



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting — August 23, 2016

Attendance: Selectmen Angus McDonald, David Oliveria, and Duane Gates. Margo Hilfiger and John Greene were present as Videographers. Others in attendance included Arthur & Sue Anderson, Mike Malcarne, Carol Libby, Amanda Strain, Alan Mizejeski, Richard Nagot, Ted and Gail Batko, Janice Kmetz, AC Proctor, Lori Gregan, Bob Jenkins, Jill Curtis and Kevin Wakelee.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by McDonald.

Minutes: Regular Meeting of July 26, 2016.

Gates moved, Oliveria 2nd, to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of July 26, 2016.

Approved 3-0

Discuss Irrigation at Library:

Oliveria moved, Gates 2nd, to move this topic up on the agenda.

Approved 3-0

McDonald summarized the need for a lawn irrigation system for the front of the library on behalf of the Library. The Friends of Deep River Library, the Library Board of Directors, and the Garden Club addressed this need by gathering donations to cover the installation cost of \$2,905 and they request the Board of Selectmen approve this installation on town property.

The board thanked Janice Kmetz, AC Proctor, and Lori Gregan, and supported the three groups' work on this needed project.

Gates moved, Oliveria 2nd, to approve installation of the lawn irrigation system for Deep River Library as described.

Approved 3-0

Discuss Traffic on Bahr Road:

Discussion opened with observed driving practices on Bahr Road.

Property owner Jill Curtis and general contractor Kevin Wakelee of Larimar Show Stables, which straddles Bahr Road, shared their concerns over drivers speeding along Bahr Road. Others commented on the number of residences on the road and offered their concerns and/or provided input to a shared solution for this road. The current speed limit is 30 mph.

Oliveria moved, Gates 2nd, for Bahr Road to;

- 1) Lower the speed limit to 25mph
- 2) Add temporary speed bumps and signs at either side of the horse crossing
- 3) The First Selectman, the Town's Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO), and the Town's Resident State Trooper will review and discuss at a later date.

Approved 3-0

Discuss Plains Road:

Ted Batko presented a petition signed by the eight property owners along Plains Road and addressed the board regarding the lack of maintenance for this town owned road. This gravel road connects the middle of Plains Road with Route 80 near Deep River Farms and provides secondary access/ egress.

The petition requests;

- 1) Restoration of Plains Road by cutting brush back and smoothing the grade
- 2) Review degraded condition of the Plains Road culvert that goes over the Deep River.

Appointments:

Oliveria moved, Gates 2nd, to make the following appointments to the Regional Planning Committee:

Bruce Edgerton	Term to Expire 12/1/2018
Bill Burdick, Alternate	Term to Expire 12/1/2018

Approved 3-0

Audience of Citizens:

Richard Nagot offered the following comments:

- 1) The “Bridge Out” sign for Westbrook Road from Route 80 is not easily visible from one direction so travelers may not be aware of the construction. McDonald said he would contact the state to relocate the signage.
- 2) Regarding Westbrook Road, Nagot offered suggestions to control the speed of traffic on this 25mph road and requested the road be paved.
- 3) This Veteran’s Day the three towns, Deep River, Chester and Essex, will be holding a Veteran’s Day Parade on Saturday, November 5th at 1 pm.

Adjournment:

Motion by Gates, Oliveria 2nd, to adjourn at 7:53 pm.

Approved 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Oliveria,
Selectman