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BOARD OF SELECTMEN DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting – December 8, 2009

ATTENDANCE: Selectmen Dick Smith, Art Thompson & Dave Oliveria.
Audience of Citizens: Rick Daniels, John Green, Margo Hilfinger, Bob & Cathy Jenkins, Jonathan Kastner, Russell Marth, Jeanne Nickse.

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Dick Smith.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting – November 24, 2009

A motion was made by Art Thompson and seconded by Dave Oliveria to approve the minutes as presented. APPROVED 3-0.

DISCUSSION:

Film Crew: Art Thompson thanked John Green and Margo Hilfinger and other members of the Deep River Taxpayers Association for filming Selectmen's and Board of Finance Meetings for the past eight years. The Board feels that it is an excellent way to keep Deep River residents informed on town issues.

Visiting Nurses: Art Thompson asked that the Committee established by the Board of Selectmen to investigate all aspects of the operations of the Deep River Visiting Nurses be officially named the Deep River Visiting Nurses Study Committee, to ensure that it is not confused with the Board of Directors that oversees nursing operations.

Rick Daniels addressed the Board, stating that he had e-mailed Russell Marth, Chairman of the VNA study committee, Dick Smith and Art Thompson with several questions, but had yet to receive a reply (he apologized for not sending a copy to the newest member, David Oliveria). Smith stated that the committee has prepared a schedule of their meetings, and that the schedule has been duly posted in the Town Clerk's Office. The committee is keeping minutes of its meetings, and they are posted with the Town Clerk and on the town's web site. Daniels also asked that the nursing

board be provided with any materials prepared by the Selectman's office for the study committee. Smith assured him that the only information provided thus far was a five-year financial report of all revenues and expenses, and that he will get a copy for Daniels.

Russell Marth, who was present during the meeting, responded to Daniels' comments. Marth said that the committee was made up of dedicated Deep River residents who are committed to a thorough investigation of the operation. Marth also noted that, given the amount of study necessary, the committee might not be able to complete its work during January. Smith assured him that if a truly complete report could not be produced before February there would still be time to act on it if need be.

The first two meetings were largely organizational, and included discussions of the VNA operation. The study committee felt that there were many areas to study, and much information to be gathered to prepare a thorough report for the BoS. They also considered who they should interview. Marth said that to the best of his knowledge minutes were already posted to the web site and that he would check himself. Marth also pointed out that study committee appointments included one member of the Nursing Board of Directors.

No motions were made nor actions taken.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Dave Oliveria and seconded by Art Thompson to adjourn at 7:08 pm. APPROVED 3-0.

Richard H. Smith,
First Selectman

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