



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting – April 22, 2014

First Selectman's Note: Topics discussed and acted upon at meetings of the Board of Selectmen are often better understood in their historical context. These issues, though familiar to those in attendance, may not be common knowledge. Therefore, as of April 8, 2014, Board of Selectmen's minutes will include historical background, when appropriate to a greater public understanding.

Attendance: Selectmen Dick Smith, Angus McDonald, Jr., David Oliveria.
Also: Treasurer Tom Lindner; Margo Hilfinger, Rich Strukus
(*videography*); Jonathan Kastner.

This regular meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Dick Smith.

Minutes: Regular Meeting of April 8, 2014

Motion by McDonald, Oliveria 2nd, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 8, 2014.

APPROVED 3 - 0

Appointments:

Region 2 Mental Health Board

Motion by Oliveria, McDonald 2nd, to appoint Christine Nucci to the Region 2 Mental Health Board. (*There are no term limits on this Board.*)

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

Budget: Margo Hilfinger asked for an update on the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget. Smith asked to postpone discussion until 7:30, when the Board of Finance meets, so discussion could include members of both boards and all those present.

Scheduling: Hilfinger also asked when the town budget public hearing and referendum would be held. Smith replied that the public hearing is scheduled for May 6th, and the Annual Town Meeting would be on May 19th. Both will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium. Following discussion, the Board of Selectmen set May 27, 2014, from noon until 8 pm, for the Budget Referendum. It will be held in the community room of the Public Library.

Mill Rate Increase: The Board of Finance has set the mill rate for FY 2014-15 at 25.90, which represents an increase of 0.85 of a mill over the current rate. The First Selectman has prepared a listing of the amount of the proposed increase for all Deep River properties. Residents are welcome to call the Selectman's office to learn the effect on their property.

Due to the cost of holding referendums, recent budgets with no increase or a minimal rise have been decided by paper ballot at the Annual Town Meeting. As noted at their previous meeting, the Board of Selectmen agreed that due to the mill rate increase this year a referendum would be appropriate.

Adjournment:

Motion by McDonald, Oliveria 2nd, to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dick Smith

First Selectman