



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting January 10, 2017

Attendance: Selectmen Angus McDonald, David Oliveria & Duane Gates. George Eckenroth, Carmela Balducci, Bill Ballsieper, Lori Guerette, Russ Marth, and John Wichtowski also present. Margo Hilfiger and John Green (videography).

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

Minutes:

Meeting of December 27, 2016.

Oliveria moved, Gates 2nd, to accept the meeting minutes of December 27, 2016.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Discussion and Review of On-Street Parking Ordinance Specific to Weather Events:

McDonald noted that on-street parking during snow storms was becoming a problem during town crew snow plowing operations. McDonald provided guidance from the 1979 Town Ordinance Section 13 on Traffic and Motor Vehicles that authorizes the town to tow vehicles and fine owners for improperly parked vehicles that obstruct snow removal. No action is intended at this time other than to remind citizens of their responsibility to make it safer and more efficient for the town to clear roads during and after snow storms.

Discussion of Southern Connecticut Gas Schedule of Payment:

McDonald alerted the board about the payment situation with the gas company. Annual payments were defined in email correspondence and one section of the contract as payable

after tax revenue on the new gas lines are received. The system was not completed by October 1, 2015, causing a reduction in assessed value and in turn, tax payment. Payments for the first year and future tax assessments are being discussed with SCG.

Continued Discussion of Dick Smith Memorial:

The Board revisited the Dick Smith Memorial Committee recommendations.

Oliveria moved, Gates 2nd, to name the new ballfield at Plattwood Park as the “Richard H. Smith Field” in Smith’s honor and to defer renaming Deep River Town Hall to a Town Meeting.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Oliveria moved, McDonald 2nd, to hold the Town Meeting at Town Hall on January 19, 2017 at 7pm.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Discussion of Transfer Station Compactor Replacement:

(Agenda item moved to end of meeting to include Board of Finance Special Meeting)

McDonald briefed the Board on the recent breakdown and repair of the Transfer Station Trash Compactor. The town crew did a great job sustaining operations while temporary repairs were made to get the compactor running again. The compactor is over 30 years old and used beyond expected lifetime.

McDonald found 2015 quotes for a new system in the files and the \$54,200 (10% escalation for 2017 is \$59,620). A used Marathon Ram Jet RJ-550 system in good condition was found in Springfield, MA at less than half the price. The used system would be refurbished, repainted, and installed for less than \$45,000 and this price would include two roll-on/ roll-off compactor receiver containers.

Oliveria moved, Gates 2nd, to approve to Board of Finance to authorize an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for the rebuilt compactor and up to two receivers.

APPROVED 3 – 0

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

None

Adjournment:

Motion by Oliveria, Gates 2nd, to adjourn at 7:52 pm.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Oliveria,
Selectman