

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting of September 14, 2010

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

1] Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 pm by Dick Smith.

2] Minutes:

Regular Meeting of August 24, 2010. Motion by Art Thompson, 2nd by Smith to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

APPROVED 2—0

4] Resolution / Ordinance – Deep River Community Health Committee

Thompson gave a detailed presentation regarding the Resolution / Ordinance. Questions were answered, then Thompson moved to approve the wording as presented, 2nd by Smith.

APPROVED 2 – 0

09.07.2010 Revision: Deep River Community Health Committee

Resolved by the Deep River Town Meeting: The Deep River Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to create a Community Health Committee for the following purposes:

- A. Advise the Board of Selectmen on all matters related to public health nursing;
- B. Act as liaison between the Deep River community and our contracted nursing service;
- C. Administer the Memorial Fund as a special segregated town fund for charitable purposes;
- D. Develop eligibility criteria for the Memorial Fund;
- E. Develop eligibility criteria for other special purpose funds;

- F. Assume other duties or responsibilities assigned to that Community Health Committee by the Board of Selectmen or a town meeting.

To accomplish these purposes, the Community Health Committee shall be authorized to:

- A. Advise the Board of Selectmen as deemed necessary and keep abreast of the town's public health nursing program;
- B. Establish, maintain liaison and oversee the town's contracted nursing service with designated Community Health Committee members sitting on the contracted nursing service Board of Directors where appropriate;
- C. Administer the Memorial Fund;
- D. Create and administer additional special service funds and solicit funds for same. Apply for, receive, and administer grants that are consistent with the stated or assigned purposes of the Community Health Committee;
- E. Exercise additional authority granted to the Community Health Committee by the Board of Selectmen or a town meeting.

To accomplish these purposes, the Community Health Committee shall comply with all federal and state laws, and court orders. The initial membership of the Community Health Committee shall be five, but may be modified by the Board of Selectmen to a maximum of nine members. Deep River representatives on the board of directors of our contracted nursing service will be members of our Community Health Committee.

All members of the Community Health Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, with confirmation by a town meeting, for terms of 2 years. The initial Community Health Committee will have 3 members appointed for 2 years, with the remaining 2 members serving one year terms. Thenceforth, all appointments shall be for two year terms.

The Board of Selectmen shall develop, or cause to be developed, suitable by-laws, fiscal procedures, objectives, and policies that will serve to govern the operation and functioning of the Community Health Committee.

The Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to amend and/or rescind any of those by-laws or operating procedures.

End of Town Meeting Resolution.

3] Rescind resolution / ordinance passed at Town Meeting of March 4, 1975 (original wording):

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Selectmen by the Deep River town meeting resolution of March 4, 1975, the Deep River Nursing Board of Directors and the Deep River Nursing Service are hereby dissolved.

Notwithstanding the resolution of March 4, 1975, any future re-establishment of a town-sponsored nursing agency shall originate from the Town Meeting.

End of Resolution.

With the Selectmen's endorsement the Resolution / Ordinance will be sent to a Town Meeting for approval by residents.

Smith thanked Thompson, as well as Oliveria, Russell Marth, Attorney Jane Marsh and Assistant Attorney General Karen Gano for their assistance. Smith also thanked all residents who took the time to comment on the language of the document.

5. Appointments to the Board of Directors of the Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley

Smith presented the names of Dr. Kristin Zarfos and Carl Olson, and offered short resumes for both. Thompson moved to recommend both candidates to the VNLV as our representatives. 2nd by Smith.

APPROVED 2 – 0

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

Rich Strukus asked whether granite curbing could have its top edge rounded slightly. Smith said he would speak with the contractor. Margot Hilfinger inquired about the status of the Streetscape. Smith noted that demolition of old sidewalks, installation of electrical conduit and new granite curbing were all underway, and that we expected to have approval of the low bidder from the D. E. C. D. shortly.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard H. Smith, First Selectman

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