



## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting — July 26, 2016

**Attendance:** Selectmen Angus McDonald and Duane Gates. Also: Margo Hilfinger & John Greene (videography); Jonathan Kastner

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by McDonald.

**Minutes:** Regular Meeting of July 12, 2016;  
Special Meeting of July 20, 2016

Gates moved, McDonald 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2016, and the Special Meeting of July 20, 2016.

APPROVED 2 – 0

#### **Status of AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) Units:**

McDonald advised the Board that the three AED units purchased as part of the Heart Healthy Program expired in 2015 and are inoperable. They are already outdated, with service and parts no longer available. In addition to determining the cost of replacements, he will contact our insurance carrier to see whether the presence of AEDs affects the Town's premiums.

***NOTE:*** *AEDs are designed for operation by the general public. They provide step-by-step audio instruction so that untrained personnel can administer defibrillation to heart attack victims temporarily until First Responders arrive.*

NO ACTION TAKEN

**Plains Road:**

McDonald reported that the owner of Deep River Farms on West Elm Street has requested that the Town either: 1] maintain, or 2] abandon the portion of Plains Road that passes through Deep River Farm's property.

*NOTE: Due to lack of use, the Town long ago ceased maintaining the easterly portion of Plains Road*

Following a brief discussion, McDonald agreed to research the implications of either course, and will report back at a future meeting.

NO ACTION TAKEN

**Infrastructure Update:**

**Main Street:** McDonald reported that the repaving of Route 154 is scheduled to resume on August 1, beginning in Essex and working northward. However, due to a dispute between the Connecticut Water Company and their contractor, the State will resurface only the eastern (northbound) lane. The work in contention is the replacement of the water main, which lies beneath the western (southbound) lane. McDonald noted that DOT's decision was in spite of his strong objections.

**Kirtland / River Street:** McDonald reported that the project is winding down with final paving promised for August 19 by contractor.

**DRES Boiler Conversion:** McDonald reminded audience of Special Town Meeting called for July 27 to vote on DRES conversion.

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

none

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Gates, McDonald 2<sup>nd</sup>, to adjourn at 7:10 pm.

APPROVED 2 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

**Angus N. McDonald,**  
First Selectman

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