



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting December 27, 2016

Attendance: Selectmen Angus McDonald, David Oliveria & Duane Gates. Margo Hilfiger and John Green (videography).

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

Minutes:

Meeting of December 13, 2016.

Gates moved, Oliveria Abstained, McDonald 2nd, to accept the meeting minutes of December 13, 2016.

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Discussion Regarding the Establishment of “Dick Smith Scholarship Fund:”

McDonald opened discussion by sharing the results of the town attorney’s research on rules regarding a scholarship fund. She referenced State Statute 12-169a (2015) and reported that an ordinance would need to be created and approved for this effort. McDonald also noted that the Board could create a new committee to manage the fund or we could investigate letting the school include this in their standing Scholarship committee. The Board discussed several aspects of the fund and agreed that McDonald will ask the Dick Smith Memorial Committee to meet again to discuss 1) continuing as a newly formed Dick Smith Scholarship Committee and 2) defining criteria for the successful recipient.

Discussion of Dick Smith Memorial:

McDonald provided copies of the Dick Smith Memorial Committee report with recommendations. The Board had strong support for the new ballfield at Plattwood Park that

Smith was heavily involved in and the Board had some support for renaming Deep River Town Hall in honor of Smith. Town Hall is registered as a Historic building and it was reported that there are no restrictions on renaming it.

The Board discussed sending the choice to town meeting and agreed to table any future action to next Board meeting.

Discussion of Town Hall Computer Server / Cloud:

McDonald briefed the Board on current status of the town's server and the technician's recommendations. The town had two servers but one has not worked for a long time, leaving the town vulnerable to a single server failure and back-ups are done on site. The IT service provider recommended two things; Upgrade our town's remaining server as soon as possible and change back-ups to using the "Cloud." The Board discussed costs & benefits and agreed with the recommendation. McDonald will present the recommendation to the Board of Finance.

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

None

Discuss Solarize Chester/ Deep River:

Oliveria provided an update on the Solarize Chester/ Deep River program.

The December 7th SolarizeCT Chester/ Deep River Open House in Chester went well with several attending. The next and possibly final event will be a combined Solar Panel and Electric Vehicle presentation at the Deep River Library on January 14th (snow date January 28th). The deadline to sign up with SolarizeCT through this program is February 8th, 2017.

The website for this project can be found here: <http://solarizect.com/Deep-River>

Adjournment:

Motion by Oliveria, Gates 2nd, to adjourn at 7:05 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dave Oliveria,
Selectman