



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting — March 22, 2016

Attendance: Selectmen Richard Smith, Angus McDonald & David Oliveria. Videographers Margo Hilfiger and John Green were also present.

This regular meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Smith.

Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2016.

McDonald moved, Oliveria 2nd, to accept the Special Meeting minutes of March 8, 2016.

After the motion was seconded and open for discussion, Smith noted that the 2015/2016 year reference in the minutes should be 2016/2017. The motion was voted as amended.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Add Clean Energy Communities Program to Agenda

Oliveria moved, McDonald 2nd, to add Clean Energy Communities to the agenda.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Authorize Richard Smith to Sign Clean Energy Communities Program Pledge

Oliveria moved, McDonald 2nd, to authorize Richard Smith to sign Clean Energy Communities pledge.

Discussion; The Board reviewed the benefits of signing the CEC Program pledge and no penalties if the town misses the pledge goals. When the program was first introduced several years ago, there were more stringent rules but not now. Smith opened discussion to the audience for questions.

Q1 – John Greene asked that if CEC was able to change the rules a few years ago, what prevents them from changing the rules again and making it more stringent?

A1 – Oliveria showed the pledge letter and pointed out that the document the town would sign has neither hard requirements nor penalties. If the town does not achieve their pledged goals, there is no penalty. If the town does meet their goals, credits to new energy saving town projects would be available. In fact, the town has accumulated \$5000 of credits for past improvements that are available after the pledge is signed.

No other questions so the Board moved to vote.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Discuss/ Act on Fire House Additional Appropriations for Architectural/ Engineering Fees:

Smith recommended the Board of Selectmen remain in session during the Board of Finance meeting and this agenda item would be discussed with them. The following summary from the Board of Finance Meeting Minutes captures the joint board discussion.

Discussion concerning fire department building project, various engineering and other aspects which are needed to be completed prior to going to bid and then town for vote, \$40,000 estimate to get this information, this would cover fees for various engineers and other services to put this information together. Noted that these drawings would be preliminary drawings and not construction plans. This option would have to go to town for approval. Consideration on going to the town with a 'Not To Exceed' total building project cost proposal. Financing considerations discussed. Noted that general building costs per foot range between \$250-\$300, current plans for a 10,000 sq ft building, added costs of ground site work and other project expenses. Noted that past attempts to start this project have already cost the town approximately \$150,000. Building size and appearance, vehicle storage during building and afterwards, sequence of approvals starting with the building project cost, then building design itself, existing drawings. Desire to not spend \$40,000 for document preparation and if voted down then that funding spent would be wasted. R. Smith will gather financial information for entire building project to have for Boards vote at next meeting. General consensus to gather all the financial options on total project cost to be passed onto the town for vote.

Audience of Citizens – Any other business to come before the Board

None.

Adjournment:

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

APPROVED 3 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Oliveria,
Selectman