

HADDAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A RESOLUTION REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY AT ELECTION LOCATIONS

WHEREAS, on July 23, 1867, by Special Act the State of Connecticut General Assembly, the Town of Haddam (the “Town”) was divided into three voting districts, and required that the Board of Selectmen “shall provide suitable and convenient places for voting of such Electors’ meeting in each such district; and in the Second District the place of voting shall be either in the second school district or in the thirteenth school district of said town”; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s upcoming voting session is the “Haddam Presidential Election” (the “Election”) of November 3, 2020, for which the Town has designated three suitable and convenient polling locations located in each voting District as follows: (1) “District #001” The Haddam Firehouse Community Hall, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum, Connecticut; (2) “District #002” Regional School District #17 Central Office, 57 Little City Road, Higganum, Connecticut; and (3) “District #003” Haddam Neck Firehouse, 50 Rock Landing Road, Haddam Neck, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the Town owns the building and properties located at “District #001”, (The Haddam Firehouse Community Hall), and “District #003” (Haddam Neck Firehouse), as well as the “Town Office Building” building, offices and property located at 30 Field Park Drive Haddam, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the Regional School District #17 owns the buildings and property designated as voting “District #002”, (Regional School District #17), and such buildings and property is defined as a “school zone” as defined in 18 U.S.C. §921(a)(25), and during the Election the Town of Haddam will exercise control over such premises in conducting such Election; and

WHEREAS, the federal Gun-Free School Zones Act, 18 U.S.C. §922(q)(2)(A) prohibits anyone from knowingly possessing a firearm at a place the person knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, is a “school zone”; and

WHEREAS, Conn. Gen. Stat. §29-28(e) provides that the otherwise legal possession or carrying of a firearm may be prohibited by the owner of any premises, or by the person who exercises control over such premises; and

WHEREAS, Conn. Gen. Stat. §53-206, §29-38 and §53a-3 define and prohibit the possession of several types of weapons, including pistols, revolvers, machine guns, BB. gun, blackjack, metal or brass knuckles, or any dirk knife, or any switch knife, or any knife having an automatic spring release device by which a blade is released from the handle, having a blade of over one and one-half inches in length, or stiletto, or any knife the edged portion of the blade of which is four inches or more in length, any police baton

or nightstick, or any martial arts weapon or electronic defense weapon, as defined in section 53a-3, or any other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument (each herein defined as a "Weapon"); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Haddam, is obliged to provide suitable and convenient polling locations for its electors, and has within its municipal powers under Conn. Gen. Stat 7-148(c)(7) the power and authority to regulate the mode of using any buildings, to regulate the use of any property owned by the municipality, and to make and enforce regulations and protect or promote the peace, safety, good government and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, it is an important Town policy to protect and promote the safety of the electors, moderators, registrars, poll volunteers, and the public at large during the Election, and to promote peace, good government, and the welfare of the Town and its inhabitants before, during and after the Election, and to ensure electors may exercise their right to safely cast their ballot in the Election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

No person shall possess or carry any Weapon upon the premises, property or within any building, of any polling location in each of the voting Districts, including the properties and buildings located above as District #001, District #002, District #003 and the Town Hall.

The provisions of this Resolution shall be in effect from upon adoption of this Resolution and remain in effect for the voting District locations until each location has completed all election activity for the November 3, 2020 election and for Town Hall until the registrar of voters has certified the Election results to the Connecticut Secretary of State.

The provisions of this Resolution may be applied to subsequent municipal elections or referenda upon separate resolution of the Board of Selectmen in each instance, unless otherwise enacted as a Town Ordinance.

The provisions of this Resolution shall be distributed by the posting of signs at all voting Districts, and the Town Hall, and shall be communicated to all District moderators, registrars, and poll volunteers, and local law enforcement officers.

The provisions of this Resolution shall not apply to any law enforcement officer charged with the preservation of the public peace while engaged in the pursuit of such officer's official duties.

Robert McGarry
First Selectman

Date 11/2/2020

Kate Anderson
Selectman

Date 11/2/2020

Sean Moriarty
Selectman

Date 11/2/2020