

**MINUTES OF  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014**

The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Essex was called to order by First Selectman Norman Needleman at 7:00 PM There were approximately 40 (forty) persons in attendance. Upon asking if there was a motion to elect a Moderator, resident Alvin Wolfgram made a motion to elect Mark Bombaci as moderator and it was seconded by Selectman Bruce Glowac. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Town Clerk Joel Marzi read the call of the meeting. It was noted in particular that the notice identifies those eligible to vote at town meetings and stated that the resolution would be discussed this evening, but that the Essex 2014 Capital Initiative vote would be taken at referendum held on December 15, 2014.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF ESSEX  
TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2014  
AND A REFERENDUM VOTE ON DECEMBER 15, 2014**

Notice is hereby given that a Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Essex, Connecticut will be held at the Essex Town Hall Auditorium, 29 West Ave., Essex, CT on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

1. To receive communication from the Boards of Finance and Selectmen with respect to, and to consider and act upon the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$8,085,000 FOR THE TOWN OF ESSEX 2014 CAPITAL PROGRAM INITIATIVE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF UP TO \$8,085,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION (OR SUCH LESSER AMOUNT IF LESS THAN ALL COMPONENTS ARE APPROVED) AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR REFERENDUM VOTE AT ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING".

The Board of Selectmen voted, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, that the vote on the Essex 2014 Capital Initiative Project Resolution (item 1) of the call of the Special Town Meeting to be held on December 8, 2014, be removed from the call of such meeting and adjourned to a referendum vote at Adjourned Town Meeting to be held on December 15, 2014. As a result, the Special Town Meeting will be held to only consider and discuss the Essex 2014 Capital Initiative Project Resolution, not to vote on it. The ballot labels for the questions to be voted upon at the referendum shall be stated as follows:

1. Shall the \$2,845,000 appropriation and general obligation bond issuance authorization for the replacement of Walnut and Ivory Street bridges pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance, be approved? YES/NO
2. Shall the \$2,815,000 appropriation and general obligation bond issuance authorization for improvements to Essex Elementary School pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance, be approved? YES/NO
3. Shall the \$1,300,000 appropriation and general obligation bond issuance authorization for improvements to Town Hall pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance, be approved? YES/NO

4. Shall the \$525,000 appropriation and general obligation bond issuance authorization for improvements to the Town Garage pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance, be approved? YES/NO
5. Shall the \$600,000 appropriation and general obligation bond issuance authorization for the purchase of a fire fighting vehicle pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance, be approved? YES/NO

The voting will be by paper/electronic ballot. Those desiring to vote for a question shall fill in the box in front of the question on the ballot at “YES”. Those desiring to vote against a question shall fill in the box in front of the question on the ballot at “NO”. Absentee ballots will be made available in accordance with law.

The full text of the aforesaid resolution and question are on file, open to public inspection, in the office of the Town Clerk. The vote on the aforesaid resolution is taken under the authority of Section 7-7 and Chapters 90 and 152 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

The polls will be open during the hours between 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. and electors and qualified voters shall cast their votes at Essex Town Hall Auditorium, 29 West Ave., Essex, CT.

A Qualified Voter is any citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, is liable to the Town of Essex for taxes assessed against him or her on an assessment of not less than One Thousand Dollars on the last completed Grand List of the Town, or who would be so liable if not entitled to an exemption under subdivisions (17), (19), (22), (25) or (26) of Section 12-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

Such Special Town Meeting may consider and act upon any other business which may lawfully come before the Meeting.

Dated at Essex, Connecticut this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.

Joel Marzi stated that the legal notice of the meeting (attached Exhibit) and the return of posting and publication thereof, on file and of record, states that said Notice, signed by the Selectmen, or a majority of them, had been posted on the Town signpost on November 20, 2014, and that a copy thereof had been published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having substantial circulation in said Town, in its issue of December 3, 2014.

The Moderator noted that the call states which persons are eligible to vote at Town Meetings.

The Moderator explained that pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Board of Selectmen at its meeting held on November 19, 2014, voted that the vote on Item 1 of the call of this Meeting be removed from the call and be submitted to a referendum vote at Adjourned Town Meeting to be held on December 15, 2014 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. as follows:

Essex Town Hall, 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT

Accordingly, the Moderator stated the Meeting would continue for purposes of discussion only on Item 1, constituting the Essex 2014 Capital Initiative Resolution.

The Moderator explained that communications (attached exhibits) were received from the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen that the Essex 2014 Capital Initiative Resolution was adopted and recommended by such Boards for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

The Moderator then introduced and read the Essex 2014 Capital Initiative, Item 1 on the call for consideration:

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Mark Bombaci stated that a copy of the resolution is available at this meeting, and asked if there is a motion to waive the reading of the resolution, incorporating its full text into the minutes of this meeting. Motion to waive the reading of the resolution, incorporating its full text into the minutes of this meeting made by resident Jeffrey Going, seconded by resident Ethan Goller. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

Resident Alvin Wolfgram moved that said Essex 2014 Capital Initiative resolution be adopted as introduced and the motion was seconded by resident John Heiser.

The meeting adjourned to referendum at 7:13 PM

Respectfully submitted

Joel Marzi  
Town Clerk