



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting – March 25, 2014

Attendance: Selectmen Dick Smith, Angus McDonald, Jr., David Oliveria. Also: Margo Hilfinger, John Greene (*videography*); Tom Metcalf, A.C. Proctor, Charlotte Lazor, Elizabeth Pester, Jonathan Kastner.

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm by Dick Smith.

Minutes: Regular Meeting of March 11, 2014

McDonald moved, Oliveria 2nd, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 11, 2014.

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First Selectman's Report

Update on State Legislative Session

Smith summarized his recent testimony in Hartford concerning the consolidation of dispatching services for the Connecticut State Police and the simultaneous closing of five CSP Barracks from early evening to morning. The Joint Committee on Public Safety and security had approved legislation that would have halted consolidation pending further research into the effects thus far. However, the recently appointed Commissioner of Public Safety, Dora B. Schriro, announced that effective immediately Troopers would be reassigned and that the affected Barracks will be re-opened on a 24-hour basis. Further consolidation has been halted.

During recent testimony many municipal leaders and legislators had publicly disputed claims of the cost effectiveness and the assumed efficiencies.

Another bill before the Legislature would cap Towns' share of the cost of Resident State Troopers at 70 per cent of their total cost: salary, benefits, overtime, etc.

Both issues were discussed by members of the Board and the Audience of Citizens.

Sale of Tri Town Precision Plastics

Scott Goodspeed purchased the former UARCO Building in 1999 as headquarters for his company, Tri Town Precision Plastics, which manufactured parts for Smith & Wesson firearms. Smith & Wesson has bought the company (which will now be known as Deep River Plastics), They have signed a ten-year lease for the building with Goodspeed, with an option to buy the property, and have stated their intension to retain the manufacturing activities at the present location (12 Bridge Street). While Tri Town had occupied only a portion of the four-story building, this purchase will allow S & W to expand, creating more jobs and perhaps increasing Deep River's industrial tax base.

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

Margo Hilfinger, noting a partially-completed partition at the west end of the Conference Room, inquired as to its purpose. Smith explained that it was a phase of the Town Hall office re-configuration that was begun several years ago. It will provide a proper office for the Parks and Recreation Director, whose work space is currently in the corridor that leads to the south entrance of Town Hall. To reduce Conference Room clutter, a closet will also be expanded. The former Parks & Rec space will be for the copy & shredding machines, so that their use will not interrupt Conference Room activities.

Adjournment:

Motion by McDonald, 2nd by Oliveria, to adjourn at 7:14 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dick Smith

First Selectman