



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RICHARD H. SMITH TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting September 11, 2018

Attendance: Selectmen Angus McDonald, Duane Gates, and Bill Burdick, Robin O'Loughlin, John Morrison, Bill Hahn, Dick Lee, Margo Hilfinger and John Greene (*videography*).

Call to Order:

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

Approve Minutes From Regular Meeting Held August 28, 2018:

Burdick moved, Gates 2nd, to accept the meeting minutes of August 28, 2018.

APPROVED 3 – 0

John Morrison/Connecticut Sign:

McDonald introduced John Morrison, and invited Mr. Morrison and Robin O'Loughlin, Deep River Tax Assessor, to come forward to sit at the table for the discussion. Mr. Morrison explained that he purchased the 500 building from the Town in 2016, that he had been negotiating with First Selectman Richard Smith for some time prior to the purchase, and that he has been concerned about the property taxes he is paying versus what he believes was negotiated. Mr. Morrison contends that he and Dick Smith had negotiated a reduced area to be taxed, from the 1.4 acres currently taxed to .7 acres and is asking for this to be considered. McDonald explained that while Mr. Morrison has been a model citizen and made many improvements to the property, it is his understanding that the size of the property to be taxed was, in fact, negotiated prior to Dick Smith's death as reflected in both the contract and assessor's map, both unchanged subsequent to Smith's death. McDonald suggested both Selectmen observe the property, and stated that he would speak to Town Council about how any revision, were it determined to be appropriate, would take place, and asked that the item be tabled to the next Board of Selectman's meeting.

Gates moved, McDonald 2nd, to table the item until the next Board of Selectman meeting.

APPROVED 2 – 0 (Burdick had to leave meeting during the discussion)

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

None

- McDonald explained that DEEP will be visiting the Town Garage and Land Fill for an inspection of compliance with regulations, existing permits, and compliance, and that one issue that has already been pointed out is that First Selectman Dick Smith had signed an agreement that leaves and grass would no longer be accepted at the land fill. McDonald has asked for a copy of that agreement and an explanation of why this would be required.

Adjournment:

With no other business to discuss, Gates moved, McDonald second to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.

APPROVED 2 - 0