



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RICHARD H. SMITH TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting January 9, 2018

Attendance: Selectmen Angus McDonald, Duane Gates and Bill Burdick, Margo Hilfiger and John Greene (videography), Janet Stone of the Deep River Land Trust, Jonathan Kastner and Dave Oliveria.

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

Minutes:

Regular meeting on December 26, 2017 and Special Meeting of December 26, 2017.

Burdick moved, Gates 2nd, to accept the regular and special meeting minutes of December 26, 2017.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Appointments to Community Health Committee:

McDonald explained that the terms to expire dates were incorrect on two of the appointments made to the CHC, that these dates are set by statute, not by the appointment so they can be corrected by Selectmen.

Gates moved, Burdick 2nd, to correct Term to Expire dates as follows:

Russell Marth Term to Expire: 12/01/2019

Claire Walsh Term to expire: 12/01/2019

APPROVED 3 - 0

Deep River Land Trust land acquisition:

Janet Stone, President of the Deep River Land Trust made a presentation to the Selectmen regarding a possible acquisition of three properties on Essex Street totaling 7.2 acres. The bulk of the land is an

upland lot that will connect Essex Street to the Bidwell Sanctuary, and the property includes two small lots that front on the Pratt Cove Tidal Wetland. Ms. Stone explained that the Trust had put in place certain funding and was applying for a grant from the DEEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program. Ms. Stone asked that the First Selectman write a letter of support of the acquisition to be included in the application. Gates asked whether the property would come off the Deep River tax rolls, and was told yes, it would. A short discussion of benefits of the acquisition ensued.

Burdick moved, Gates 2nd, for McDonald to write a letter of support of the acquisition by the Land Trust.

APPROVED 3 - 0

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

McDonald took the opportunity to again explain the benefits to the community of Everbridge emergency communications and encouraged residents to register at the CT Alert icon found on the town website.

Adjournment:

Gates moved, Burdick 2nd, to adjourn at 6:50 pm.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Angus McDonald,
First Selectman