



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting September 12, 2017

Attendance: Selectmen Angus McDonald, David Oliveria and Duane Gates. Richard Nagot and Bill Burdick of Deep River Veteran's Green Monument Committee were also present. Margo Hilfiger and John Greene (videography).

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by McDonald.

Minutes:

Approve minutes of regular meeting on August 22, 2017 and special meeting of August 29, 2017.

Gates moved, Oliveria 2nd, to accept the meeting minutes of August 22 and special meeting of August 29, 2017.

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Discuss State Grants/ Town Budget:

McDonald recapped discussion at the special meeting of August 29th. Due to the uncertainty of the state aid/ grants to Deep River causing a possible reduction in anticipated town revenue of \$1.8 Million, short term borrowing was discussed.

Since then, McDonald has had discussions with CCM personnel, other CT Selectmen, and Shipman & Goodwin, bonding agents, on the subject. The additional cost of borrowing and the fact that borrowing does not eliminate, but only delays the inevitable need to raise additional revenue are of concern and it appears at this time that a supplemental tax bill in January along with the regularly scheduled January tax bill may be necessary. The Tax Collector will need to know if the Selectmen want to do this by November to allow her time to prepare her paperwork.

Deep River Veteran's Green Monument Committee (DRVGMC):

Richard Nagot/ DRVGMC chairman, briefed the Board on progress at the Deep River Town Green.

- Four benches were pressure washed and painted
- Shelby Brothers will have the WWII granite slab engraved and ready by Nov 11th
- Committee still working with landscapers to select the right plantings to be in bloom during Memorial Day. The Committee was encouraged to work with the Deep River Garden Club
- Exploring options on brick walkway between the Columbia Monument and the Eagle
- Quotes were received for \$900 to perform masonry, reseal four stainless steel panels, and waterproof the Columbia monument. The Committee will also ask to have the Eagle Plaque resealed for this price. The committee has approved this expense and asks the Board to approve with funds coming from the DRVGMC account.

Oliveria moved, Gates 2nd to authorize \$900 to be spent as described and approved by the DRVGMC.

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

Q1 – Richard Nagot asked about the recent Region 4 purchase of an approved 12 lot subdivision comprised of approximately 35 acres of vacant property adjacent to the high school for \$350,000. Will they be paying property tax on this property?

A1 – McDonald responded saying that R4 did, in fact, make the purchase recently. McDonald plans to discuss property tax payments with the superintendent and neighboring selectpeople at an upcoming meeting.

Comment – John Greene pointed out that at a time all Connecticut citizens are facing increased taxes every year on our homes, it is grossly unfair to taxpayers to make the R4 property purchase at this time.

General discussions continued regarding Region 4 activities.

Adjournment:

Oliveria moved, Gates 2nd, to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dave Oliveria,
Selectman