



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting September 27, 2016

Attendance: Selectmen Angus McDonald, David Oliveria & Duane Gates. Also Carol Hanover, Jack White, Jim Budney, Peter Woodcock, and three others. Margo Hilfiger and John Green (videography).

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by McDonald.

Minutes:

Meeting of September 13, 2016.

Gates moved, Oliveria 2nd, to accept the meeting minutes of August 23, 2016.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Discuss Replacement of Playground Equipment at Devitt Field:

McDonald briefed the board on the need to replace the playground equipment at Devitt's Field. Since 2001 Parks & Rec's proceeds from the annual Carnival and 5K run have been dedicated to replacement of this equipment. About \$32,000 has been collected so far and has been placed in the unallocated general fund. Parks and Rec. has received quotes for the equipment based on volunteers and town crew doing the installation. The assembly will be inspected and verified by the manufacturer's representative to meet the town's insurance requirements.

Motion by Oliveria, Gates 2nd, to approve funds not to exceed \$20,000 to be advanced to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for the purchase of replacement Playground Equipment to be installed by volunteers and town crew.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Discuss Solarize Chester/ Deep River:

Oliveria briefed the board on preliminary meeting with Solarize Chester leaders. Chester is starting their second Solarize Chester program beginning with a kick-off Oct 4th and the program runs through February 8, 2017. The group has evaluated and selected the best value installer from over six. Participants in this program can save nearly 20% more over arranging the installation on their own.

The Solarize Chester group would like to include Deep River to leverage their savings for both towns. Our town is under no cost or contractual obligation to participate.

Oliveria moved, Gates 2nd to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Solarize Deep River/ Chester Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the town's behalf to participate in this program.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Discuss the Separation of Inland Wetland and Conservation Commission:

McDonald briefed the board on interest to separate this commission into two separate groups, one focusing on Preservation and the other focusing on Protection, as detailed in the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development.

The group agreed to table this topic until next meeting.

Discuss Need for Members on Auditorium Committee:

McDonald briefed the board on the Auditorium Committee work and that there are two open slots on this committee. The group meets on the 1st Monday of every month. If interested, please contact the Selectman's Office for more information.

Fire House Location Update and Need for Surveying:

McDonald briefed the board on the new Fire House efforts. McDonald has been in discussions with the State regarding the "gore," the property between the Route 9 South Exit Five entrance ramp and Route 9. The state is considering taking action to turn this property over for town use and, specifically, to build the new Fire Station there.

McDonald displayed a schematic site layout of the gore using the most recent Fire House footprint, driveways and parking stalls. The plan was presented to the Deep River Fire Department members for discussion and it has received positive feedback so far. McDonald asked for funds to properly design the site.

Motion by Oliveria, Gates 2nd, to approve funds not to exceed \$20,000 to be advanced to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for survey, engineering and design work on the Route 9 Southbound Exit Five Gore after the town receives State commitment to turn the property over to Deep River.

APPROVED 3 – 0

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

Q-1 – Carol Hanover provided copies of a letter and pictures to the Board regarding storm drains along River Avenue.

A-1 – McDonald was aware and the Town Crew will be following up to repair the subject catch basin.

Q-2 – Ms. Hanover asked if the town had a storm water management plan.

A-2 – McDonald was not able to answer and took an action to check.

Q-3 – Ms. Hanover asked if the town had a pavement management plan.

A-3 – No, the town does not have the described plan. The town does have a capital improvement plan that includes roads for repair/ repaving consideration.

Q-4 – Margo Hilfiger asked if the Deep River Elementary School natural gas conversion was complete.

A-4 – McDonald answered “practically.” Heat is on for cold days but final wiring for the controller remains. The project budget was \$200,000 and \$197,000 was the expected final cost. We learned that legal fees should have been included and so final costs will be slightly over budget.

Q-5 – Ms. Hilfiger asked what is the status of Plains Road.

A-5 – McDonald explained that the town crew is assessing the work to be done. At present, there are no plans to improve or abandon.

McDonald provided a status of the sewer project. The work is nearly done, just wrapping up the last things and the project will be within budget. Paving Kirtland Street from Maple Ave to Read Street is complete. When the water company finishes their work, the remainder of Kirtland Street will be paved, probably next Spring.

Adjournment:

Motion by Oliveria, Gates 2nd, to adjourn at 7:15 pm.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Oliveria,
Selectman