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MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2008

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Ellington, Connecticut was held at the Ellington Town Hall, 55 Main Street, Ellington, Connecticut, on Monday, December 15, 2008, at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time to discuss and vote upon the following:

To consider 2007-2008 year-end transfers and additional appropriations as follows:

a) to appropriate $229,513 ***from*** FY 2007-08 Unreserved General Fund Balance ***to*** the following accounts: Ellington Ambulance Corps - $8,793; Equipment Maintenance - $57,693; Town Road Aid-Winter - $80,890; Crystal Lake Water Monitor - $2,500; Debt Redemption-Principal - $75,150 and Debt Redemption-Interest - $4,487, as recommended by the Finance Officer and approved by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance.

b) to appropriate $162,514 ***from*** FY 2008-09 Unreserved-General Fund Balance ***to*** the FY 2008-09 Capital Non-recurring Fund following accounts: Town Hall Generator - $25,000; Town Hall Energy Replacement Windows - $26,000; Town Hall Front Door Replacement - $15,000 and the Old Crystal Lake School House Renovation Project - $96,514, as recommended by the Finance Officer and approved by Boards of Selectmen and Finance.

c) to increase prepaid grants and funds fully reimbursable for fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2007 and ending on June 30, 2008 and to appropriate the same to the Board of Education in a sum not to exceed $377,174. New allocation total is $955,574 ($578,400 approved at town meeting May 8, 2007 plus $377,174), as recommended by the Finance Officer and approved by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance.

First Selectman **Michael P. Stupinski** called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and asked for nominations for a moderator.

MOVED, **Ann Harford**, SECOND **Peter Charter** to nominate **Attorney Atherton B. Ryan** as moderator. All in favor. Motion carried

The Moderator read the warning into the minutes as it was published and posted.

Item A:
MOVED **Jonathan Allen** SECOND **Tom Adams** to approve item A as warned.

MOVED **Rick Neal** SECOND **Clayton Bannock** to divide item A into separate votes.
All in favor of voting on items separately. Motion carried.

Some discussion from residents regarding how the transfers and additional appropriations are arrived at. Board of Finance Chairman Robert Clements and members of the Board of Selectmen explained how the budget is balanced at the end of the year.

A-1. Ellington Ambulance Corps. -$8,793. Motion carried.
A-2. Equipment maintenance - $57,693. Motion carried.
A-3. Town Road Aid – Winter - $80,890. Motion carried.
A-4. Crystal Lake Water Monitor - $2,500. Motion carried.
A-5. Debt Redemption Principal - $75,150. Motion carried.
A-6. Debt Redemption Interest - $4,487. Motion carried.

Item B:
MOVED **Tom Adams**, SECOND **Robert Clements** to approve item B as warned.

Discussion. **Rick Neal** asked why we are spending this money now. He asked if we could carry these amounts over to the next budget year.
Public Works Director **Peter Michaud** explained to Mr. Neal that several estimates were obtained for the windows and front door. He also explained the needs of the Old Crystal Lake School renovations. **Peter Hany** was in favor of the door and window replacements to save on energy costs. The need for a Town Hall generator for the emergency management operations center was also discussed. **Walter Moody** spoke in favor of the expenditures. **Craig Smith, Jo Maznicki, Bill Green and Stacey Bogoslofski,** also spoke in favor of the projects, especially the Old Crystal Lake School project.

MOVED **Peter Hany**, SECOND **Bob Clements** to end discussion and vote on item B.
The moderator then called for a vote on the original motion to approve item B.
Motion carried by majority.

Item C:
MOVED **Ann Harford** SECOND **Peter Charter** to approve item C as warned.
Hearing no discussion the moderator called for a vote. Motion carried.

MOVED **Michael Stupinski** SECOND **Jack Turner** to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: Diane H McKeegan Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk

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