



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting – June 10, 2014

**Attendance:** Selectmen Dick Smith, Angus McDonald, Jr., David Oliveria.  
Also: Margo Hilfinger, Richard Strukus (*vidiography*); Joann Hourigan, Peter Staye  
(*Kirtland Commons Elderly Housing*); Lisa Bibbiani (*Tax Collector*).

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

**Minutes:** Regular Meeting of May 27, 2014

Motion by McDonald, Oliveria 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 27, 2014.

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*NOTE: to accommodate William McCalpin of C-PACE, whose appearance was listed on the agenda as Item 5, the Board agreed to advance his presentation.*

### **Connecticut Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE)**

The Clean Energy Finance & Investment Authority was established in 2012 through Public Act 12-2, its purpose to promote clean energy and energy conservation through financial incentives. William C. McCalpin, Project Assistant, made a presentation regarding the program and its benefits, which covers commercial / industrial properties 501(c), as well as apartment complexes of more than five units. The Town's involvement would be limited to the Tax Collector's office; Tax Collector Lisa Bibbiani has attended seminars so as to familiarize herself with the program.

Advantages to the Town would be collection of additional permit fees generated by C-PACE-approved projects, and a one-time payment of \$500 by C-PACE to cover the Town's administration costs. Questions from the audience were addressed by McCalpin and Bibbiani. Further information is available at [WWW.C-PACE.COM](http://WWW.C-PACE.COM)—or by contacting William McCalpin directly at (860) 257-2176.

A draft resolution affirming the Board's support for the program will be acted upon after review by Town Attorney Jane Marsh.

## **Bids**

The following submitted bids for two projects:

1. Chipping / grinding of brush & stumps and removal of chips at the Transfer Station;

Running Brook Farms of Killingworth, LLC :	\$ 7,990	Low bidder
Harvest New England LLC	\$ 12,450	

2. Installation of steel-backed Guardrail at Plattwood Recreational Park.

Running Brook Farms of Killingworth LLC	\$ 5,000	Low Bidder
Guilford Fence Works	\$ 8,820	
Gateway Fence	\$ 9,260	
Atlas Company	\$ 13,985	
Rickert Fence	\$ 18,875	

Smith requested that the Board of Selectmen authorize an extension of our bid for curbing and road repairs originally received from Laydon Construction for the current year (FY 2013-14). Extreme weather disrupted the schedule for Laydon's work, and some of the funds allocated were required for snow removal and other unanticipated costs. The granite curbing has already been purchased, and owner Bill Laydon has agreed to honor the quote during the upcoming Fiscal Year 2014-15.

After discussion, motion by Oliveria, McDonald 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve the two low bids from Running Brook Farms, as well as to extend the bids for curbing and paving repairs.

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## **Companies Interested in Plattwood Industrial Park Expansion**

Six firms have expressed interest in participating in the expansion of Plattwood Industrial Park to the property the Town has purchased through a grant under the Small Cities Program. The land will remain under Town ownership, but, unlike the Business Incubator project, in which the Town built and retained ownership, the three buildings planned for the expansion will be financed wholly through private investment.

Smith reported that Town engineers, Nathan Jacobson & Associates, have provided a plot plan which includes the proposed buildings. Jacobson is also consulting with the Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD) on health code requirements for septic and water wells. Town Attorney Jane Marsh is composing agreements which will include stipulations that construction begin within six months of signing. The companies will pay a rental fee in lieu of property tax, based upon the assessed value of the land, as well as on the value of their building, equipment and machinery.

The Selectmen will choose three from among the following:

Top Notch Electrical Services, LLC	Deep River
Winthrop Toll LLC / Winthrop Tackle LLC	Deep River
InterPRO	Deep River
Olsen's Sanitation Co., LLC	Deep River
Moyer's Landscaping Services, LLC	Killingworth
COLANAR Inc.	Deep River

## **Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAA)**

The following Legal Notice appeared on June 3, 2014 in the Middletown Press:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectman will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 10, 2014. at 7 p.m. in the Deep River Town Hall, 174 Main Street, Deep River, Connecticut on the following issues:

1. programs that shall be included on a list pursuant to Chapter 228a of the Connecticut General Statutes, NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT, prior to submission of such list to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Written communications will be received. This notice is published pursuant to state Statutes.

Dated at Deep River, Connecticut this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2014.

The First Selectman convened the Public Hearing at 7:15 pm. Joann Hourigan, Director of Kirtland Commons, explained the program's purpose and how participation could benefit Kirtland Commons.

Smith noted that the Town had approved participation in the program in the past, and that the Board of Selectmen was familiar with its benefits. After discussion among residents present and the Board of Selectmen, there was a motion by Oliveria, McDonald 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve the Town's participation, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all paperwork necessary to implement the program.

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

Margo Hilfinger asked if there was any way to increase public participation in the Regional School District #4 budget process. The Region 4 budget, which is the largest portion of our total Town budget, is decided prior to the vote on the General Government / Elementary School budgets. Hilfinger's concern is that once the Region 4 budget is passed, the Boards of Selectmen and Finance—and residents—are left with few options for reducing the total budget.

## **Executive Session – Union Negotiations**

The Board of Selectmen entered executive session at 7:30 pm to discuss wages and benefits for Town employees. No actions nor votes were taken during the session, which was concluded at 8:50 pm.

## **Adjournment:**

Motion by Oliveria, McDonald 2<sup>nd</sup>, to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

*Dick Smith*

First Selectman