

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting of May 25, 2010

Attendance: Selectmen Dick Smith, Art Thompson & Dave Oliveria. *Also:* Tom Lindner (*Treasurer*), Margot Hilfinger, Rich Strukus (*video recording*), Russell Marth, Diane Recchia, Bob Jenkins, Rich Balducci, Jane Marsh (*Town Attorney*), Charles Stannard & Mariann Sullivan (*Pres*).

1] Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by Dick Smith.

2] Minutes:

Regular Meeting of May 11, 2010. Motion by Art Thompson, 2nd by Dave Oliveria, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. APPROVED 3—0

Motion by Oliveria, 2nd by Thompson, to add to the agenda action on minutes from Special Meeting of Board of Selectmen of May 17, 2010 (*the sole purpose of the Special Meeting had been to act on the Capital Improvement Program*).

APPROVED 3—0

Motion by Oliveria, 2nd by Thompson, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 17, 2010. APPROVED 3—0

3] Appointments to Gateway Commission:

Motion by Thompson, 2nd by Oliveria, to re-appoint Nancy Fischbach, Regular Member, and Amy Petrone, Alternate Member, to the Gateway Commission. Terms: July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012 APPROVED 3—0

4] VNA Transition & Amendment or Termination of Board of Selectmen Motion of April 28, 1975:

Following a lengthy discussion the Board of Selectmen approved a modification of the resolution passed by the Board of Selectmen on April 28, 1975. History of the Selectmen's Authorization to Act and modification to that resolution attached to these minutes. Motion by Thompson, 2nd by Oliveria. APPROVED 3—0

To help implement the transition and closure a letter thanking the VNA Board of Directors and requesting that they appear at a Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on June 1, 2010, to present a

closure and transition plan to aid in a successful turnover of VNA services was approved. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.

Two other topics were discussed: (1) the \$1,600 reimbursement for preparation of fuel oil assistance by Town employees that had been deposited into the Memorial Fund. That amount should be returned to the Town's General Fund, as directed by the Town's auditors, and (2) copies of 1099 tax forms issued to part-time help at the VNA must be submitted for filing in Town Hall. Both subjects will be among those addressed at the Special Meeting of June 1, 2010.

The First Selectman will send both attached documents to the VNA Board, to the Nursing Supervisor and to the VNA staff.

5] Storm Damage to Boyd Property, 125 River Road:

The Board discussed a request from the Tim Boyd, of 125 River Road, for the Town to assist in repairing a significant washout caused by the heavy rainfalls of March 30th. The Town's insurance carrier has requested additional information and documentation, photographs and sketches. Attorney Marsh advised the Board of Selectmen that State Statute exempts the Town from such liability, and noted that such assistance might set a precedent. Smith advised the Board that an outfall pipe, part of the Town's storm drainage system, empties onto the Boyd property. It will be relocated to prevent future such occurrences. Engineers Geoffrey Jacobson and Son were consulted on this matter. All parties agreed that the relocation of the drainage was the proper action.

6] Town Reports:

Smith updated the other Selectmen and residents concerning Town projects: Streetscape Phase 3, retaining wall on east side of Main Street opposite Bridge Street and the near completion of the handicap ramp at Town Hall. Smith also mentioned the upcoming opening of Sage Novak's clothing store at 163 Main Street (Old Toy Store).

Smith also advised that the Board of Finance had held a Special Meeting on May 20, 2010, to determine the mill rate for Fiscal Year 2010-11. The Special Meeting replaced the regular meeting scheduled for May 25, 2010, when it was determined that a quorum would not be available. The mill rate will remain unchanged at 21.73, which represents no tax increase.

7] Any Other Business to Come Before the Board – Audience of Citizens:

The audience took part in discussions throughout the meeting.

8] Adjournment:

Oliveria moved, Thompson 2nd, that the meeting adjourn at 8:03.

APPROVED 3—0

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard H. Smith, First Selectman

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