



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting – August 26, 2014

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

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by Dick Smith.

**Minutes:** Regular Meeting of August 12, 2014

Motion by Oliveria, Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2014.

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### **Name for New Road at Plattwood Industrial Park:**

At the previous meeting Board members had been asked to consider an appropriate name for the new road that will access the Town's recently purchased property in Plattwood Industrial Park. After a brief discussion, Oliveria moved, Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>, to bestow the name "Mislick Drive" in honor of the late Walter Mislick, who helped strengthen Deep River's Industrial / commercial tax base through expansion of his own properties, and who encouraged such developments wherever appropriate.

To help start-up businesses, Mislick had also set aside some of his rental space as "Business Incubators," offering new companies lower rental rates. With Mislick's encouragement, the Town applied for (and was twice awarded) Small Cities Grants with which two Business Incubators were constructed, and which have launched several successful businesses.

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## Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan:

After reading the resolution to adopt the NHMP into the record, Oliveria moved, Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve the resolution as presented. *The document is reproduced below.*

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SELECTMAN'S OFFICE  
174 Main Street  
Deep River, Connecticut 06417

### **A Resolution to Adopt the TOWN OF DEEP RIVER NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE, 2014**

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 encourages communities to prepare a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan to outline natural hazard vulnerabilities and potential mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2014 is to reduce the loss of or damage to life, property, infrastructure and natural, cultural, and economic resources from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, in light of continuing natural disasters that severely impacted public infrastructure and private properties in the Town of Deep River, the Town developed a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2014 update to understand local conditions and plan accordingly; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on June 18, 2014 and a public survey was developed and available between March 26 and April 16, 2014 to solicit public input and recommendations; and;

WHEREAS, the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2014 recommends many hazard mitigation actions that will protect the people and property affected by the natural hazards that potentially face the town; and

WHEREAS, some of the recommended mitigation actions may qualify for Federal funding but only if the Town of Deep River officially adopts the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Deep River shall implement, maintain, and update the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2014 through the appropriate municipal departments and commissions; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Deep River that the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2014, is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Town of Deep River, and that the appropriate municipal departments will report annually on their activities, accomplishments and progress relative to the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2014, for the Town of Deep River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Deep River is authorized to apply for and accept any future Federal or State grant assistance to accomplish the goals of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2014.

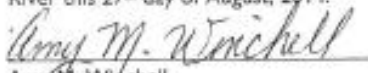
Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014 by the Board of Selectmen of Deep River, Connecticut:

  
Richard H. Smith,  
First Selectman

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Angus L. McDonald,  
Selectman

  
David N. Oliveria,  
Selectman

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has affixed her signature and the corporate seal of the Town of Deep River this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

  
Amy M. Winchell,  
Town Clerk



### **Addition to the Agenda:**

Oliveria moved, Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>, to add to the agenda for discussion and action the appointment of an alternate member to the Gateway Commission.

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### **Appointment:**

Smith reported that there is an opening for alternate member of the Gateway Commission, due to the resignation of Amy Petrone, who had served as both regular and alternate member since 2006. Samuel Shaw, who has a background in planning, had several months ago expressed an interest if an opening occurred. Smith contacted Shaw and suggested that he contact Torrance Downs, Senior Planner at the RiverCOG, to discuss the nature of the position and requirements for service. Based on his meeting with Downes, Shaw felt that he would complement the Commission, and requested that he be appointed.

Oliveria moved, Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>, to appoint Samuel Shaw as alternate member of the Gateway Commission, for a term to expire June 30, 2016

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

In response to a question by Margo Hilfinger, Smith read the names of the four firms that had participated in the second round of bidding for the sewer expansion proposed for the Kirtland – River Street area. All bids received in the first round had exceeded the financing / grant available through the United States Department of Agriculture. Specifications for the second round included a base bid for the major portion of the project, with additional alternate bids for areas to be completed as funding becomes available.

Cardinal Engineering, designer of the project, is reviewing the bids and assessing bidders' qualifications. The Town has also asked the USDA whether additional funding / grant is available. When the review has been completed, and the reply from the USDA has been received, the bid will be awarded.

Smith also offered an update on the previous meeting's discussion of a possible buyer for the Mislick property, located at the south end of Main Street. The interested company has determined that the cost of constructing an access road from Main Street (Route 154), which includes crossing the railroad right-of-way, is too great at this time. However, the Board of Selectmen will continue to seek buyers, and to continue discussions with all interested parties.

### **Adjournment:**

Oliveria moved, Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>, to adjourn at 7:22 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,  
*Richard H. Smith*  
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