



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RICHARD H. SMITH TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting May 8, 2018

Attendance: Selectmen Angus McDonald and Bill Burdick, Margo Hilfinger and John Greene (*videography*). (Selectman Duane Gates on Travel)

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by McDonald.

Minutes:

Burdick moved, McDonald 2nd, to accept the regular meeting minutes of April 24, 2018 and the special meeting minutes of May 1, May 3.

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Discuss Appointment of Tax Collector:

McDonald and Burdick discussed the selection and appointment of a new Tax Collector. McDonald announced that two special meetings were held for the purpose of review of resumes and to interview three very qualified candidates. A brief discussion of the candidates resulted in the suggestion that because of her experience in North Branford's Tax Collector's office and the completion of one and one-half of the recommended certification courses Kate Cryder had the advantage over the other candidates. McDonald indicated he would contact all three candidates with the Board of Selectmen's decision on the candidate and suggested a start date of May 22, 2018 to allow Kate Cryder the two weeks notice she needs to give her current employer. McDonald also suggested we consider one of the other two candidates, Sheila Lemieux or Scott Nelson, as Assistant Tax Collector. Burdick moved, McDonald 2nd to appoint Kate Cryder as the new Deep River Tax Collector.

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McDonald moved, Burdick 2nd, to add transfer of Town property to 15 Old River Street to agenda.

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McDonald introduced the abandonment of a triangular section of property currently owned by the Town to Ms Sally Carlson Crowell at 15 Old River Street. McDonald explained and showed mapping that shows that the land in question was a portion of Old River Street that was abandoned to the Town in 1929. This parcel was depicted on a map as to be deeded to 15 Old River Street, but no record of said transaction is found on record. McDonald explained that in order to complete this transaction the Board of Selectman need to approve and move the action to Town Meeting for approval by the Town. Burdick moved, McDonald 2nd, to abandon and deed the property in question to Ms. Sally Carlson Crowell and to move the question to the Town at the Annual Town Meeting scheduled to be held on May 21.

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

Margo Hilfinger asked about the Special Board of Finance meeting held on May 7, 2018. McDonald explained that the Board felt it important to review the budget after listening to voices at the Public Hearing held on May 1. McDonald described his impression of the discussion and explained that the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance are committed to the purchase of a new Fire Truck, but are asking the Town to delay said purchase for one year in order to take advantage of a Federal Grant opportunity and try to save the Town \$650,000.

McDonald also discussed the replacement of the compactor at the Town Transfer Station and the upcoming paving of the south end of River Road.

Adjournment:

With no other business to discuss, Burdick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and McDonald seconded. McDonald adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

William Burdick,
Selectman