

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting – May 24, 2011

Attendance: Selectmen Dick Smith, Art Thompson, Dave Oliveria. Also: Margo Hilfinger, John Greene (*videography*), Tom Lindner (Treasurer), Rich Strukus.

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

Minutes: Regular Meeting – May 10, 2011.

A motion was made by Art Thompson, 2nd by Dave Oliveria, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 2011.

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Discussion of Referendum of May 24, 2011:

Art Thompson led a lengthy discussion regarding the budget referendum (which was being held on this date). Thompson stated that when he voted at 10 am he was only the 47th resident to cast a vote. Thompson suggested that the Board of Selectmen meet with the Registrars of Voters concerning the necessity for keeping polls open from 6 am until 8 pm, a total of 14 hours. Resident John Greene felt that it was important to open the polls at 6 am for people who left for work early in the morning and who might not return home until after 8 pm.

Thompson also requested that the Board invite the Town's representative to Comcast Cable, Rolf Peterson, to the Board of Selectmen meeting of June 14, 2011, to update the Board on local cable issues.

The Board of Selectmen recessed at 6:50 pm until 7:32 pm. The only item on the agenda was to be a presentation by Bruce Glowac, Chief of Maintenance for Regional School District #4,

who was to offer a presentation concerning the recent installation of solar panels at the John Winthrop Middle School. The Board wanted the presentation to be given jointly to the Selectmen and the Board of Finance.

Return to Session:

Bruce Glowac gave a detailed illustrated presentation. He explained the installation process, the cost of the project and the projected savings in electricity costs. The approximate cost was \$650,000. Energy grants offset all except \$169,000, which will be paid through the District's budget. The solar panels are estimated to save in the neighborhood of \$25,000 a year.

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

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Oliveria to adjourn at 8:39 pm.

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Richard H. Smith,
First Selectman