

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting -- January 24, 2012

Attendance: Selectmen Dick Smith, Angus McDonald, Dave Oliveria.
Also: Tom Lindner (*Treasurer*); Margo Hilfinger, Rich Strukus
(*videography*); Jonathan Kastner; Linalynn Schmelzer; Frances
Stino (*Boy Scouts*).

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Dick Smith.

Minutes: Regular Meeting – January 10, 2011
Special Meeting – January 12, 2012

Motion by McDonald, 2nd by Oliveria, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2012 and the Special Meeting of January 12, 2012.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Appointments:

Motion by McDonald, 2nd by Oliveria, to approve the appointment of Don Sampson to the Parks & Recreation Commission, his term to expire 2014.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Addition to Agenda:

Linalynn Schmelzer, with whom the former Restoration Association had contracted to manage auditorium operations, asked the Board about the possibility of continuing

her employment under the new Restoration Committee. Following this discussion Oliveria moved, 2nd by McDonald, that Smith ask Art Thompson, newly elected Chairman of the Committee, whether they wished Linalynn's services to continue. If the Committee was favorable, and if the Committee would agree to reimburse the Town, the Selectmen would authorize the expenditure; Linalynn could then be compensated during the interim. Smith agreed to ask Thompson to bring the matter to the Restoration Committee, and to report their decision to the Board of Selectmen.

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Art Thompson had requested guidance concerning appropriate uses for the auditorium. Smith noted that it had been viewed historically as a community facility, and had seen a wide range of functions during its 119 years (including a wedding held last November). Further discussion indicated that Selectmen McDonald and Oliveria agreed that residents would be best served if the space were to continue as a multi-use facility; not solely devoted to theatrical productions. McDonald moved, Oliveria 2nd, that the Committee be advised of the Board's feeling.

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

Rich Strukus advised the board that the concrete culvert at the intersection of Kelsey Hill and Whittlesey Brook Roads had collected a considerable amount of sand. He was concerned that it would clog the storm drainage system. Smith advised that it would be addressed as soon as time and weather permitted.

Margo Hilfinger asked whether any decisions had been made at the Board of Selectmen's Special Meeting with the Fire Department Study Committee that was held on January 12, 2012. The Board explained that there were unresolved issues remaining before the matter could be brought before the Town.

Adjournment:

McDonald moved, Oliveria 2nd, that the meeting adjourn at 7:04 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Smith,
First Selectman

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