



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting – March 11, 2014

Attendance: Selectmen Dick Smith, Angus McDonald, Jr., David Oliveria. Also: Margo Hilfinger, John Greene (*videography*).

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

Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 25, 2014

Oliveria moved, MacDonald 2nd, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 25, 2014.

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Update on Town Projects

Smith reported that he had notified Nathan Jacobson and Associates that they had been chosen as the engineering firm for Plattwood Park. He had met with Geoff Jacobson and Associate Kati Mercier to review the proposed project. The first step will be surveying and beginning the layout of the various facets of the project. When design work has progressed the Board of Selectmen and the Parks & Recreation Director and appointed member will meet with Jacobson's representatives.

The Selectmen also discussed the Firehouse expansion. MacDonald and Oliveria have prepared draft layouts, based on the Fire Department's information, that might serve the Department's needs. The Board of Selectmen will meet with the Fire Department on March 26th to discuss results thus far.

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

John Greene advised the Board of Selectmen that his church has a new program to donate \$1,000 of food to area food banks. Smith noted that the Town's food pantry is heavily used, especially during winter, and would welcome additional donations. Greene will provide the Town with the paperwork necessary to apply for assistance under the new program.

Margo Hilfinger requested an update on the budget process. Smith reported that a draft of the General Government budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 had been presented to the Board of Finance at their workshop on March 5, 2014. Although there are still numbers from some departments that require further investigation, changes within the General Government budget will have a negligible effect on the overall budget.

As reported earlier, at this time Deep River's share of the Regional School District #4 budget is \$440,000 higher than in the current year's budget, which is equivalent to almost a full mill. If there are no significant changes, the Town's overall budget will include an increase of approximately .82 of a mill.

Adjournment:

Motion by McDonald, 2nd by Oliveria, to adjourn at 6:58 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dick Smith

First Selectman