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BOARD OF SELECTMEN DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting – June 11, 2013

Attendance: Selectmen Dick Smith, Angus McDonald, David Oliveria; Margot Hilfinger, Rich Strukus (*videography*); Richard Nagot, Russ Marth.

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

Minutes: Regular Meeting – May 28, 2013

McDonald moved, 2nd by Oliveria, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 28, 2013.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Appointments:

McDonald moved, 2nd by Oliveria, to approve the appointment of Lisa Johnson to the Deep River Housing Authority, her term to expire January 31, 2018.

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Resolution:

Oliveria read the following resolution:

The Board of Selectmen applauds the June 11, 2013 resolution of the Deep River Historical Society "linking the history of the ivory trade in Deep River with today's wildlife cause of saving African Elephants." The Board supports the concept and stands ready to join with and assist the Historical Society in its forthcoming program. Oliveria moved, 2nd by McDonald, to approve.

APPROVED 3 – 0

The 2013 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA):

McDonald moved, Oliveria 2nd, to approve the request from Kirtland Commons to support the Deep River Housing Authority in its energy conservation program, as presented by JoAnn Hourigan, Director, under the state's 2013 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program Proposal.

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Addition to Agenda:

Oliveria moved, 2nd by McDonald to add to the agenda for discussion and action the transfer of property on Bushy Hill Road.

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Bushy Hill Property Transfer:

Smith explained that the Town, over the past 23 years, has identified small slivers of Town-owned property that had accrued to the Town for various reasons. Although these properties were of no benefit to the Town, they would be of value to adjacent property owners. Transferring such properties has the added advantage of returning them to the tax rolls, as well as relieving the Town of any liability ownership might pose. Other such properties exist on Hemlock Drive and Ellen Lane. The property under discussion appears on Assessors Map 28, Lot 16.

This would be the fourth property along Bushy Hill Road to be transferred. While the origin of some of these small plots is not always clear, those along Bushy Hill were created many years ago when the roadway was re-aligned for reasons of safety. The slivers, formerly part of the right of way, were, in effect, orphaned. Three have been previously transferred into private hands.

In every case engineering and other costs pertaining to the transaction are borne by the landowners. After reviewing the map and discussing the issue, McDonald moved, 2nd by Oliveria, to approve the transfer and send it to a Town Meeting for approval.

APPROVED 3 – 0

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

Resident Richard Nagot expressed the following concerns: bicyclists have been riding as many as four abreast along Route 80, creating an unsafe traffic situation. Smith noted that Cyclists who were engaged in organized rides (often fundraising events) adhere to traffic rules, including riding single file. Smith suggested that those who Nagot identified were likely recreational riders. Smith invited Nagot to contact him on his cell phone whenever he encountered such unsafe practices. Nagot also reported that while he was traveling westbound on Veterans Memorial Lane an All Waste truck entered from Elm Street traveling eastbound, nearly colliding with Nagot. Smith will contact All Waste to advise their drivers that the street is one way westbound.

Nagot further advised that the storm drains located adjacent to 306 West Elm Street as well as the drain on Winthrop Road (Route 80) near the westerly intersection with Bahr Road, were clogged with sand, creating a flooding situation in both areas.

Nagot concluded his remarks by expressing his admiration for the Valley Regional students who performed community service in their three towns on June 10th. He also thanked the Board of Selectmen for having appointed him to the Deep River Town Hall Auditorium Restoration Committee, and for the Board's support of the committee's work. *(The 11-member DRTHARC, created by the Board of Selectmen in the fall of 2011, has nearly concluded its work. The Deep River Town Hall Auditorium Management Committee, with five members, will oversee the Auditorium's operation.)*

Nagot concluded his remarks by noting that during the month of May, when the Auditorium was re-dedicated in celebration of Town Hall's 120th anniversary, several non- residents have congratulated Deep River on its good fortune in having such an attractive and useful building for its Town Hall.

Adjournment

McDonald moved, 2nd by Oliveria, to adjourn at 7:15 pm.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Respectfully submitted,
Richard H. Smith,
First Selectman