



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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting — February 24, 2015

Attendance: Selectmen Richard Smith, Angus McDonald & David Oliveria.
Also: Margo Hilfinger and John Greene (videography); Tom Lindner, Mark Reyher.

NOTE: *Due to a problem with the audio portion of the recording equipment, the meeting was delayed until repairs were made.*

This regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Smith.

Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 10, 2015

Motion by McDonald, Oliveria 2nd, to approve the minutes of the regular Meeting of February 10, 2015.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Appointments:

There were no appointments, but Smith advised the Board that Tracy Woodcock had submitted her resignation from the Parks & Recreation Committee in a letter dated February 11, 2015.

Agenda Item # 4:

1. Hear a presentation by Theresa Eller and Anthony Sherman from UIL Holding Corporation in regard to bringing natural gas to Deep River.
2. Discuss and act on additional appropriation for preliminary design services for Deep River Fire House.

NOTE: The Board of Selectmen remained in session during the meeting of the Board of Finance to jointly discuss agenda item # 4.

Real Estate Broker for 500 Industrial Park Road:

The Board of Selectmen received one proposal in response to the legal notice dated January 13, 2015 requesting letters of qualification from real estate brokers regarding the sale of Town property and building at 500 Industrial Park Road.

Mark Reyher, representative of The Frederick K. Reyher Agency, presented his certification as a broker and detailed his experience in the sale of industrial properties.

Smith advised the Board that Reyher's present associations with the Town of Deep River should be considered during the discussion of the suitability of the agency. He noted that Reyher is employed for approximately four hours per week as the Wetlands Enforcement Officer for the Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission. He also serves as an elected member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and an appointed member of the Water Pollution Control Authority.

It was agreed by the Board of Selectmen that Reyher holds no position that would allow him to vote or otherwise influence decisions of the Town concerning this sale or any other matters.

Motion by Oliveria, McDonald 2nd, to approve the Frederick K. Reyher Agency as broker for the sale of 500 Industrial Park Road.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Board of Selectmen – Board of Finance:

Agenda Item # 4:

Representatives of UIL Holding Company gave a detailed presentation concerning the installation of a natural gas pipeline along Main Street (Route 154) from the Essex Town Line north to the intersection with Winter Avenue. There was lengthy discussion among members of both Boards and residents in attendance. Both Boards agreed that the availability of natural gas would benefit businesses and residences. A requirement of UIL is that the Town commit to converting heating systems at Town Hall, the Elementary School and the Public Library, from fuel oil to natural gas. Smith will obtain estimates, which he will present at the next joint Board of Selectmen / Board of Finance meeting, scheduled for March 24, 2015, so that they may discuss and act on the proposal.

Following a lengthy discussion of the Deep River Fire House Expansion, Oliveria moved, McDonald 2nd, to hire Noyes.Vogt. Architects of Chester to provide preliminary design services, for a fee not to exceed \$ 5,000. It was agreed by all present that the architects' main task will be to determine the feasibility of placing a two-story building on the available property at 57 Union Street. An important factor will be to assess the visual impact on the residential neighborhood. Smith will arrange a meeting with the architect and members of the two Boards to assure a common understanding of the purpose and scope of the study.

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

None.

Adjournment:

Motion by Oliveria, McDonald 2nd, to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Smith,
First Selectman