

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting of August 10, 2010

Attendance: Selectmen Dick Smith, Art Thompson. Dave Oliveria was absent. *Also:* Margot Hilfinger, Rich Strukus (*video recording*); Russell Marth.

1] Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 pm by Dick Smith.

2] Minutes:

Regular Meeting of July 27, 2010. Motion by Art Thompson, 2nd by Smith to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

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There were no scheduled agenda items on which to act.

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

Residents Exemption from cost of Field Card:

Margo Hilfinger asked whether the Board of Selectmen had investigated her request that residents not be charged for copies of field cards or other documents pertaining to their properties. Following discussion it was agreed that residents would be exempt from paying the one dollar fee for field card copies. Only residents would be eligible, and only for properties they own. No other exemptions would be allowed.

For example: title searches, banks, insurance companies—even residents requesting information concerning neighbors or other town properties of which they have no ownership would not be eligible. Motion by Thompson, 2nd by Smith.

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Village Street Bridge:

Rich Strukus asked for an update on the Village Street Bridge. Smith advised that the project has been totally designed and engineered. A full set of plans is at Town Hall. Additional information is being requested by Close, Jensen and Miller (the consulting firm hired by the State

of Connecticut, to oversee bridge design and construction) from Jacobson Associates, the Engineers hired by the Town. The permitting process, which involves multiple federal and state agencies, has begun.

Appointments to VNLV:

Thompson asked whether Smith had notified VNLV of the appointment of Russell Marth, and whether anyone else had expressed interest in serving on that board. Smith responded that VNLV had been told of Marth's appointment, and went on to say that Assistant Jonathan Kastner knows of another resident who might be interested. Background information on that applicant will be forthcoming.

Deep River Community Health Committee:

Discussion concerning an ordinance that would both establish the committee of oversight of the Memorial Fund and Nursing Service, as well as spell out strict guidelines for the fund's purpose. Thompson stated that he had incorporated recommendations from residents, as well as from the other Selectmen and Town Attorney Marsh. Thompson also sent Rick Daniels a copy of the draft document for his comments, which had not been forthcoming by the time of this meeting. Smith noted that the document had been placed on the Town's website, and that all residents were welcome to comment. Smith suggested that the draft ordinance be given its own spot on the web site for easier access by the public.

Social Services:

Smith will have the job description prepared by the Board of Selectmen meeting of August 24th.

Thompson moved, Smith 2nd, that the meeting adjourn at 7:05 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Richard H. Smith, First Selectman

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