

**TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SENIOR CENTER/MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL
AUGUST 8, 2018**

First Selectman Dan Jerram called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. He asked all present to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Selectman Jerram opened the floor to nominations for Moderator. Motion Rob Jerram, second Gordon Ross to nominate Alesia Kennerson for Moderator. Hearing no further nominations, First Selectman Jerram entertained a motion to close nominations. Motion John Burdick, second Noel Gauthier to close nominations. *Unanimously approved by voice vote.*

First Selectman Jerram called for a voice vote on the motion to elect Alesia Kennerson Moderator. *Unanimously approved.*

Moderator Alesia Kennerson stated that copies of the call of the meeting are available for the public and inquired if there is anyone present who needs a copy. (Attachment 1) Moderator Kennerson noted that there are public copies of the call of the meeting available for everyone to read and if there are no objections she will forego the reading of the call. No objections being heard, Moderator waived the reading of the call.

Moderator Kennerson read the Return of posting and Publication.

**RETURN OF POSTING AND PUBLICATION
OF NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

I, Daniel V. Jerram, First Selectman of the Town of New Hartford, Connecticut, hereby certify that I caused a copy of the foregoing Notice of the Special Town Meeting to be posted on the Town signpost on Thursday, August 2, 2018 and also published in the Republican-American, a newspaper published in Waterbury, Connecticut and having a general circulation in the Town of New Hartford, on Thursday, August 2, 2018.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2018.

ITEM NUMBER 1:

To take such action as the voters deem best with respect to (i) the acquisition from Michael D. Butler, Trustee of the Michael D. Butler Revocable Trust, of the Development Rights, as said term is defined in Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 22-26bb(d), in and to that certain piece or parcel of land located on the southeasterly side of Black Bridge Road in the Town of New Hartford, County of Litchfield and State of Connecticut and identified as "TOTAL RESTRICTED FARMLAND ACRES: 85.5 +/-ACRES" on a map entitled "Monumented Property Survey Plan Michael D. Butler, Trustee Total Acres Owned: 93.6 +/- Total Restricted Farmland Acres: 85.5+/- 45 Black Bridge Road New Hartford, CT Prepared for: State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture Farmland Preservation Program Date 10-28-16 Scale 1" = 100' 1/20/2017 Revised Restricted Farmland Easement Sheet V-1 & V-2" prepared by Lawrence R. Geissler, Jr., L.S. Lic. No. 12327, of Design Professionals, Inc., said acquisition to be made jointly with the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut Farmland Trust, Inc.; and (ii) the authorization of the New Hartford First Selectman to take any and all actions necessary or desirable to complete the acquisition of said Development Rights in accordance with the terms of this resolution. (Attachment 2) A copy of the above referenced map is on file and available for inspection at the Office of the New Hartford First Selectman, 530 Main Street, New Hartford, CT. (Attachment 3)

Moderator Kennerson announced that she would entertain a motion to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED TO ACQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF THE LAND SHOWN AS "TOTAL RESTRICTED FARMLAND ACRES: 85.5 +/-ACRES" ON A MAP ENTITLED "MONUMENTED PROPERTY SURVEY PLAN MICHAEL D. BUTLER, TRUSTEE TOTAL ACRES OWNED: 93.6 +/- TOTAL RESTRICTED FARMLAND ACRES: 85.5+/- 45 BLACK BRIDGE ROAD NEW HARTFORD, CT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE NEW HARTFORD FIRST SELECTMAN TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO COMPLETE THE ACQUISITION OF SAID DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS.

Motion Fran Stoffer, second Anne Hall to approve the Resolution.

Moderator Kennerson asked First Selectman Jerram if he would like to present any information regarding this transaction.

First Selectman Jerram explained that the acquisition of the development rights had been approved by the legislative body at Referendum and all the necessary steps had been taken to complete this transaction. He noted that the Open Space Preservation Commission recommended this acquisition to the Board of Selectmen in 2016. The Planning & Zoning Commission approved the acquisition under Section 8-24 at their meeting on January 11, 2017. The Board of Selectmen reaffirmed their support for this project at their January 23, 2018 regular meeting, and the project was presented to the Board of Finance on February 13, 2018 and received their conditional approval. The New Hartford Land Trust completed fundraising and turned over \$41,310 to the town to purchase the trail portion of the project and the Farmland Grant funds from Connecticut Farmland Trust in the amount of \$25,000 have been applied to balance due on the development rights. First Selectman Jerram notified the Board of Finance at their meeting on August 2, 2018 that all conditional funds have been received.

First Selectman Jerram indicated that the Deed to the State of Connecticut under Farmland Preservation is ready to be recorded. The Town has completed a title search. Copies of the survey are available. He noted that three additional provisions have been added as improvements on the walk path: 1) installation of approximately 1000 feet of fence to delineate the boundary between the trail and the residential and agricultural property, 2) placement of bollards at the trail entrance to prohibit vehicle access and 3) installation of three conduits under the trail to access the river for irrigation purposes. These provisions are normal items that are typically included with this type of a trail. The Town will install these items before the trail is open to the public.

