

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting -- May 22, 2012

Attendance: Selectmen Dick Smith & Angus McDonald. *Also:* Margo Hilfinger, John Greene (*videography*), Rich Strukus, Jack White, Joann Hourigan (*Deep River Housing Authority*).

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Dick Smith.

Minutes: Regular Meeting – May 8, 2012

Motion by McDonald, 2nd by Smith, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 8, 2012.

APPROVED 2 – 0

Appointments:

Motion by McDonald, 2nd by Smith, to approve the appointment of Sara Denegre to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an alternate member, for a term to expire December 1, 2013.

APPROVED 2 – 0

Additions to Agenda: Tax Abatement / Transfers & Appropriation:

Motion by Smith, 2nd by McDonald, to add to the agenda for discussion and action tax abatement for PCI Medical.

APPROVED 2 – 0

Tax Abatement: Smith explained that Connecticut State Statute **12-65b** allows municipalities to abate taxes for businesses that renovate and / or expand their facilities at a cost of more than \$100,000. The abatement can be up to 50% of taxes levied, for up to three years, but is limited to taxes on the renovation / new construction only. Based on figures provided by the Assessor's Office the cost of the improvements on the PCI property at 6 Winter Avenue totaled \$703,290. The benefit of tax abatement, which the Town has employed twice before, is that it encourages new business to locate in Deep River, and older companies to expand their operations. Support by the Board of Selectmen is based on an increase in the tax base and higher employment.

Motion by McDonald, 2nd by Smith, to approve the tax abatement for PCI Medical for Grand List years 2012, 2013 & 2014, and to forward the proposal to a Town Meeting.

APPROVED 2 – 0

Motion by Smith, 2nd by McDonald, to add to the agenda for discussion and action transfers and appropriations for the current budget (Fiscal Year 2011-12).

APPROVED 2 – 0

Smith provided an accounting, **which is reproduced in its entirety below**, of line item transfers and one appropriation necessary for budget lines that have been over-expended due to unexpected expenses. He explained that all transfers would be from within the current budget, and that the appropriation of \$55,977.06 is entirely offset by proceeds of a grant. No funding from the Unappropriated Fund Balance will be necessary.

Line Item Transfers:

<u>Transaction Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>		<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>
Transfer	\$ 4,000.00	from	10101-52010	Legal Fees	to	10101-52011	Engineering
				Estuary Council			
Transfer	\$ 4,481.10	from	10160-52151	Seniors	to	10101-52011	Engineering
Total:	\$ 8,481.10	Transfers to Selectman's Department					

Transfer	\$ 4,421.79	from 10112-51051	Secretary Salary	to 10116-53061	Unemployment Compensation
			Public Service		Unemployment Compensation
Transfer	\$ 2,799.21	from 10160-52156	Agencies	to 10116-53061	Unemployment Compensation

Total: \$ 7,221.00 Transfers to Employee Benefits Department

Transfer	\$ 13,159.14	from 10110-52090	Engineering Review Costs	to 10130-52021	Equipment Maintenance
Transfer	\$ 3,175.00	from 10190-54301	Union Contract	to 10130-52021	Equipment Maintenance
Transfer	\$ 100.84	from 10160-52156	Public Service Agencies	to 10130-52021	Equipment Maintenance
Transfer	\$ 20,300.00	from 10105-52012	Auditor/Consultant	to 10130-53044	Gen. Road/Highway
Transfer	\$ 402.77	from 10160-52151	Estuary Council Seniors	to 10130-53044	Gen. Road/Highway

Total: \$ 37,137.75 Transfers to Highway Department

Transfer	\$ 19,712.76	from 10115-52050	Insurance & Bonds	to 10182-53310	Maintenance
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Total: \$ 19,712.76 Transfers to Elementary & Supervisory Department

Transfer	\$ 29,500.00	from 10116-52060	Medical Ins.	to 10190-54300	Road Repair--Hwy
Transfer	\$ 7,826.61	from 10112-51051	Secretary Salary	to 10190-54300	Road Repair--Hwy

Total: \$ 37,326.61 Transfers to Road Repair - Highway Dept. Capital Line Item 10190-54300

\$ 55,977.06 Appropriation as listed below

Total to Road Repair - Highway Dept Capital Line Item including transfers and appropriation: \$93,303.67

Total Line Items Transfers: \$ 109,879.22

Total Line Appropriation: \$ 55,977.06

Appropriations:

Appropriation Request:

\$ 55,977.06 10190-54300 Road Repair--Hwy

A grant in the amount of \$ 55,977.06 offsets the Road Repair--Hwy appropriation request entirely.

Motion by McDonald, 2nd by Smith, to approve the transfers and appropriation.

APPROVED 2 -- 0

Resolution – Small Cities Grant:

The Board of Selectmen remained in session while the scheduled Town Meeting convened at 7:03 pm. The purpose was to receive information regarding an application for a Small Cities Grant to benefit Kirtland Commons Elderly Housing. Such grant applications require that the public be involved in the process, and that residents be given the opportunity to express their views. Joann Hourigan, Administrator of the facility, reported on the need for the grant to fund infrastructure improvements and upgrades at Kirtland Commons. The Town Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm, and the Board of Selectmen returned to their meeting’s agenda.

McDonald moved, Smith 2nd, to approve the resolution, ***which is reproduced below in its entirety.***

APPROVED 2 – 0

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

Certified a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Deep River at a meeting of its Board of Selectman on May 22nd, 2012 and which has not been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever.

(Clerk)

(Date)

(SEAL)

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Public Law 93-3 83, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Deep River make application to the State for \$500,000 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Selectmen

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and,

2. That the filing of an application by the Town of Deep River in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 is hereby approved, and that the First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed to file such application with the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Deep River.

(End of Resolution)

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

Smith updated the audience on the status of town projects.

Adjournment:

McDonald moved, Smith 2nd, that the meeting adjourn at 7:15 pm.

APPROVED 2 – 0

Respectfully submitted,
Richard H. Smith,
First Selectman

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