Special Town Meeting
September 2, 2026

Town Clerk, Kathleen Klinck called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:22 pm in the Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Ct. Approximately ninety (90) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dan Roczniak motioned to nominate Kathleen Klinck Moderator, Michael Sewell seconded the motion. Other nominations were solicited, none were offered. Dan Roczniak motioned to close nominations, Michael Sewell 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. Michael Sewell motioned to accept the call as presented, Dan Roczniak provided the second. There being no discussion, the motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #1. Michael Sewell motioned, Anne Comer provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to approve an ordinance entitled "Article III Private Roads" and add to Chapter 285 Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance. Copies of said ordinance are on file in the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. First Selectman Todd Gelston explained the motion. Xenia Coulter offered an amendment, but the Moderator stated that this was a yes or no vote. She stated she was not against the ordinance. There being no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a vote by paper ballot. The motion carried by a vote of eighty (80) to two (2).

Item #2. Michael Sewell motioned, Jill Kelly 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 Edmund T. and Barbara S. Delaney Fund and Whelen Family Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County for the purpose of supporting summer 2026 camp programs (revenue account 28045-44709-R1099 and expense account 28045033-56900-R1099).

Opportunity for discussion was offered. First Selectman Todd Gelston explained the motion. There being no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a vote. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #3. Michael Sewell motioned, Jill Kelly provided the second that the legislative body herein consider and act upon the recommendation of 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 2026 camp programs (revenue account 28045-44709-R1099 and expense account 28045033-56900-R1099).

Opportunity for discussion was offered. First Selectman Todd Gelston explained the motion. There being no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a vote. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #4. Michael Sewell motioned, Tom Comer provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept grant in the amount of $750.00 from the Connecticut Humanities Council for the purpose of supporting America 250 celebrations (revenue account 33050-43000-G3902 and expense account 33055011-58820-G3902).

Opportunity for discussion was offered. First Selectman Todd Gelston explained the motion. There being no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a vote. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 5: Michael Sewell motioned, Tom Comer 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 gift in the amount of $500.00 from the Gelston House for the purpose of supporting America 250 celebrations (revenue account 33050-43000-G3902 and expense account 33055011-58820-G3902).

Opportunity for discussion was offered. First Selectman Todd Gelston explained the motion. There being no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a vote. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 6: Michael Sewell motioned, Tom Comer provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT AS A MEMBER

WHEREAS, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-273b, the Estuary Transit District ("ETD") was established in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-273b(e) provides that "the legislative body of any municipality may vote to establish a transit district or to join

with any one or more municipalities to form such a district. Any municipality may at any time be included in the district if the legislative body thereof so votes and if accepted by a majority vote of the directors of the transit district."; and **WHEREAS,** on February 14, 2025, the Board of Directors of the ETD moved to resolve and invite, among others, the Town of East Haddam to join ETD; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of East Haddam determined that it was in its best interests to join and become a member of the ETD; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM, that the Town of East Haddam hereby requests to join the ETD upon acceptance by a majority vote of the ETD Board of Directors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM, that upon such acceptance by a majority vote of the ETD Board of Directors that the Town of East Haddam shall become a member of the ETD in accordance with and pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-273b(e); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM, that First Selectman Todd Gelston is empowered to take any action necessary to effectuate the Town of East Haddam joining the ETD.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. First Selectman Todd Gelston explained the motion. There being no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a vote. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Klinck
Town Clerk