56,000.00 and purchase property known as 2 Bevin Boulevard ("the Property") and described as:

A certain piece or parcel of land with all buildings and improvements thereon, known commonly as 2 Bevin Boulevard in the Town of East Hampton, County of Middlesex and State of Connecticut; Assessment map 06A-62-1A; being more particularly described as follows:

Northerly: by Bevin Road, a factory road leading to Bevin Brothers Manufacturing Company; 72.5'+/-

Easterly: by property now or formerly of Artistic Wire Company; 190'+/-

Southerly: by Summit Street; 138'+/-; and

Westerly: by Bevin Boulevard; 207'+/-

Being the same premises as described in a deed recorded in Volume 440 page 952 of the East Hampton Land Records.

This recommendation is made based upon the conclusion that the finances of the Town of East Hampton will not be adversely impacted by the appropriation. The appropriation shall not be made until the real estate purchase is approved in accordance with requirements of the Charter.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council appropriate \$56,000.00 from unassigned General Fund balance to finance the appropriation and authorize a fund transfer amount of \$56,000.00 and that any unspent amounts be returned to the general fund and that the appropriation may be spent on the cost of the purchase of the Property and any legal fees or expenses associated with the acquisition of the Property.

Further, Town Council sets the Town Meeting date of December 21, 2015.

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$805,018 FOR
THE PURCHASE OF A PIERCE AERIAL LADDER TRUCK AND RELATED
EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE EAST HAMPTON VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT

RESOLVED,

To appropriate EIGHT HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND EIGHTEEN DOLLARS (\$805,018) for costs in connection with the acquisition of a Pierce Aerial Ladder Truck and related equipment for use by the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department. The appropriation shall be funded from the following Capital Reserve Account: 1) \$50,000 (Fire Department Vehicle Sinking account); 2) \$37,626 (Fire Department Sinking Fund for Vehicle Repairs); and 3) \$717,392 (Debt Sinking Account). The appropriation may be spent for acquisition costs, equipment, and other expenses related to the project.