



SELECTMAN'S OFFICE  
174 Main Street  
Deep River, Connecticut 06417

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting – March 12, 2013

**Attendance:** Selectmen Dick Smith, Angus McDonald, David Oliveria; Margot Hilfinger, John Greene (*videography*); Lisa Bibbiani, Bruce Edgerton, Joann Hourigan (*WPCF*).

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

**NOTE:** *in deference to Michelle Connelly, Heart Safe Coordinator for the State of Connecticut, the Board invited her to speak before continuing with the meeting's agenda:*

### **Department of Health Presentation**

Ms. Connelly presented the Board of Selectmen with a certificate designating the town of Deep River as a Heart Safe Community, in recognition of the Town's installation of Automatic Electronic Defibrillators (AED) in town buildings, and for training Town employees in the use of AEDs as well as in CPR. The program began in the early 2000s, when the Town applied for and received a grant to purchase several AEDs.

The Board gratefully accepted the certificate.

**Minutes:** Regular Meeting – February 26, 2013

Oliveria moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 26, 2013. It was noted by Smith that the agenda for this meeting dated the previous meeting as February 28<sup>th</sup>. The date should have been February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVED 3 – 0**

**Addition to Agenda:**

Smith moved, McDonald 2<sup>nd</sup>, to add to the agenda for discussion and action a Certified Fair Housing resolution and a Small Cities Program Certified Resolution.

APPROVED 3 -- 0

**Fair Housing and Small Cities Resolutions:**

Following a lengthy discussion Oliveria moved, McDonald 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve both resolutions.

APPROVED 3 -- 0

***The two resolutions, in their entirety, are attached to these minutes.***

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

Margo Hilfinger asked whether a public hearing had been scheduled for the proposed sewer expansion. Smith replied that a Special Town Meeting would be scheduled during the next two weeks.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Oliveria, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smith, to adjourn at 7:05 pm.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard H. Smith,*

First Selectman

**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 March 12, 2013 and which has not been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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(Clerk)

(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 \$600,000 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 Selectman

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 \$600,000 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.

**FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION  
TOWN OF DEEP RIVER**

- Whereas, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and
- Whereas, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and
- Whereas, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and
- Whereas, The Town of Deep River is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED**, That the Town of Deep River hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the First Selectman of the Town of Deep River or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Deep River and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Adopted by the Town of Deep River on \_\_\_\_\_

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**Town Seal**