



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RICHARD H. SMITH TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting August 14, 2018

Attendance: Selectmen Angus McDonald, Duane Gates, and Bill Burdick, Margo Hilfinger and John Greene (*videography*), Bud Eckenroth, Russ Marth.

Call to Order:

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

Approve Minutes From Regular Meeting Held July 24, 2018:

Burdick moved, Gates 2nd, to accept the meeting minutes of July 24, 2018 as amended to reflect the proper date of July 24.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Purchase of Highway Dept. plow truck:

McDonald described plow trucks that had been brought to the Town Garage and inspected by the Highway Dept., that there were differences in trucks that lead to large difference in cost. Estimates range from approximately \$140,000 to \$190,000. McDonald also explained that a decision must be made quickly, and that in order to do so a revision to the existing budget was required. Bud Eckenroth came forward and explained that in the preparation of the budget and the explanation of the budget to the citizens of Deep River, the purchase and cost of the new Highway Dept. equipment as well as the repair to the DRES roof was clear, and that has not changed. What was not done was there was no corresponding lines added to the budget that describes or allow for the revenue or expense, and that a special town meeting was required in order to revise budget accordingly. Gates expressed his understanding of this, that this was only a revision to the budget format and that no increase to citizens taxes would result in this revision, which Eckenroth confirmed. Burdick moved, Gates 2nd to schedule a Special Town Meeting to be held at the Town Hall on August 21, 2018 at 6:30pm, a request to revise the 2018-2019 budget to accurately reflect intended revenue and expense of \$525,000 regarding Highway Dept. Capital purchases and DRES roof repair.

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

No Citizens appeared before the Board of Selectmen.

Burdick informed the Board of a special gathering on November 4th at the Town Hall Auditorium to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the 1918 Armistice.

Gates described observation of the Thursday evening triathlon bikers riding two and three abreast and asked that the police officers and the triathlon officials be made aware of the danger and that participants be reminded to share the road with motorists.

McDonald entered into the record correspondence from Brett Thompson of 137 River Street and distributed copies of a letter dated August 9, 2018 and addressed to the Board of Selectmen. The letter was in regard to the Valley Railroad special train on July 21st which delivered passengers to be transported to Main Street for the Deep River Muster. Mr. Thompson is of the mind that this was in violation of an existing permit and questioned the process in which the VRR obtained permission to do so. McDonald explained that it was his opinion that this particular service was not, in fact, in violation of an existing permit, but a separate activity that had occurred on other occasions. Gates and Burdick agreed that this was a benefit to the Town.

Adjournment:

With no other business to discuss, Burdick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Gates seconded. McDonald adjourned the meeting at 7:02pm.

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