Moderator asked if anyone had any questions or comments. Hearing none, she called for a vote by show of hands to approve the Resolution. *Unanimously approved.*

ITEM NUMBER 2 :

To take such action as the voters deem best with respect to (i) the acquisition from Michael D. Butler, Trustee of the Michael D. Butler Revocable Trust, of that certain piece or parcel of land consisting of 8.1+/- acres land located on the southeasterly

side of Black Bridge Road in the Town of New Hartford, County of Litchfield and State of Connecticut and shown as “PROPOSED WALK PATH (EXCLUDED FROM DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS)” on a map entitled “Monumented Property Survey Plan Michael D. Butler, Trustee Total Acres Owned: 93.6 +/- Total Restricted Farmland Acres: 85.5+/- 45 Black Bridge Road New Hartford, CT Prepared for: State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture Farmland Preservation Program Date 10-28-16 Scale 1” = 100’ 1/20/2017 Revised Restricted Farmland Easement Sheet V-1 & V-2” prepared by Lawrence R. Geissler, Jr., L.S. Lic. No. 12327, of Design Professionals, Inc., said acquisition to be made jointly with the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut Farmland Trust, Inc.; and (ii) the authorization of the New Hartford First Selectman to take any and all actions necessary or desirable to complete the acquisition of said parcel of land in accordance with the terms of this resolution. (Attachment 4) A copy of the above referenced map is on file and available for inspection at the Office of the New Hartford First Selectman, 530 Main Street, New Hartford, CT. (Attachment 3)

Moderator Kennerson announced that she would entertain a motion to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED TO ACQUIRE THE PARCEL OF LAND SHOWN AS “PROPOSED WALK PATH (EXCLUDED FROM DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS)” ON A MAP ENTITLED “MONUMENTED PROPERTY SURVEY PLAN MICHAEL D. BUTLER, TRUSTEE TOTAL ACRES OWNED: 93.6 +/- TOTAL RESTRICTED FARMLAND ACRES: 85.5+/- 45 BLACK BRIDGE ROAD NEW HARTFORD, CT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE NEW HARTFORD FIRST SELECTMAN TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO COMPLETE THE ACQUISITION OF SAID PARCEL OF LAND.

Motion Rusty Warner, second Penny Miller to approve the Resolution.

Moderator Kennerson asked First Selectman Jerram if he would like to present any information regarding this transaction. First Selectman Jerram noted that this is the second part of the transaction and he had previously highlighted the steps taken including review by Town Counsel.

First Selectman Jerram commented that this project has been 5 years in the making and he would like to recognize the members of the Open Space Preservation Commission, Michael and Denton Butler, and the New Hartford Land Trust for all

that went into making this happen. This is a wonderful amenity to be enjoyed for years. Thanks to all who worked to make this a reality.

Moderator asked if anyone had any questions or comments. Hearing none, she called for a voice vote to approve the Resolution. *Unanimously approved.*

ITEM NUMBER 3:

To take such action as the voters deem best with respect to the acceptance of Flanders Crossing as a public highway for the Town of New Hartford, County of Litchfield, and State of Connecticut; as shown on a certain map or plan entitled, "Subdivision Map Proposed Six-Lot Subdivision. Prepared for Sunlight Construction, Inc 205 Ramstein Road, New Hartford, Connecticut; Scale 1" = 50', Sept. 2007 and filed as map number 2131 in the Office of the New Hartford Town Clerk; A copy of the above referenced map is available for review in the Office of the First Selectman, 530 Main Street, New Hartford, CT. (Attachment 5)

Moderator Kennerson asked for a motion to approve the acceptance of Flanders Crossing as a public highway for the Town of New Hartford, County of Litchfield and State of Connecticut as shown on a certain map or plan entitled "Subdivision Map Proposed Six Lot Subdivision Prepared for Sunlight Construction Inc 205 Ramstein Road, New Hartford, Connecticut; Scale 1" = 50', Sept. 2007 and filed as Map Number 2131 in the office of the New Hartford Town Clerk.

Motion Gordon Ross, second Chris Wilber to approve the acceptance of Flanders Crossing as a public highway for the Town of New Hartford.

Moderator Kennerson asked First Selectman Dan Jerram if he would like to present any information regarding this roadway.

First Selectman Jerram shared that the Flanders Crossing subdivision began nine years ago and changes in State Statutes allowed the developer to drag out the development of the road. After P&Z called the bond, the work was completed by the developer and when trees were missing, funds were deducted from the bond to purchase and plant the missing trees. Planning & Zoning approved that the road could be accepted as a town road allowing residents to receive mail at their driveways and enabling the Town to assume responsibility for plowing.

Moderator Kennerson called for a voice vote on the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

ITEM NUMBER 4: To elect a representative to serve as a member of the Stanclift Cove Authority; term to expire June 30, 2019.

Moderator Kennerson asked for nominations for the election of a member to the Stanclift Cove Authority with the term to expire June 30, 2019.

Motion Penny Miller, second John Burdick to nominate Carissa Sherwood to serve on the Stanclift Cove Authority with the term to expire June 30, 2019.

Hearing no further nominations, Moderator Kennerson asked for a motion to close the nominations.

Motion Penny Miller, Second Mike Jerram to close nominations. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

Moderator Kennerson called for a voice vote to elect Carissa Sherwood as a member of the Stanclift Cove Authority. *Unanimously approved.*

ITEM NUMBER 5: To elect a representative to serve as a member of the Stanclift Cove Authority; term to expire June 30, 2020.

Moderator Kennerson asked for nominations for the election of a member to fill a vacancy on the Stanclift Cove Authority with the term to expire June 30, 2020.

Motion Penny Miller, second Mike Jerram to nominate Jennifer Choquette to serve on the Stanclift Cove Authority with the term to expire June 30, 2020.

Hearing no further nominations, Moderator Kennerson asked for a motion to close the nominations.

Motion Penny Miller, Second Mike Jerram to close nominations. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

Moderator Kennerson called for a voice vote to elect Jennifer Choquette as a member of the Stanclift Cove Authority. *Unanimously approved.*

Moderator Kennerson announced that having no other business to attend to at this Special Town Meeting, she would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Motion Denton Butler, second John Burdick to adjourn. *Unanimously approved.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

A True Copy

Attest: Donna N. LaPlante
Town Clerk