



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting September 26, 2017

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

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by McDonald.

Minutes:

Approve minutes of regular meeting on September 12, 2017.

Gates moved, Oliveria 2nd, to accept the meeting minutes of September 12, 2017.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Discuss and possibly act on State Public Act 17-155 (Temporary Healthcare Structures)

McDonald distributed the Deep River P&Z Commission memo of September 20, 2017, describing the new Public Act 17-155 effective Oct 1, 2017 and the Commission's position.

The Commission has reviewed this new act and believes that the regulation already adopted by the Commission achieves the same intent of the new Public Act by providing an alternative care option for families dealing with elderly family members and special needs adults. The Commission held the required public hearing on September 21 and voted to opt out and forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for action. The Board discussed the merits of the Act and pros and cons of officially opting out of the Public Act.

Oliveria moved, Gates 2nd, to opt out of Public Act 17-155 Temporary Healthcare Structures.

APPROVED 3 – 0

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

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

- Three members of this Committee were present for an emergency meeting to act on a quote for landscaping. A quorum was present and voted to approve expending no more than \$1,800 on the plantings around Columbia monument. Work will include:
 - o Removing shrubs to the left and right of the monument
 - o Add new planting beds, add flowering plants appropriate for budding around Memorial Day
- Other discussion included reaching out to Valley Regional High School for Valley Warrior community support in 2019, involving the Deep River Garden Club in the Memorial landscaping conversation, and investigating ADA compliance requirements with the connector walkway plans

Oliveria moved, Gates 2nd to authorize an amount from the DRVGMC funds not to exceed \$1,800 to be spent described and approved by the DRVGMC.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Discuss State Grants/ Town Budget:

McDonald shared with the Board that the town's 2016-2017 budget vs. actual spending resulted in positive \$170,000 contribution to the new funding year unallocated balance. In reflection on the most critical town needs, McDonald recommended that \$50,000 of this unexpected past year balance be applied to the 2017-2018 town highway fund. This fund was drastically reduced during the budget workshop cycle and many roads need immediate attention.

Oliveria moved, Gates 2nd, to recommend appropriating \$50,000 of the unallocated general funds be allocated to the 2017-2018 budget under highway department. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Finance for action.

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The Board remained in session during the Board of Finance meeting. Joint meeting notes are covered in that Board's minutes.

Of note for the Board of Selectmen, the following borrowing schedule was proposed by McDonald:

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| o Board of Finance Special Meeting with BOS | TBD |
| o Deep River Public Hearing of anticipated Loan | TBD |
| o Deep River Town Meeting to approve Loan | TBD |
| o Close on Loan | Nov 10 |

The end of 2016-2017 year transfers to zero-out accounts memo was distributed and discussed.

Oliveria moved, Gates 2nd, to approve the list of transfers and appropriations dated September 22, 2017 and forward to the Board of Finance for action.

APPROVED 3 – 0

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

Q1 – Richard Nagot had several questions regarding the recent Region 4 purchase of vacant property adjacent to the high school for \$350,000.

Why wasn't the town citizens notified?

Why wasn't there a three-town Referendum to vote on purchase?

Was the land surveyed?

Was the land appraised?

A1 – McDonald responded saying that R4 BOE posted the notice legally through agendas, minutes, etc. The land was surveyed when it was considered for development and an appraisal was made. Funds came from the BOE 'sinking funds' account and no additional funds were required from the three towns for the purchase. Further, taxation of the new property is being investigated since it was not part of the three-town agreement for a regional school district.

General discussions continued regarding Region 4 activities.

Richard Nagot reminded the board that Deep River has two events planned for Veteran's Day, November 11th;

- 11 am – Traditional Deep River Wreath Laying Ceremony on Memorial Green
- 1pm – Three-town Veteran's Parade starting at the Deep River Elementary School

Adjournment:

Oliveria moved, Gates 2nd, to adjourn at 9:11 pm.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Oliveria,
Selectman