

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting -- March 13, 2012

Attendance: Selectmen Dick Smith, David Oliveria. Also: Margo Hilfinger, John Greene (videography); Rich Strukus, Jonathan Kastner.

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

Minutes: Regular Meeting – February 28, 2012

Motion by Oliveria, 2nd by Smith, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 28, 2012.

APPROVED 2 – 0

Constellation Electricity Agreement

Smith advised the Board that for the third year in a row we have gone to bid for a supplier for the Town's electricity. This process has resulted in thousands of dollars in savings thus far. Our current supplier, Constellation, was again the low bidder. This year the company offered to guarantee their low price for two years (Fiscal Years 2012-13 and 2013-14), As a result the town will save \$10,000 in each of the next two fiscal years. Oliveria moved, Smith 2nd, to approve the contract.

APPROVED 2 -- 0

Appointments:

The Planning & Zoning Commission had recommended that David Basilone, currently an alternate member of the Commission, be fill a vacant seat. Motion by Oliveria, second by Smith, to appoint David Basilone to be a regular member of the P & Z, term to expire December 1, 2013.

APPROVED 2 – 0

Cockaponset—Menunketesuck Greenway Resolution

Oliveria moved, 2nd by Smith, to add to the agenda for action the Greenway Resolution.

APPROVED 2 — 0

Following discussion the Board agreed that the resolution was in the Town's best interest. Oliveria moved, Smith 2nd, to approve the resolution.

APPROVED 2 -- 0

Audience of Citizens – Any Other Matters to Come Before the Board

the importance of video recordings of Selectman's meetings and Town Meetings was the subject of discussion among the Board members and the audience. Smith noted that the recordings are viewed not only Deep River residents, but throughout the Valley Shore area as well, on Comcast Cable Public Access channel 19. Smith said that at regional meetings he is often asked how Deep River is able to produce the broadcasts, and that people are often surprised to hear that the production is undertaken entirely by volunteers from the Deep River Taxpayers Association (DRTA). The Board thanked Margo Hilfinger, John Greene and Rich Strukus, who most often make up the recording crew, for their diligence. The recordings (first on VHS cassettes, more recently on DVDs) of all Board of Selectmen meetings and most Town Meetings, as well as important public hearings, are on file at the Deep River public Library. Beginning with the Board of Selectmen meeting of DATE every subsequent meeting has been recorded.

Smith offered an update on the Town's web site. A new, viewer-friendly site will be up and running within a month. The site has been totally re-designed to be as useful as possible to residents of Deep River, as well as to appeal to visitors and those who may consider making Deep River their home.

Adjournment

McDonald moved, Oliveria 2nd, that the meeting adjourn at 7:00 pm.

APPROVED 2 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Richard K. Smith,

First Selectman