



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting – August 12, 2014

Attendance: Selectmen Dick Smith, Angus McDonald, David Oliveria. Also: Margo Hilfinger, Rich Strukus (*videography*); Charles Stannard, (*ValleyNewsNow*); Jonathan Kastner.

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by Dick Smith.

Minutes: Regular Meeting of July 22, 2014

Motion by Oliveria, McDonald 2nd, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 22, 2014.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Hazard Mitigation Plan:

Tabled.

Name for New Road Plattwood Industrial Park:

Smith asked the Board of Selectmen to consider an appropriate name for the access road to the newly purchased Plattwood Industrial Park property. One possibility would be to honor entrepreneur Walter Mislick, industrial / commercial developer, bank president and recruiter of business. Mislick Drive or Walter's Way had been suggested. Decision will be made at a future meeting.

Possible Purchase of Industrial Property Known as 411 Main Street:

The property, approximately 59 acres, had been purchased by Walter Mislick as a site for light industrial development. Smith advised the Board of Selectmen that he had met with the owner of a company seeking to double the size of his current 50,000 square foot operation, but who is unable to expand in his present location.

The Board discussed possible incentives or inducements for the company to relocate to Deep River, such as the provision for tax abatements allowed by State Statutes to encourage business expansion. Another possibility could be the Town's participation in constructing an access road. All agreed that in addition to increasing the Grand List, adding to our local employment also brings more customers to our retail shops.

Smith will continue discussions with the potential buyer, with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), which has jurisdiction over railroad crossings, and with other potential investors with interest in some of the acreage.

Executive Session:

The board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:13 pm to discuss the status of contract negotiations between the Town and the Deep River Municipal Employees Organization (DRMEO). The regular meeting resumed at 7:19 pm. During the Executive Session no votes nor other actions were taken.

Action on Contract:

Motion by Oliveria, McDonald 2nd, to accept terms agreed upon with the DRMEO as outlined in a memorandum dated August 7, 2014.

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

In response to a query by Margo Hilfinger, Smith noted that the four-year contract includes wage increases as well as language clarifying medical benefits, pensions and overtime pay.

Adjournment:

McDonald moved, Oliveria 2nd, to adjourn at 7:22 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

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