



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting – November 27, 2012

**Attendance:** Selectmen Dick Smith, Angus McDonald, David Oliveria; Tom Lindner (*Treasurer*); Margot Hilfinger, John Greene (*vidiography*); Cathy & Dennis Schultz, Art Thompson (*DRTHARC*) Jonathan Kastner.

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by Dick Smith.

**Minutes:** Regular Meeting – October 23, 2012

Motion by Oliveria, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 23, 2012. *NOTE: the regular meeting of November 13, 2012, was cancelled.*

APPROVED 3 – 0

### **Appointments:**

Motion by Oliveria, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, to make the following appointments to the Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission:

John Dupe	Term to expire: 12-1-15
Michael H. Tomlinson	Term to expire: 12-1-15
Tanner Steeves	Term to expire: 12-1-15

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Motion by Oliveria, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, to make the following appointments to the Connecticut River Gateway Commission:

Nancy Fischbach	Term to expire: 7-1-14
Amy Marie Petrone	Term to expire: 7-1-14

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Motion by Oliveria, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, to appoint the following as Constables:

Peter Lewis	Term to expire: 12-1-13
Richard H. Smith	Term to expire: 12-1-13
Raymond Sypher Jr.	Term to expire: 12-1-13

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Motion by Oliveria, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, to appoint the following as Special Constables:

James E. Beardsley Jr.	Term to expire: 12-1-13
Jerry F. Clark Sr.	Term to expire: 12-1-13
Robert L. Jenkins	Term to expire: 12-1-13
Jonathan Kastner	Term to expire: 12-1-13
Roycroft A. Monte	Term to expire: 12-1-13
Paul D. Mozzochi	Term to expire: 12-1-13
Raymond P. Mozzochi	Term to expire: 12-1-13
Keith W. Nelson	Term to expire: 12-1-13
Murray H. Zack	Term to expire: 12-1-13

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Motion by Oliveria, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, to make the following appointments to the Deep River Town Hall Auditorium Restoration Committee:

Sally Carlson Crowell	Term to expire: 11-30-14
Bruce Edgerton	Term to expire: 11-30-14
Claudia J. Epright	Term to expire: 11-30-14
Janice Kmetz	Term to expire: 11-30-14
Richard Nagot	Term to expire: 11-30-14

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Motion by Oliveria, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, to make the following appointments to the Design Advisory Board:

Mark Giuliano	Term to expire: 12-1-14
Jeffrey D. Hostetler	Term to expire: 12-1-14
Susan L. Watts	Term to expire: 12-1-14

APPROVED 3 - 0

Motion by Oliveria, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, to make the following appointments to the Economic Development Commission:

Theodore W. Mackenzie	Term to expire: 12-1-15
Mariann Rossi-Ondusky	Term to expire: 12-1-15
Adam D. Schwartzman	Term to expire: 12-1-15



Following discussion McDonald moved, Oliveria 2<sup>nd</sup>, to establish a committee consisting of four members from the community at large and one Selectman. The Board will develop guidelines and procedures during the next few months and will consider appointments during that period.

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

Smith presented a letter from Travis Board, a resident of the Kelsey Falls subdivision in his capacity of Executive Board Member of the Kelsey Falls Association (KFA). The Association is custodian of property owned in common by KFA members, consisting of the Pratt Read Reservoir and dam as well as approximately 20.5 acres surrounding the pond. Although it is private property the reservoir has historically been popular with anglers and ice skaters. The KFA would like to discuss with the Board of Selectmen the possibility of the Town acquiring these assets.

**The text of Mr. Board's letter:**

10 November 2012

Richard Smith  
First Selectman  
Town of Deep River

Re: Pratt Read Reservoir, Dam,  
and surrounding property owned  
by Kelsey Falls Association

Mr. Smith,

I am writing you to confirm that the homeowners association I represent, Kelsey Falls Association, is interested in entering into discussion with you regarding the potential acquisition of the Pratt Read Reservoir and Dam by the Town of Deep River. This association's common property consists of Pratt Read Reservoir, Pratt Read Dam, and surrounding land totaling about 20.5 acres, more or less. A description of the property is located in the Deep River Tax Assessor's Office under Vision ID 741 and Map ID 47J/1A. There are also detailed maps in the Land Records Vault showing the reservoir, dam, and surrounding land. The reservoir is bordered by numerous properties on Falls Landing Road, properties on West Elm Street, and West Elm Street across from Deep River Oil.

I'm sure everyone in town is familiar with the body of water and I know numerous people use the reservoir for fishing (in both warm and cold months) and also for ice skating, even though the property is currently privately owned by our association. The reservoir is also suitable for canoeing and the like.

The reservoir has been an un-official land mark of Deep River for many years. We believe the town may be in a much better position to keep up the property than our association is. We would like the Board of Selectman to discuss this possibility and, if possible, meet with our association's executive board to discuss this further.

Feel free to call me any time at (860) 526-4964.

Sincerely,

Travis Board  
Executive Board Member  
Kelsey Falls Association

Smith expressed his belief that that there would be many advantages to such an agreement that would support the Association's request: a popular recreational spot would be publicly owned so that residents could take advantage of opportunities to fish, go boating and ice skate without trespassing on what is now private property. Smith will contact Town Attorney Jane Marsh and the Town's insurance carrier, CIRMA, to get their comments pro or con.

**Adjournment:**

Oliveria moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, that the meeting adjourn at 7:20.

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Respectfully submitted,

*Richard H. Smith,*

First Selectman