



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting August 22, 2017

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

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by McDonald.

Minutes:

Approve minutes of regular meeting on August 8, 2017.

Oliveria moved, McDonald 2nd, to accept the meeting minutes of August 8, 2017.

APPROVED 2 – 0

Set Term Limit, Alternate to Council of Governments (COG) Regional Planning Committee:

Oliveria moved, Gates 2nd to set term limit to expire on 12/1/2018 for appointment of Tony Bolduc to the COG Regional Planning Committee as alternate.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Reappointments to Gateway Commission:

Gates moved, Oliveria 2nd to make the following reappointments:

Nancy Fischbach	Term to expire: 7/1/2018
Catherine Cotton (alternate)	Term to expire: 7/1/2018

APPROVED 3 – 0

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

Q1 – Margo Hilfiger asked if there was any news of State Aid cuts to towns.

A1 – McDonald shared the latest news he had received from the capitol, reporting that Deep River is one of 85 towns that were ‘zeroed out’ on state aid by Governor Malloy while he manages the state by executive orders. This equates to \$1,780,000 in lost revenue for Deep River. McDonald has reached out to Region 4 regarding this potential loss in revenue in anticipation of additional cuts to their budget. When the state legislature reconvenes and approves a budget, our town aide may be restored in some amount.

McDonald has kept Bud Eckenroth, Chairman of Board of Finance, and the Selectmen abreast of funding news as he learns of changes.

Q2 – John Greene reminded the Board that last year Chester had reduced their education budget below a threshold that caused them to incur a penalty by the state. Would Deep River have to pay a penalty if we did the same this year?

A2 – McDonald shared that many towns are in the same situation we are in with potentially reduced or eliminated state aid.

Other Business

McDonald briefed the board on two sign options for naming the town hall after Dick Smith. McDonald will forward the two recommendations to the Deep River Design Advisory (DAB) Board for their consideration.

With the uncertainty of state aid, McDonald will notify all town departments that all major expenditures must go through the Selectman’s office first. The town will continue to cut down dead trees in town due to safety concerns.

Oliveria shared with the Board that one of the homeowners who signed up for solar panels last fall during our Solarize Chester/ Deep River would like to get the other homeowners together. This could be done in conjunction with kicking off the Deep River Energy Team. Oliveria will investigate setting this up in the near future.

Regarding Deep River Family Day and the fireworks show that evening, McDonald shared with the Board that this year the town has arranged busses to take participants to and from Plattwood Park to John Winthrop Middle School parking lot to relieve some of the parking congestion in the area. The lot across the street from the park is no longer available and this will help keep pedestrians off of Route 80.

Adjournment:

Gates moved, Oliveria 2nd, to adjourn at 6:56 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dave Oliveria,
Selectman