

# **BOARD** OF **SELECTMEN** DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting — July 12, 2016

<u>Attendance</u>: Selectmen Angus McDonald, David Oliveria, and Duane Gates. Margo Hilfiger and John Greene were present as Videographers.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by McDonald.

Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 28, 2016.

Gates moved, Oliveria 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of June 28, 2016.

## Approved 3-0

## Deep River Elementary School (DRES) Conversion to Natural Gas:

McDonald provided a summary of his investigation into changing the school over to natural gas. Costs to convert two burners over to gas/oil and age of the boilers (20 years) discussed. Through McDonald's investigation, the most cost effective choice is to replace one burner/ boiler unit with a high-efficiency gas burner/ boiler. The second oil burner/ boiler system would remain as backup. McDonald discussed, and will continue to pursue, Eversource and State incentives to help reduce cost.

Using a seven-year lease-loan arrangement to finance the expense at \$32,856 per year and estimated oil-to-gas savings of \$41,236 per year, the town would realize a \$7,000 savings per year for seven years and then \$41,000 per thereafter (not counting energy cost fluctuations).

Oliveria made motion and Gates 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve to Board of Finance to replace one Deep River Elementary School Burner/ Boiler system with a high-efficiency natural gas burner/ boiler system that will be financed through a seven year lease/own program. Total program costs to be assessed by Board of Finance to forward to a Town Meeting. (The Board of Finance has a Special Meeting planned for July 14, 7:30pm for this motion.)

### Approved 3-0

Gates motion, Oliveria 2<sup>nd</sup>, to schedule a Special Town Meeting on July 20, 2016 at 7:30pm vote on the DRES burner/ boiler replacement as forwarded by the Board of Finance.

#### Approved 3-0

### Audience of Citizens:

Q – Margo Hilfiger asked about the Town Foreman position.

A – McDonald answered that the town has received resumes and that they are reviewing them at this time.

McDonald provided a status of Town activities:

- Tattoo and Muster is this Saturday with step off at 11am
- Sewer Project
  - River Lane paving is scheduled for Friday, July 15
  - Kirtland binder will be going down as soon as possible
- Plattwood Park
  - Underground electrical is being planned
  - Duane is leading a group of volunteers to lay brick for the
- Mislick Drive has been paved and Top Notch Electric and CT Sign Service have moved into their building's.

#### Adjournment:

Motion by Gates, Oliveria 2<sup>nd</sup>, to adjourn at 6:52 pm.

Approved 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Olíveria, Selectman