

**TOWN OF DEEP RIVER**  
**Board of Finance**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday July 28, 2015**

The Board of Finance convened its Regular Meeting at the Deep River Town Hall on July 28, 2015. Meeting called to order by Lori Guerette at 7:30 PM. Members present: Bill Ballsieper, George Eckenroth, Russ Marth, John Wichtowski. Also present Richard Smith, Dave Oliveria, Angus McDonald.

**Nomination of Chairman:** L. Guerette opened the floor to hear nominations for Chairman for Board of Finance. R. Marth nominated George Eckenroth, noting many years of service to the town on various boards and commission, including Board of Finance and Selectmen. Nomination was seconded by B. Ballsieper. No further nominations were heard. On MOTION made by R. Marth, seconded by B. Ballsieper to close nominations. Motion CARRIED.

On MOTION made by R. Marth, seconded by B. Ballsieper, to approve nomination of George Eckenroth as Chairman Board of Finance. Motion CARRIED.

Meeting turned over to G. Eckenroth to run.

**Audience of Citizens:** Tom Gribbon, architect with Noyes Vogt Architech, presented conceptual renderings for the proposed new fire department buildings. Discussion included objectives concerning size of building, and financial considerations, accommodation of trucks, 10,000 sqft building @ \$300/sqft minimum for wood construction and upwards of \$350/\$375 for brick building (exterior), approximately 27-30 ft roof ridgeline, parking spaces for approximately 20 vehicles, on meeting night or fire call there can be upwards of 40 vehicles for those attending, additional expenditures for retainer wall on river edge, anticipate that the project could be completed in one year for old building demolition and new construction. Demolition costs of old building, temporary storage areas as required during construction for department vehicles not included. Steps on how to move forward discussed.

**Recommendation of Selectmen:** Memo of 7/28/15 from Selectmen covering adjustments to 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget 1) line item transfers within the Budget totaling \$60,549.90, 2) appropriations not offset by additional revenues totaling \$24,857.44, and 3) additional appropriations offset by revenues totaling \$347,124.86. Discussion noted that appropriations will be sent to a town meeting for approval.

**Action on Recommendations of Selectmen:** on MOTION made by R. Marth, seconded by J. Wichtowski, to approve 1) line item transfers within the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget totaling \$60,549.90. Motion CARRIED.

On MOTION R. Marth, seconded by J. Wichtowski, to approve 2) appropriations not offset by additional revenue totaling \$24,857.44. Motion CARRIED.

On MOTION made by R. Marth, seconded by B. Ballsieper, to approve 3) additional appropriations offset by revenues totaling \$347,124.86. Motion CARRIED.

R. Smith noted additional expenditures not anticipated in the budget including classes for registrars of voters, state trooper contracts expenditures, new fees to be sent to the State for Park admission fees.

**Approval of Minutes:** on MOTION made by B. Ballsieper, seconded by R. Marth, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of May 2015. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:** Town Deposits Report and Investment Updates received for review.

**Correspondence:** none received

**Monthly Budget Report Review:** monthly report received for review.

**Other Business:** R. Smith gave update concerning installation of gas line in town, starting within a few weeks, to be completed by October, estimates received of \$15-\$20,000 conversion costs for town hall, \$15-20,000 for library, \$160,000 for DRES-school not to be done this year, financial options being researched. Plattwood Park work in progress. Library Board staffing request, desire to fund a portion of the salary thru the Friends Committee-will come to the next joint meeting in September.

**Adjournment:** on MOTION made by R. Marth, seconded by B. Ballsieper, to adjourn at 9:00PM. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori J. Guerette, CRA COA