



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RICHARD H. SMITH TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting April 9, 2019

Attendance: Selectmen Angus McDonald, Duane Gates and Jim Olson, Margo Hilfinger and John Greene (*videography*), Anthony Bolduc, Gary Clark, Augusto Lucarelli, Jane Samuels, Brett Thompson

Call to Order:

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by McDonald.

Approve minutes from Regular Meeting held on March 26, 2019, and Special Meeting held on April 2, 2019:

Gates moved, Olson 2nd, to accept the meeting minutes of Regular Meeting held March 26, 2019 and the Special Meeting held on April 2, 2019.

APPROVED 3 – 0

DEMHS, approve resolutions for the 2017 and 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program Memorandums of Agreement.

McDonald noted that the DEMHS Memorandums of Agreement had been distributed and proceeded to briefly explain the DEMHS Grant Program and how the community of Deep River benefits from moneys distributed by the Federal Government and Administered through the State of Connecticut. McDonald read the resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Deep River Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Angus L. McDonald Jr., as First Selectman of Deep River Board of Selectmen, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Deep River Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

McDonald noted that Olson confirmed that Deep River does not receive any funds directly, but benefits from programs funded by the grant.

Olson moved, Gates 2nd to approve the resolution as read.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Review of Planning and Zoning Commission member total:

McDonald noted that a census of Planning & Zoning Commissions in both Middlesex and New London Counties had been obtained and reviewed and that a simple breakdown shows:

Members	Towns;
9	6
7	11
5	16
6	2

McDonald noted that some towns that have 5 members have divided planning from zoning, but that it was mostly larger communities that were divided. Some discussion ensued regarding historic and existing vacancies. Mr. Thompson reminded and assured the Board that there are many people who are interested in serving as volunteers on the Planning & Zoning Commission, and that there will continue to be.

Mr. Thompson asked about the number of divided towns with 5 members on each commission and McDonald and Gates listed the towns that were combined, totaling 11 of the 16.

Ms. Samuels questioned the appointment process and McDonald explained that per ordinance the Board of Selectmen make the appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission, which is then ratified or rejected by Town Meeting.

McDonald stated that Deep River appears to fall into the middle of the group. Brief discussion followed, No action was taken.

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

Ms. Samuels enquired about the status of the Zoning Enforcement Officer replacement and spoke to her understanding of the hiring process and warned the Board of Selectmen against too much involvement in said process. McDonald noted that he was arranging for a meeting between the First Selectman, the Chair of Planning & Zoning, the Director of RiverCOG, and the

Planner at RiverCOG in order to confirm process and determine if there might be a way to share services with another town.

Mr. Thompson recommended that the town focus on planning rather than zoning enforcement.

Mr. Clark questioned why he had not yet been contacted regarding his expressed interest in Planning & Zoning. McDonald responded that he had distributed the names of all interested parties to the Selectmen and that he should expect to be contacted.

Ms. Hilfinger reminded McDonald that he might welcome Mr. Olson to his first Board meeting. McDonald did so.

Adjournment:

Olson moved, Gates 2nd, to adjourn the Board of Selectman's meeting at 6:55 pm.

APPROVED 3 - 0