

**TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
December 12, 2013
New Hartford Town Hall
7:00PM**

First Selectman Dan Jerram called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. He opened the floor to nominations for Moderator. Motion Denton Butler, second Kate Rieger to nominate Reg Smith for Moderator. Hearing no other nominations, First Selectman Jerram called for a voice vote to elect Reg Smith Moderator. By unanimous vote, Reg Smith was elected Moderator.

Moderator Smith then proceeded to read the Call of the Meeting and the Return of Posting and Publication.

Moderator Smith called for a motion to move Item 1 of the Call of the Meeting to the floor. Motion Bob Howson, second Penny Miller.

1.To take such action as the voters deem best with respect to the acceptance of easements from Paul Follert and Vincent Follert Jr.; Kristine R. And Christopher J. Soltis; and Donna N. LaPlante and Daniel E. LaPlante on properties located on Old Steele Road as more particularly set forth in documents entitled Easement for Public Road Cul-de-Sac, copies of which are on file for inspection in the office of the New Hartford Town Clerk, 530 Main Street, New Hartford, CT 06057.

Moderator Smith asked First Selectman Dan Jerram to explain the purpose of these easements. Jerram explained that these easements (Attachment 1) allow the town to create and pave a Cul-de-Sac at the end of the public portion of Old Steele Road. Item 2 of the Call provides the town with an easement for the drainage on Old Steele Road that was also added as part of this project.

Motion Denton Butler, second Carlene Jerram to approve the acceptance of the easements. Moderator Smith called for a voice vote. Unanimously approved to accept Easements.

Moderator Smith called for a motion to move Item 2 of the Call of the Meeting to the floor. Motion Rob Jerram, second Roy Litchfield.

2.To take such action as the voters deem best with respect to the acceptance of a drainage easement from Donna N. LaPlante and Daniel E. LaPlante on property located on Stedman Road as more particularly set forth in Town of New Hartford, Connecticut Drainage Easement; a copy of which is on file for

inspection in the office of the New Hartford Town Clerk, 530 Main Street, New Hartford, CT 06057.

Motion Roy Litchfield, second Kate Rieger to approve the acceptance of the drainage easement (Attachment 2). Moderator Smith asked if there were any questions, and hearing none, called for a voice vote on the motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously to accept the drainage easement.

Moderator Smith called for a motion to move Item 3 of the call to the floor. Motion Kate Rieger, second Noel Gauthier.

3. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance, to take such action as the voters deem best with respect to the appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$367,643.00 for the purpose of purchasing and installing security equipment and improvements at the three (3) local school buildings; such equipment and improvements to be partially funded (51.07%) by a grant received by the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

David Rosengren asked if security experts reviewed the plan for renovation. Denton Butler responded that a CPTED review had been conducted by the architecture firm and the plan had also been reviewed by the Fire Marshal and Building Inspector and the Architectural Firm had signed off on the security aspects of the plan on the grant application.

David Rosengren asked if there was a written report from the security experts. Denton Butler responded that there was a written report of over 20 items that had been addressed by the Board of Education. Some of the items had already been implemented by the Board of Education and the report was approved by the state as part of the grant process.

Motion Penny Miller, second Bob Howson to approve the school security appropriation.

Moderator Smith noted that this appropriation had been approved earlier this evening by the Board of Finance (Attachment 3). The Board of Finance had originally approved an appropriation based on the estimate but because they believed it was important that the amount they approved matched the amount submitted for the grant, so they approved an amount of \$367,643.00 earlier this evening. Planning and Zoning has also approved the renovation under their 8-24 authority (Attachment 4).

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

4.To take such action as the voters deem best with respect to adopting an Ordinance Ratifying the Merger of Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials and Northwest Hills Council of Governments. A copy of the proposed Ordinance Ratifying the Merger of Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials and Northwest Hills Council of Governments is on file and available for inspection in the office of the New Hartford Town Clerk, 530 Main Street, New Hartford, CT 06057.

First Selectman Jerram explained that as the State of Connecticut moves to consolidate planning agencies, our regional planning agency will now be a 20 member district. Should we not adopt the ordinance ratifying the merger, we would loose the opportunity to receive regional state grants.

Motion Denton Butler, second Roy Litchfield to approve the Ordinance Ratifying the Merger of LHCEO and NWHCOG (Attachment 5). Moderator Smith called for a voice vote. Motion approved Unanimously.

Moderator Smith moved Item 5 of the call to the floor.

5.To take such action as the voters deem best with respect to the acceptance of a Charter Amendment to RRDD 1 as recommended by the Board of Directors; a copy of the proposed amendment is on file for inspection in the office of the New Hartford Town Clerk, 530 Main Street, New Hartford, CT 06057.

First Selectman Jerram explained that RRDD 1 currently has a cell tower on the site which is providing income for the District. They would like to be able to allow other revenue producing activities on the site, such as a solar array and this amendment would allow the District Board of Directors the flexibility they need.

Motion Roy Litchfield, second Kate Rieger to accept the Charter Amendment (Attachment 6).

Denton Butler asked if the towns have protection if this change results in a change in the site status and has an impact on the superfund.

First Selectman Jerram indicated we had three elected officials on the Board of RRDD who would look to protect the interests of the town. Denton indicated he would like to see protections in any contracts.

Rob Jerram asked if the District had any potential contracts and New Hartford Representative to RRDD#1 Brenda Schaufler said nothing was set up yet, but the Board wanted the ability to enter into contracts.

Moderator Smith called for a voice vote. Motion carried with 1 Nay vote and 1 abstention.

Moderator Smith called for a motion to adjourn. Motion Penny Miller, second Patricia Spaziani. Unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:22PM

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