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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting — July 28, 2015

Attendance: Selectmen Richard Smith, Angus McDonald & David Oliveria. Also: Margo Hilfinger & John Greene (*videography*); Nick Olson.

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by Smith.

Minutes: Regular Meeting of July 14, 2015

Motion by McDonald, Oliveria 2nd, to approve the minutes of the regular Meeting of July 14, 2015.

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Appointments:

Dan Ramage had asked to be appointed to the Long Island Sound Council. McDonald asked to table the decision until the next meeting, so that he could speak with Ramage. The other Board members agreed.

NOTE: *While waiting for the Board of Finance to convene, Smith gave an update on town projects. The Board of Selectmen then remained in session during the Board of Finance meeting so Smith could explain the adjustment to the FY 2014-15 budget.*

Fire Department Headquarters:

When the Board of Finance convened, Smith asked that all assembled hear Thomas Gribbin's presentation concerning Fire Headquarters. Gribbin, who had been commissioned to conceptualize a replacement or renovation to the current Headquarters building, presented his suggestions. There was discussion among board members and the audience of citizens, but no action was taken, pending receipt of further information.

Transfers / Additional Appropriations:

Smith presented both Boards with the a detailed explanation of transfers and additional appropriations regarding the FY 2014-15 budget. Smith then responded to questions from both boards.

McDonald moved, Oliveria 2nd, to approve the Transfers as presented.

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McDonald moved, Oliveria 2nd, to approve the additional appropriations as presented.
NOTE: the transfers and appropriation, in their entirety, are appended to these minutes.

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

Smith gave an update on all town projects. He also advised that at the next meeting he would request a discussion and action concerning a tax abatement for 52 Essex Street (Village View Apartments).

Smith noted that developer Paul Kaplan, when purchasing the property, had not asked for a reduction in the assessment, despite the poor condition of the buildings and property, which had been improperly maintained over time. Smith noted that one building had been in such bad condition that it was beyond rehabilitation, and had to be demolished. Remaining units were gutted and totally rehabbed—electric, plumbing, etc. The exterior was stripped, and new windows, sheathing and siding were installed.

Under State Statute, municipalities may offer tax abatements based on the portion of the assessment that represents new construction and / or major rehabilitation. At today's mill rate, Village View's current yearly tax of approximately \$48,000 could be abated by approximately \$5,500 per year for three years.

Smith also advised both the Boards that at the close of the legislative session, additional legislation was enacted that will have a financial impact on the towns.

1. Municipalities' share of the cost of a Resident Trooper will be raised from 70 per cent to 85 percent;
2. Registrars of Voters will be required to attend classes at a cost to the Town of \$1,600 per Registrar;
3. Municipalities that impose entrance fees for use of public parks will be subject to a surcharge payable to the State.

Adjournment:

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

APPROVED 3 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Smith,

First Selectman

Memorandum

To: Board of Finance & Board of Selectman
 From: Dick Smith
 Date: 7/28/2015
 RE: Overexpenditures / Revenues F/Y 2014-15

Town of Deep River Over-Expenditures;	
Town Hall Operation	\$34,046.99
Town Clerk	\$1,576.57
Board of Finance	\$937.34
Tax Collector	\$13,488.96
Special Services	\$9,745.55
Police Protection	\$141,534.83
Communications Center	\$1,018.69
Highway Department	\$149,139.98
Public Utilities	\$13,705.44
Public Health Nursing Services	\$1,856.40
Municipal Library	\$411.64
Park & Rec Commission	\$42,961.09
Redemption of Debt	\$7,956.82
Elementary & Supervisory Maint.	\$11,152.00
Regional District #4	\$3,000.00
Total Overexpenditures by Dept:	\$432,532.20

