

BOARD OF SELECTMEN DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting July 11, 2017

Attendance: Selectmen Angus McDonald, David Oliveria & Duane Gates. Also

present were Jonathan Kastner and Carol Jones/ Deep River Parks & Rec

Director. Margo Hilfiger and John Greene (videography).

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

Minutes:

Approve minutes of regular meeting on June 27, 2017.

Gates moved, McDonald 2nd, to accept the meeting minutes of June 27, 2017. Oliveria abstained.

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Discuss Amendment to Ordinance in Regard to Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule:

McDonald and Carol Jones/ Deep River Parks & Rec Director briefed the Board on the town's Park & Rec Commission recent vote to make changes to the town's park use fees. These changes would impact the Deep River Landing and Plattwood Park for out of town guests. Changing fees and out-of-town limitations will require a town ordinance revision.

Rationale for the change include recent high out-of-town guest attendance, reduced parking spots when the new ball field was installed, and concern from citizens that there was no room for residents.

The Board discussed the current fee structure, park use, limiting out-of-town visitor passes, and possible rate increases that would be more agreeable to users. The Board also discussed adding additional security and changing to or adding adult gate guards to handle and user disagreements over new rules. The Board agreed that a communication plan for citizens and guests will need to be disseminated. Ms. Jones was asked to take our comments back to the Parks and Rec Commission for consideration.

<u>Audience of Citizens – Any other business to come before the board:</u>

None

Other items of interest mentioned:

The Muster is this weekend with Main Street closing at 10:45am and parade step off at 11am.

Dependent on state Town Aid Roads (TAR) funds, upcoming roadwork includes final paving of Kirtland Street, chip sealing Kelsey Hill Road, and giving attention to about 100 yards of Westbrook Road.

Adjournment:

Oliveria moved, Gates 2nd, to adjourn at 7:16pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dave Oliveria, Selectman