



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting April 26, 2016

Attendance: Selectmen Angus McDonald & David Oliveria. Also Jonathan Kastner and Nick Kornack. Margo Hilfiger and John Green, (videography).

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by McDonald.

Minutes: Special Meetings of March 31, April 7, and April 18th, 2016.

Oliveria moved, McDonald 2nd, to accept the Special Meeting minutes of March 31, April 7th and April 18th.

APPROVED 2 – 0

Discussed and acted on Pension resolution:

The Board discussed the town's pension program and the discovery of vague wording during review for a recent payout. The pension management firm provided recommendations in the form of a resolution to more clearly state the pension program.

Oliveria read the following resolution as a motion:

RESOLUTIONS OF THE TOWN OF DEEP RIVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Members of the Town of Deep River Board of Selectmen ("Board") do hereby adopt the following resolutions at a regular meeting of the Board, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout:

RESOLVED: That The Town of Deep River Employees' Retirement Plan be amended as set forth in the proposed 2015 plan amendment attached hereto.

RESOLVED: That the Schedule A to The Town of Deep River Employees' Retirement Plan be revised as set forth in the proposed revised Schedule A attached hereto.

RESOLVED: That the First Selectman is authorized to execute the attached plan amendment and revised Schedule A to The Town of Deep River Employees' Retirement Plan in order to effect the above resolutions.

Motion by Oliveria, McDonald 2nd, to accept resolution as read.

APPROVED 2 – 0

Discussion Memorializing Richard H. Smith at a Town Property:

The town and Board of Selectmen have received several recommendations for dedicating a town property in memory of Dick Smith. McDonald provided statistics on calls coming into town hall for various suggestions. The board thanks those who provided suggestions and has taken them into consideration over the past several weeks.

The Board discussed and agrees that the new field at Plattwood Park appears to be the most appropriate, but future consideration needs to be made. This was the last project that Smith was deeply involved in to completion. Furthermore, the Board is considering one additional structure to be announced later in the year.

McDonald brought up two additional ideas for consideration during the meeting; Naming a street after Smith and naming a day in Deep River as "Smitty Day of Caring" in recognition of Smith's deep love for the town.

Add Connecticut Energies Committee Pledge to Agenda and Act on Motion:

Motion by Oliveria, McDonald 2nd, to add CEC Pledge to agenda.

APPROVED 2 – 0

Oliveria recapped the Board's previous discussion, benefits, and approval to join the CEC and authorization for former First Selectman Smith to sign the CEC pledge. With Smith's passing, this pledge needed new authorization for McDonald to sign on the town's behalf.

Motion by Oliveria, McDonald 2nd, to authorize McDonald to sign the CEC pledge.

APPROVED 2 – 0

Audience of Citizens – Any other business to come before the board:

Margo Hilfiger asked about the budget and specifically about Region 4 impact.

The Board replied that Deep River's portion of the Region 4 budget rose over 6% this year and the town's portion has continued to climb the past several years. Projections out through 2021 reflect continued rise in Deep River's portion due to decreasing Chester and Essex enrollments. More discussion on this will be covered at the following Board of Finance meeting. The education portion of the town budget has been consistently in about the 75% range since the early 1970's.

Adjournment:

Motion by Oliveria, McDonald 2nd, to adjourn at 6:57 pm.

APPROVED 2 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Oliveria,
Selectman