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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, May 1, 2023

Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr. Meeting Hall

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Lori Spielman, John Turner, Ronald Stomberg, Melinda Ferry, David Stavens, James Prichard, Michael Madru

OTHERS PRESENT: Walter Lee, Emergency & Risk Management Director; Tiffany Pignataro, Finance Officer/Treasurer; LouAnn Cannella, Human Resources Coordinator; *Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance and Operations, Ellington Public Schools; *Peg Busse, Board of Finance; *Miriam Underwood, Board of Education; Tom Palshaw

*Attended via Zoom

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Town Administrator Position

1. Creation of Position as a New Administrative Officer

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND THE CREATION OF THE POSITION OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AS A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SUBJECT TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION AND COMPENSATION FIXED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

2. Set Special Town Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO SET A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 8, 2023 AT 6:00 PM IN THE NICHOLAS J. DICORLETO, JR. MEETING HALL.

B. To consider and act on a resolution: (1) recommending and submitting to the Town Meeting for adoption a resolution approving an additional appropriation and borrowing authorization for renovations, improvements, and additions to Windermere Elementary School; (2) setting a Town Meeting and a referendum vote to consider and act upon the resolution; and (3) making various other determinations and taking various other actions in connection therewith.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends to the Town Meeting that the Town of Ellington appropriate an additional \$12,960,000 (for an aggregate of \$74,600,000) for costs related to the previously approved various renovations, improvements, and additions to Windermere Elementary School consisting of the demolition of a portion of the existing structure, anticipated to include a portion of the north classroom wing and the entire south classroom wing, construction of a new addition, renovations to a portion of the existing structure, anticipated to include the center classroom wing, a portion of the north classroom wing and existing assembly spaces, full roof replacement to the remaining portion of the structure, and various site improvements, anticipated to include lighting and parking lot improvements, and related work (the "Project").

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends to the Town Meeting that the Town authorize the issue of an additional \$12,960,000 (for an aggregate of \$74,600,000) bonds or notes and temporary notes to finance the appropriation, the amount of bonds or notes authorized to be reduced by the amount of grants received for the project and not separately appropriated to pay additional costs of the Project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to be held in the Auditorium at Ellington High School, 37 Maple Street, Ellington, Connecticut, on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to consider and discuss said resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby designates said resolution for submission to the voters at referendum in the manner provided by Sections 703 and 706 of the Town Charter and Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, which vote shall be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., in the manner provided by the Town Charter and said General Statutes. The Town Clerk shall incorporate notice of such referendum into the notice of said Special Town Meeting. The aforesaid resolution shall be submitted to the voters under the following heading:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$12,960,000 (INCREASING THE APPROPRIATION AND BORROWING AUTHORIZATION TO AN AGGREGATE \$74,600,000) FOR COSTS RELATED TO RENOVATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS, AND ADDITIONS TO WINDERMERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE PORTION OF THE PROJECT COST NOT PAID FROM GRANTS?"

Voters approving the resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing the resolution shall vote "No". Electors and persons qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors will vote at the Ellington Senior Center, 40 Maple Street in Ellington, Connecticut. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk, in her discretion, is authorized to prepare and to cause to be printed and distributed in accordance with the provisions of Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, an explanatory text with respect to the aforesaid question to be submitted to the voters at referendum; and that the First Selectman, in

her discretion, is authorized to prepare and distribute such additional explanatory materials with respect to such question as are permitted in accordance with said Section 9-369b; and that any such explanatory text or additional explanatory materials prior to distribution shall be approved by the Town Attorney in accordance with said Section 9-369b.

III. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (MADRU) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 6:08 PM.

Submitted by: *Julia Connor*
Julia Connor
Recording Secretary

Approved by: *Lori Spielman*
Lori Spielman
First Selectman