



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting – August 27, 2013

**Attendance:** Selectmen Dick Smith, Dave Oliveria, Angus McDonald; also present: Karen Oliveria, Jonathan Kastner.

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

**Minutes:** Regular Meeting – August 13, 2013

Oliveria moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 2013.

APPROVED 3 – 0

### **Appointments:**

**Planning & Zoning:** P & Z Chairman Kastner reported that William Burdick had expressed his interest in becoming a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission. He was recommended by current Alternate Member John Attridge, who recently resigned after serving on the Commission since 1996. Mr. Burdick attended the August 15, 2013 meeting of the P & Z, at which time he affirmed his interest. Oliveira moved that William Burdick be appointed to fill Attridge's term, subject to confirmation that he qualifies as an elector. McDonald 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

APPROVED 3 -- 0

Police Officer : Christopher Cope, who served as Deep River's Resident State Trooper until his retirement from the Connecticut State Police in March of 2013, was the candidate chosen by a committee of five from among three finalists. Smith explained that Cope, despite his 20 years as a State Trooper, could not qualify for employment as a Deep River Police Officer without the extensive testing and training necessary for POST certification. This included an agility test, drug test, polygraph test, a psychological review and a full background check. Now, POST-certified, Cope may be "hired / appointed," but must receive additional training before assuming full police duties. Motion by Oliveria, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, to "hire / appoint" Christopher Cope as a Deep River Police Officer.

APPROVED 3 -- 0

### **Amendment to the Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 23, 2013**

Smith explained that **Agenda Item #3** of the agenda published for the meeting of April 23, 2013, had included the following, which is reproduced in its entirety below:

3. *Approve the following resolution to call a Special Town Meeting:*

*WHEREAS, at their Regular Meetings held on February 26, 2013, the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance approved a proposal to appropriate \$4,000,000 for the extension of the sanitary sewer system to the eastern terminus of Kirtland and River Streets, as well as all connecting streets, and to finance the appropriation through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) by accepting a grant from USDA for 30 % of the project costs and a loan from USDA for 70 % of the project costs, and*

*WHEREAS, at its Special Meeting held on April 4, 2013, the Planning & Zoning Commission approved the proposal pursuant to C.G.S. Section 8-24, and voted to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen for the Town Meeting stating that the proposed sewer plan extension is in conformity with the Town Plan of Conservation and Development, and*

*WHEREAS, at its Regular Meeting held on April 9, 2013, the Board of Selectmen concluded that it can now schedule a Special Town Meeting at which residents will have the opportunity to review all information, and to discuss and vote on the proposal.*

*BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached appropriation and bonding resolution for the project (the "Resolution") is hereby approved and shall be submitted to a Special Town meeting to be held on Thursday,*

*May 2, 2013 in accordance with the attached Warning of Special Town Meeting, which is also hereby approved.*

Neither the discussion nor the vote of **Agenda Item #3** appeared in the meeting minutes. However, the DVD recorded by Deep River Taxpayers Association videographers Margo Hilfinger and Richard Strukus, confirms that discussion did take place, and action was taken on **Agenda Item #3**. The recording was reviewed by Selectman's Assistant Jonathan Kastner on August 26, 2013, beginning at 4 pm, and concluding at 5:15 pm.

*As confirmation, screen titles that appear on the recording are appended to these minutes.*

Motion by McDonald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oliveria, to amend the minutes of April 23, 2013 to include the discussion and action taken regarding the resolution.

APPROVED 3 -- 0

A second motion was made by Oliveria, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, confirming the affirmative vote on the original resolution.

APPROVED 3 -- 0

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

None.

**Adjournment**

Oliveria moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, to adjourn at 6:58 pm.

APPROVED 3 -- 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard H. Smith,*  
First Selectman

