



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RICHARD H. SMITH TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting March 12, 2019

Attendance: Selectmen Angus McDonald, and Duane Gates, Bill Burdick, Margo Hilfinger and John Greene (*videography*), Augusto Lucarelli, Jane Samuels, Ben Whalen, Susan Huybensz, Tim Lee, Rich Nagot, Sarah LaPorte

Call to Order:

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

Approve minutes from regular meeting held on February 26, 2019:

Burdick moved, Gates 2nd, to accept the meeting minutes of Regular Meeting held February 26, 2019.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Tax overpayment ordinance:

McDonald introduced a proposal to add a Tax Overpayment Ordinance and briefly explained the information that had been distributed to the selectmen prior to the meeting; the proposed ordinance together with supporting statutes. The proposed ordinance authorizes the retention of the overpayment of real property or personal property taxes of small amounts on the basis that the refund process is costly and burdensome in relation to the amount, which is defined in the proposed ordinance as less than \$5.00. McDonald explained that if the Selectmen determined to move forward with the ordinance a Special Town Meeting would need to be called where the ordinance could be voted explained to and voted upon by the Town. A brief discussion ensued regarding relative number of overpayments (occasional) and whether this was a common practice (yes).

Gates moved, Burdick 2nd to move to Town meeting the Proposed Tax Overpayment Ordinance.

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Veteran's Memorial Green Committee update:

McDonald introduced Rich Nagot, chairman of the Veterans Memorial committee. Mr. Nagot updated the Selectmen on business of the Committee: Replacement of certain landscape plantings, repair of a broken pillar, replacement of the broken eagle on top of the flagpole, the completion of a consistent pathway, brick or bituminous brick, from the Columbia all the way to the eagle. Mr. Nagot informed the Selectmen that the Committee had determined to research and honor Veterans that did not enlist from Deep River, but had spent considerable time in Deep River, by placing their names in brickwork at the Columbia. Gates thanked Mr. Nagot for his and the Committees efforts and Mr. Nagot stated that the Committee was interested in any names that citizens may be aware of and asked anyone who might have information to contact him at 860-526-5270.

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

McDonald stated that Gina had begun to compile information regarding Planning and Zoning Commission populations from Middlesex and New London Counties in order to better discuss the suggested expansion of Deep River P&Z.

McDonald stated that The State of CT DOT was planning to pave Rt 80 from Killingworth through Deep River during the upcoming paving season.

Ms. Samuels asked to ensure that the Board to follow the process discussed at the previous meeting and that all members of the Board of Selectmen review applications for the Planning and Zoning Commission, referring to previous votes by the Board of Selectmen and Town Ordinance. McDonald thanked Ms. Samuels and stated he would review the Ordinance.

Mr. Thompson pointed out that the minutes from the March 12 meeting did not reflect the vote taken by the Selectmen to have all members of the Board review all the P&Z applications. McDonald thanked him for pointing that out and stated he would review the recording of the meeting and correct minutes if necessary. Conversation ensued.

Adjournment:

Burdick moved, Gates 2nd, to adjourn the Board of Selectman's meeting at 7:00 pm.

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