



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## RICHARD H. SMITH TOWN HALL

### Regular Meeting November 27, 2018

**Attendance:** Selectmen Angus McDonald, Duane Gates, and Bill Burdick, Margo Hilfinger and John Greene (*videography*), Jonathan Kastner

**Call to Order:**

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

**Approve Minutes From Regular Meeting Held November 13, 2018:**

Burdick moved, Gates 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the meeting minutes of November 13, 2018.

APPROVED 3 – 0

**Discuss State of Connecticut minimum budget requirements (MBR) for Deep River Elementary School:**

McDonald explained that he had received a letter from the State Department of Education that states that Deep River has reduced its contribution to the complete (K-12) budget by more than allowed by the State. The State's formula has determined that Deep River is currently in non-compliance by \$68,487, and that is the amount that the State is requiring Deep River to provide the Board of Education with before the end of fiscal year 2018-2019. If the Town decides not to do so, Deep River's ECS grant funding will be reduced by \$136,974. McDonald explained that both he and Dr. Levy had been in communication with the State and that a continued conversation will take place in order to argue our case.

Both Gates and Burdick stated their dismay over the fact that the BoE and BoF had worked hard to reduce the budget without cutting programs. Gates questioned whether the Town and the School could withstand the described reduction in funding.

McDonald explained that if the money was put back into the budget, it might go toward improvements in security and heating efficiencies, money that will be spent anyway, but that had yet to be determined.

**Appointments:**

Design Advisory Board:

Daniel Batt	Term to expire: 12/01/2020
Jeffrey D. Hostetler	Term to expire: 12/01/2020

Housing Authority:

Thomas Hauswirth	Term to expire: 2/01/2024
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Parks and Recreation Commission:

Kevin Crosby	Term to expire: 12/01/2021
Brandon Woodcock	Term to expire: 12/01/2021

Planning and Zoning Commission:

Anthony R. Bolduc	Term to expire: 12/01/2021
Bruce Edgerton	Term to expire: 12/01/2021
Christopher Desrosiers	Term to expire: 12/01/2021

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Edward Judd	Term to expire: 12/01/2021
Charles Rayner	Term to expire: 12/01/2021
Lenore T. Kuhn	Term to expire: 12/01/2021

Gates moved, Burdick 2<sup>nd</sup>, to make the above listed appointments, terms to expire as noted.

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Burdick moved, Gates 2<sup>nd</sup>, to add **Refund request from Tax Collector** to the agenda:

McDonald explained that he had received a request from the Tax Collector to refund a total of \$7,496.67 to a total of six citizens who had either overpaid their taxes or had an adjustment to their taxes.

Gates moved, Burdick 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve the refund as requested.

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

Jonathan Kastner commented on the MBR requirement and suggested a waiver might be requested. A brief discussion followed about the potential to obtain a waiver and the necessity for the State to address the inequity of the formula they use.

**Adjournment:**

Burdick moved, McDonald 2<sup>nd</sup>, to adjourn the Board of Selectman’s meeting at 7:28 pm.

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