

TOWN OF DEEP RIVER
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting Tuesday October 28, 2014

The Board of Finance convened its Regular Meeting at the Deep River Town Hall on October 28, 2014. Meeting called to order by John Bauer at 7:30 PM. Members present: Carmela Balducci, Bill Ballsieper, George Eckenroth, Lori Guerette, Russ Marth. Also present Richard Smith, Dave Oliveria, Angus McDonald, Tom Lindner.

Approval of Minutes: on MOTION made by Bill Ballsieper, seconded by Russ Marth, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of September 2014. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Audience of Citizens: Dave Oliveria made request to present fire department building project information at the November 25th meeting, will be added to the agenda.

Treasurer's report: T. Lindner presented Town Deposits Report and Investment Updates for review.

Recommendation of Selectmen: R. Smith noted Federal grant of \$18,000 written for Deep River, Chester and Essex schools, each town required to approve matching funding (matching amount plus), Deep River will need to approve \$8,445 for DRES with \$6,715 to be received from grant, funding is for purchase of security related items. Request appropriation of \$8,445 to Elementary and Supervisory line 10182-53310 Maintenance from Capital Non-Recurring.

R. Smith noted properties at Westbrook Rd and W. Bridge St, properties which are currently on the tax delinquent lists, attempt to return to the tax rolls, parcels have been advertised for sale, a bid has been received on the Westbrook Rd parcel for \$5,000, which has been approved by the Board of Selectmen. Request approval for sale in the amount of \$5,000.

R. Smith noted insurance refunds received, benefit rates increase for resident troopers; an increase to 88.47%.

R. Smith noted computer upgrades and corrections required for tax collector's office, \$17,000, requested \$9,250 refund from prior computer software vendor has been received, to return to Capital Non-Recurring Fund. Request appropriation of \$9,250 to General Government Capital line 10190-54150 Computer Upgrade Project for computer software for tax accessor's and tax collector's office.

R. Smith noted grant received for \$4.2 million for construction of 18 additional units at the senior housing complex, noted past grants received for improvements to current building, currently there are 26 units, to develop parking area with building above to join existing building.

Action on Recommendations of Selectmen: on MOTION made by George Eckenroth, seconded by Lori Guerette, to approve transfer of \$8,445 from Capital Non-Recurring Fund to Elementary and Supervisory line 10182-53310 Maintenance. Discussion noted grant funds will come to the town, some additional details about what the grant covers. Motion CARRIED.

On MOTION made by B. Ballsieper, seconded by C. Balducci, to approve sale of property on Westbrook Road map 27 lot 15-A for \$5,000. Motion CARRIED.

On MOTION made by motion C. Balducci, seconded by G. Eckenroth, to approve appropriation of \$9,250 to General Government Capital line 10190-54150 Computer Upgrade Project. Motion CARRIED.

Correspondence: none

Monthly Budget Report Review: monthly report received for review. R. Smith will look into overage of \$8,138 for fire department truck purchase, will get answer for next meeting.

Other Business: R. Smith noted that there are various pieces of town equipment and tractors which will be placed for sale.

L. Guerette gave update on Fountain Hill Cemetery, noted change of employees, budget changes, A.Thompson working on updates to By-Laws, desire to meet with Boards of Selectmen and Finance to discuss transfer of operations to the town.

Discussion of Region 4 ADM figures received, noted decrease in overall numbers, R. Smith noted discussion with R. Levy indicating that DR would see approximately \$112,000 in a budget increase just based on ADM for the next fiscal year, recommendations to look into options on possible budget solutions, consideration of consolidation, not replacing retirements, state minimum funding levels, state budget requirements.

R. Smith presented update on current projects around town: Tower Hill Rd - head walls in - Tilcon to reclaim road, water line work moving down Kirtland St to Main St - to start connection taps, in spring or summer 2015 will complete paving, will do some paving at Fountain Hill Cemetery, Church St sidewalks complete as part of the streetscape project, lighting, grating and curbing at new Duncan Donuts complete, at DRES-an area at the driveway circle island, air handling unit has been replaced at DRES, at the library the air handling unit is in and to be installed soon-\$31,000 for library, Plattwood access road working beginning - will be completed once buildings are built, town hall meeting room almost finished, park & rec and the boy scouts have completed the snack shack at Devitts Field.

Adjournment: on MOTION made by B. Ballsieper, seconded by R. Marth, to adjourn at 8:37 PM. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori J. Guerette, CRA COA