



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting – January 8, 2013

Attendance: Selectmen Dick Smith, Angus McDonald, David Oliveria; Margot Hilfinger, John Greene (*vidiography*); Russell Marth (*Community Health Committee.*), Rene Boucher; Jonathan Kastner; Charlie Stannard (*ValleyNewsNow*).

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by Dick Smith.

Minutes: Regular Meeting – December 11, 2012

Motion by McDonald, 2nd by Oliveria, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2012.

APPROVED 3 – 0

NOTE: the regular meeting scheduled for December 25th was cancelled.

Appointments:

Smith advised the Board that Linalynn Schmelzer, Janice Kmetz and Amy Forbes had expressed interest in serving on the Town Hall Management Committee.. The Board agreed to act at a future meeting.

Lords Lane Sewer Expansion:

After discussion, and considering the advice of Town Attorney Jane Marsh, Selectman McDonald requested that the Board accept the Lords Lane sewer expansion and set the connection fee separately, as follows:

- 1] That the Board accept the Lords Lane Sewer Extension, and
- 2] That the connection fee (\$2,000 per property) that had been approved by Town Meeting for the previous expansion of the sewer system (Union Street, Bridge Street, High Street, etc.) remain in effect for Lords Lane, as well as for all future sewer projects.

Motions by McDonald, 2nd by Oliveria, to separately approve items 1] & 2] above.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Falls Landing:

Smith provided the Board with an e-mail from Fiona Dewberry, Underwriter for CIRMA, the Town's insurance carrier. The subject of the e-mail was a proposal made by the Falls Landing Association, and introduced at the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on November 27, 2012, regarding transfer of property, known as the reservoir and dam, to the Town's ownership. No action was taken regarding Ms. Dewberry's comments, suggestions and recommendations, which are reproduced *verbatim* as follows:

regarding the Town potentially taking ownership of Falls Landing, below are some areas for the Town to consider:

Maintaining of the pond and land surrounding the pond:

- **Additional employees, time or payroll used to maintain the area will create an additional premium under the Workers Comp policy**

Utilization of the pond:

- **Will the Town promote activities, such as ice fishing, ice skating, canoeing, swimming etc., *i.e.*, will they be Town run programs?**
 - **Additional staff and operating expenses to conduct these programs will create an increase in both Workers Comp and Liability-Auto-Property**
 - **Testing of the water and ice will need to be conducted**
- **Or will it be an "enter at your own risk" scenario?**
 - **The Town will not promote the activities or run programs**
 - **Proper signage will need to be posted in order to alleviate liability on the Town and I can have the Risk Manager assigned to the Town contact you for recommendations.**

Are there any physical structures on the property that the Town will take ownership of? If so, this will create an additional premium for the Liability-Auto-Property

Pollution exposure: Recommend a Phase 1& Phase 2 to determine if the area has any pollution issues.

Bid for Grinding of Brush:

Motion by McDonald, 2nd by Oliveria, to accept the low bid from Running Brook Farms of Killingworth, LLC, in the amount of \$7,990, for the grinding of brush at the Transfer Station and the removal of the resulting chips from the facility.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Schedule of Board of Selectmen Meetings – Calendar Year 2013:

Motion by McDonald, 2nd by Oliveria, to approve the schedule as presented:

JANUARY 8, 2013

JANUARY 22, 2013

FEBRUARY 12, 2013

FEBRUARY 26, 2013

MARCH 12, 2013

MARCH 26, 2013

APRIL 9, 2013

APRIL 23, 2013

MAY 14, 2013

MAY 28, 2013

JUNE 11, 2013

JUNE 25, 2013

JULY 9, 2013

JULY 23, 2013

AUGUST 13, 2013

AUGUST 27, 2013

SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

OCTOBER 8, 2013

OCTOBER 22, 2013

NOVEMBER 12, 2013

NOVEMBER 26, 2013

DECEMBER 10, 2013

DECEMBER 24, 2013

CANCELLED

JANUARY 14, 2014

JANUARY 28, 2014

APPROVED 3 – 0

Historic Documents Preservation Grant:

Motion by Oliveria, 2nd by McDonald, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That Richard H. Smith, First Selectman of the Town of Deep River, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

APPROVED 3 – 0

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

Smith thanked the Community Health Board and the individuals and businesses for their generous donations of both money and food for the Food Pantry. Russell Marth, Committee Chairman, was present, and thanked Resident Trooper Cope and Deep River Officers Sypher and Lewis for filling their cruisers eight times over with the generous donations. Marth also thanked CHC members who had taken part, Rosie Bininger, Social Services Coordinator and Deep River Rotary / Liberty Bank, who had raised funds for the food baskets for Thanksgiving.

Adjournment:

Motion by McDonald, 2nd by Oliveria, to adjourn at 7:02.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Smith,

First Selectman