Revenues in Excess of Budget;	
Property Taxes - Current	\$ 23,746.51
Property Taxes - Arrears	\$ 100,725.44
Interest & Liens	\$ 64,955.41
MV Supplemental	\$ 36,572.07
Tax Over Payments	\$ 42.38
Building Permits	\$ 35,420.72
Fire Marshal Permits	\$ 1,100.00
Other License & Permits	\$ 479.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 4,566.50
Education Equilization Grant	\$ 12,617.00
Tax Relief Elderly	\$ 11,999.51
Pequot Funds Grant	\$ 208.73
Rental of Town Equipment	\$ 2,916.00
Recycling Fees	\$ 14,037.67
Insurance Credits	\$ 6,179.94
Park & Rec Fees	\$ 58,036.50
Sale of Town Equipment	\$ 5,661.27
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 87,557.08
Public Safety/Police	\$ 163,281.46
Total Revenues in Excess:	\$607,365.68

General Government:			
Steep Expended	\$59,044.39	Steep Grant 100% Reimbursed	\$47,736.76
Village Street Bridge Expended	\$60,170.25	Village Grant Received	\$26,902.59
Village Street / Plattwood Park Reimbursements are ongoing			

Town of Deep River Expenditures with Remaining Balances as of 6/30/2015

Memorandum

To: Board of Finance & Board of Selectman
From: Dick Smith
Date: 7/28/2015
RE: Remaining Expenditure Balances F/Y 2014-15

Department	Remaining Balances
Selectman	\$ 5,219.95
Elections	\$ 986.46
BOAA	\$ 583.95
Assessor	\$ 3,526.18
Planning & Zoning	\$ 19,315.02
ZBA	\$ 208.00
Inland Wetland	\$ 4,727.28
Insurance & Bonds	\$ 7,176.45
Employee Benefits	\$ 5,009.89
Fire Marshal	\$ 437.87
Civil Preparedness	\$ 802.45
Waste Removal/Recycling	\$ 9,366.01
Sanitarian	\$ 61.00
Probate Court	\$ 1,370.00
Political Subdivisions	\$ 2,507.50
Total:	\$ 61,298.01

Memorandum

To: Board of Finance & Board of Selectman
From: Dick Smith
Date: 7/28/2015
RE: Transfers and Additional Appropriations as of 7/28/2015

Line Item Transfers:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Department</u>	
Transfers to Town Hall Operations:			\$34,046.99
	\$9,366.01	from Waste Removal / Recycling	
	\$17,365.07	from Planning & Zoning	
	\$5,219.95	from Selectman	
	\$2,095.96	from Political Subdivision	
 Transfers to Town Clerk:			 \$1,576.57
	\$206.57	from ZBA	
	\$1,370.00	from Planning & Zoning	
 Transfers to Board of Finance:			 \$937.34
	\$937.34	from Elections	
 Transfers to Special Services:			 \$9,745.55
	\$4,727.28	from Inland Wetland	
	\$8.38	from Civil Preparedness	
	\$5,009.89	from Employee Benefits	
 Transfers to Communications Center:			 \$1,018.69
	\$583.95	from Board of Assessment Appeals	
	\$434.74	from Fire Marshal	
 Transfers to Public Health Nursing:			 \$1,856.40
	\$1,370.00	from Probate Court	
	\$486.40	from Civil Preparedness	
 Transfers to Municipal Library:			 \$411.54
	\$411.54	from Political Subdivisions	

Transfers to Redemption of Debt:		\$7,956.82
\$7,176.45 from Insurance & Bonds		
\$780.37 from Assessor		

Transfers to Regional District #4:		\$3,000.00
\$2,745.81 from Assessor		
\$254.19 from Civil Preparedness		

Total Line Items Transfers:		<u>\$60,549.90</u>
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Appropriations Not Offset by Additional Revenue:

Elem. & Supervisory Maint.	\$11,152.00
Public Utilities	<u>\$13,705.44</u>
Total:	\$24,857.44

Additional Appropriations Offset by Revenues:

	<u>Overexpenditure</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
Tax Collector	\$13,488.96	\$226,008.43
Police Protection	\$141,534.83	\$163,281.46
Highway Department	\$149,139.98	\$43,577.00
Park & Rec. Commission	<u>\$42,961.09</u>	<u>\$58,036.50</u>
Total:	\$347,124.86	\$490,903.39