



# **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

## **DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL**

Regular Meeting October 11, 2016

**Attendance:** Selectmen Angus McDonald, David Oliveria & Duane Gates. Also Dorothy DeMichael, Michelle Emfinger, Louis Cowan, Susan Rooney, State Trooper Dawn Taylor, and Michelle Anjanlog, a reporter for Valley Courier. Margo Hilfiger, Warren Elliott, and John Green (videography).

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

### **Minutes:**

Meeting of September 27, 2016.

Gates moved, Oliveria 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the meeting minutes of September 27, 2016.

APPROVED 3 – 0

### **Library Board Discussion on Current Phone System:**

Michelle Emfinger, chairwoman of the Deep River Library Board of Trustees, with Louis Cowen and Librarian Susan Rooney, shared their concerns with the current Library phone system. The existing system is prone to poor quality, dropped lines, and outright failure. The board members and librarian request that the Board of Selectmen investigate ways to remedy this problem including considering adding a Voice Over IP (VOIP) line to augment the current landline.

The Library representatives also asked that the town look into problems with neighbors who park in the Library parking stalls near the building.

First Selectman McDonald promised to investigate.

**Trooper Taylor & Narcotics Dog:**

Gates motioned and Oliveria 2<sup>nd</sup>, to add this to the agenda.

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Trooper Taylor thanked the board for their continued support and provided a briefing on an opportunity that has come up for Deep River.

Through the State Police, the town's Resident Trooper has been offered the opportunity to have a Narcotics Dog assigned to her with all expenses paid (including Vet fees and food) by the state. The town's obligation is to donate a predetermined amount of \$2,300 to the Guiding Eyes for the Blind and the dog will belong to the state.

The dog will undergo five weeks of extensive training followed by six weeks of training with Trooper Taylor. Trooper Taylor provided a plan to cover her absence during the training.

Gates motioned, Oliveria 2<sup>nd</sup>, to support the program and fund the costs for the dog.

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**Discuss Solarize Chester/ Deep River:**

Oliveria provided an update on the Solarize Chester/ Deep River program. Chester held their kick-off workshop Oct 4<sup>th</sup> and the program runs through February 8, 2017. The Deep River First Selectman signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the town's behalf to participate in this program and the following dates have been reserved in the Town Hall Auditorium for meetings.

October 26, 2016 – Photo Voltaic (PV) Solar Panel owner's Ambassadors' Meeting

November 2, 2016 – Deep River Kick-off and Workshop

A sandwich board with November 2<sup>nd</sup> dates and two banners have been created to display near Town Hall to promote the program.

Oliveria briefed the board on steps Chester is taking to encourage PV installations;

- BOS direct that Chester Building Permit fees be limited to \$100 maximum for all Solar Installs
- BOS authorize that, after approval and funds by CT Clean Communities, Chester will contribute \$50 toward the \$124 fee required for a HES (Energy Audit) that is necessary for a solar install to receive a CT State rebate. This contribution would be for the first 25 contracts in Chester and the funds will come from the Bright Ideas Grant (\$5,000) earned by the Town last year (total obligation \$1,250)

Oliveria moved, Gates 2<sup>nd</sup>, to authorize the First Selectman to investigate incorporating these same fees for Deep River and, if still supportive, incorporate them.

APPROVED 3 – 0

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

None

Adjournment:

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

APPROVED 3 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Dave Oliveria,*  
Selectman