



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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting – October 22, 2013

Attendance: Selectmen Dick Smith, Dave Oliveria, Angus McDonald. Also present: Margo Hilfinger, Rich Strukus (*Videography*); Charles Stannard (*On Line News*).

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm by Dick Smith.

Minutes: Regular Meeting – October 8, 2013

MacDonald moved, Oliveria 2nd, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 8, 2013.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Appointments

Oliveria moved, MacDonald 2nd, to appoint Lisa Berube to the Housing Authority, term to expire January 31, 2016.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Appointments (continued)

Oliveria moved, MacDonald 2nd, to re-appoint Maura Carver, Cynthia Cosme, Janet Klinck, Grace Krick and Diane Recchia to the Community Health Committee, terms to expire October 30, 2015.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Bids: Sander/Dump Body & Plow

Two bids were received: W. H. Rose (\$52,313) and Equipment Service (\$53,784), a difference of \$1,471. After discussion, it was agreed to accept the Equipment Service bid, for two reasons:

1. The body offered by Equipment Service had sides 16” high and a tailgate 24” high. In addition, the body will be constructed totally of stainless steel.
2. W. H. Rose’s body sides were 15”, 20” for the tailgate, and the body was a combination of stainless steel and carbon steel.

Motion by McDonald, Oliveria 2nd, to award the bid to Equipment Service,

APPROVED 3 – 0

Addition to Agenda

Smith asked the Board to add to the agenda, for discussion and action, an increase in the total cost of the new highway truck. Motion by Oliveria, MacDonald 2nd, to add the item to the agenda.

APPROVED 3 -- 0

Increase in Authorization

Smith noted that when the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance, with confirmation at a Town Meeting, approved the purchase of a new highway truck, the cost was stated as “not to exceed \$125,000,” a figure that had been based on informal quotes by vendors. However, the International Truck vendor, who supplies the chassis, offered the option of an all-wheel drive, instead of traditional two-wheel drive. Based on the number of steep hills, it was decided to upgrade to all-wheel drive.

Not only will the vehicle provide better service on hills, but the all-stainless body will considerably outlast the conventional body. Finally, prices have risen during the past year. The total increase is \$14,225.

Smith also noted that the lease / purchase agreement covering both the new highway vehicle and the aerial truck purchased for the Fire Department had authorization up to \$700,000. Even with the additional \$14,225, the total cost will be \$689,225. The first of five payments under the lease / purchase agreement was made in July 2013, and included the additional \$14,225.

Oliveria moved, MacDonald 2nd, to amend the original approval of “not to exceed \$125,000” and to increase the line by \$14,255. This action will require approval by the Board of Finance and residents at a Town Meeting.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Proposed Ordinance

After discussion, MacDonald moved, Oliveria 2nd, to approve an ordinance as presented by Tax Collector Lisa Bibbiani regarding establishment of a fee for late payment of delinquent motor vehicle taxes. The additional revenue would offset fees recently imposed on municipalities by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

NOTE: the proposed Ordinance, in its entirety, is attached to these minutes.

APPROVED 3 -- 0

Industrial Development

Smith reported that an opportunity has arisen that would create much needed opportunity for industrial development. The available land would be purchased by the Town with funds realized from the sale of one of the Town’s two business incubator buildings. The Town would then invite companies to locate on the Town property, with the provision that they construct their building within one year. This arrangement would be similar to agreements the Town has made with Viking Equipment and David Winstead, both of whom constructed buildings on Town-owned land along Industrial Park Road.

Advantages to the Town are:

1. additional tax revenues from the property, buildings and equipment, and the creation of jobs;
2. no Town funds, other than in-kind services of the Public Works Department, would be required.

Oliveria moved, MacDonald 2nd, to approve this proposal, and to authorize the First Selectman to proceed,

APPROVED 3 – 0

Property at 73 Kirtland Street

Smith provided the Board with a memo from Assessor Robin O'Loughlin regarding the property.

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

In response to a request from Margo Hilfinger, Smith gave an update on Town projects.

Adjournment

McDonald Moved, 2nd by Oliveria, to adjourn at 7:22.

APPROVED 3 -- 0

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Smith,

First Selectman



Office of the Tax Collector
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Ordinance Purpose: for Town's mandatory payment to DMV to administer registration monitoring program: SS14-33(a). In 2009 the DMV charged the town \$855.70 and the bill for June 30, 2014 is \$1,112.33. We have seen a significant increase in this fee. If we collect 500 delinquent Motor Vehicles in a year, we will just about cover the cost of the DMV fee.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes SS 7-148(c) and SS 12-166, the Collector of Revenue shall, in addition to all interest, charges, fees, and penalties otherwise provided by law, add and collect the following charges to each tax account which shall be enforceable in any manner allowed by law for the collection of delinquent taxes, shall be included within any lien securing such tax, and must be paid before such tax is deemed to have been satisfied:

- (1) \$2.00 for each motor vehicle tax payment collected by the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles;
- (2) \$0.50 per page or the actual cost of any electronic media for reproductions of tax bills, payment histories, or other records produced on request, unless paid at the time of production; and
- (3) The actual cost of all fees and expenses incurred to identify, locate, and contact all owners, encumbrances, and other persons as reasonably related to collection efforts.

Order of Application:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes SS 7-148(c) and SS 12-166, except as otherwise required by law, all payments made to or recovered for amounts owed to the Town arising from tax delinquencies shall be applied to attorney's fees, collection expenses, recording fees, collector's fees, and other expenses and charges related to the collection before the interest accrued upon or principal of any tax.