Regular Meeting – 13 October 2009

Attendance: Selectmen Dick Smith, Rick Daniels and Russell Marth

Others: Dave Oliveria, Rich Strukus, Bob Jenkins, Kathy Jenkins and Margo Hilfinger

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

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

CONN-DOT TIGER Discretionary Grant Application

Allan Aronow of Haddam addressed the board regarding an application made by the State of Connecticut for federal stimulus funds to improve the Valley Railroad lines which currently exist. The application also includes improvement of other rail lines in the state. The expansion / upgrade of the line would link eastern portions of the state with Hartford, by way of Middletown. This would save more than 20 miles, over the current route by way of New Haven. The Town of Haddam has sent a letter to the U.S. Department of Transportation, opposing the project. The Town of Deep River is being asked to join in opposing the application. No action was taken at this time.

Kirtland Street

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

There was a request from residents Kirtland Street, to consider changes to the traffic flow at the intersection with Read Street. The residents believe that the current traffic flow presents a dangerous situation. The town engineer reviewed the current traffic flow and did not advocate for stop signs on Kirtland Street. The selectmen believe that something needs to be tried to see if the intersection can be made safer.

A motion was made by Russell Marth and seconded by Rick Daniels to place stop signs in both directions, on Kirtland Street, so that all traffic will stop at the intersection. **APPROVED 3-0.**

Streetscape Project

The State of Connecticut has awarded the town with a third grant under the STEAP Grant Program. The town had applied for \$450,000. The state has awarded \$200,000, which will be used to complete the current project, down to Spring Street.

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 7:40 pm.

Richard R. Daniels, Jr. Selectman