

Regular Meeting – 27 January 2009

Attendance: Selectmen Dick Smith, Rick Daniels and Russell Marth
Others: Margo Hilfinger, Tom Lindner John Greene, Frank Halibozek, Bob Jenkins, Ed Field, Norman Bouchard, Timothy Bouchard and Rich Strukus.

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:42pm by Dick Smith.

Minutes – Regular Meeting – 13 January 2009 and Special Meeting – 22 January 2009

A motion was made by Russell Marth and seconded by Rick Daniels to approve the minutes as presented. **APPROVED 3-0.**

Connecticut River Area Health District

Dick Smith has been the town's representative on the board and he has requested that he be re-appointed.

A motion was made by Russell Marth and seconded by Rick Daniels to appoint Richard H. Smith to the Connecticut River Area Health District Board of Directors. Term to expire 12/31/2011. **APPROVED 3-0.**

Housing Authority

The term of Mazie Dennison, on the housing authority, expires this month.

A motion was made by Rick Daniels and seconded by Russell Marth to appoint Mazie Dennison to the housing authority. Term to expire 1/31/2014. **APPROVED 3-0.**

Employee Pension Plan

R. J. Michalski, the town's actuary has notified that the town must adopt the required 415 amendment for qualified retirement plans. More detailed information is on file in the selectmen's office. The following resolution is to be adopted:

RESOLVED, the Amendment to the Town of Deep River Employees' Retirement Plan Plan (the Amendment) generally effective for limitation years beginning on or after July 1, 2007, is hereby approved and adopted and that an authorized representative of the Employer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan one or more counterparts of the amendment.

A motion was made by Russell Marth and seconded by Rick Daniels to approve the resolution and to authorize the first selectman to sign all required documents on behalf of the town. **APPROVED 3-0.**

Kelsey Falls Development

A motion was made by Rick Daniels and seconded by Russell Marth to add this item to the agenda. **APPROVED 3-0.**

The town recently acquired a right-of-way at the end of Falls Landing Road, which the Planning and Zoning Commission required as a part of the developments approval. The conveyance was delayed for an unknown reason. The tax collector lists taxes, interest and penalties of \$155.79 on the property. Now that the town is the owner of the property, the selectmen have the option to request that the tax collector abate the taxes.

A motion was made by Rick Daniels and seconded by Dick Smith to request that the tax collector abate these taxes. **APPROVED 2-0-1 (Yea – Smith and Daniels, Abstaining – Marth).**

Other Business

A letter was received in regards to the request to make Phelps Lane a dead-end street, from the Planning and Zoning Commission. This information along with other input, will be reviewed at a future meeting, after the town's engineer completes his review of the request.

Deep River Elementary School Board of Education

A motion was made by Dick Smith and seconded by Rick Daniels to add this item to the agenda. **APPROVED 3-0.**

The selectmen's meeting was recessed at 7:00pm, so that we may meet with the boards of finance and education. The meeting was reconvened at 7:32pm, with the Board of Finance.

Gale Dilger, Garth Sawyer, Gene Labonte and Jack Pietrick, representing the elementary school, discussed the board of education's request for additional funds. After the special meeting on January 22, the board of education requested that the administration make budget reductions, to bring the projected over-expenditure to \$35,000. Gale Dilger detailed additional cuts which brought the over-expenditure to approximately \$32,000.

A motion was made by Dick Smith and seconded by Russell Marth to request that the board of finance appropriate \$32,000 to the Deep River Elementary School to cover unanticipated, special education funds. It is anticipated that the town will receive \$17,000 in unspent funds from Regional District #4, \$4,400 from the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management for fuel oil reimbursement and it is anticipated that an additional \$9,000 to 18,000 will be received from the State of Connecticut for special education reimbursement. Further, it is requested that the Board of Education and school administration attempt to make further cuts in their budget, as may be possible. **APPROVED 3-0.**

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Rick Daniels and seconded by Russell Marth to adjourn this meeting. **APPROVED 3-0.**

This regular meeting was adjourned at 9:24pm.

Richard R. Daniels, Jr.

Selectman