



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RICHARD H. SMITH TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting May 28, 2019

Attendance: Selectmen Angus McDonald, Duane Gates and Jim Olson, Margo Hilfinger and John Greene (*videography*), Robin O'Loughlin (Town Assessor), Jane Samuels, Ron Larson, Joan Nichols, Karen Baldwin, Jack Baldwin, Kevin Wakely, Jill Curtis, Hillary Rheinheimer, Stanley Rheinheimer and others

Call to Order:

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

Approve minutes from Special Meeting held on April 30, 2019 and Regular Meeting held on May 14, 2019:

Gates moved, Olson 2nd, to accept the meeting minutes from special meeting on April 30, 2019 and regular meeting held on May 14, 2019.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Discuss Neighborhood Assistance Act tax credit for Deep River Congregational Church and Kirtland Commons, (town meeting TBD):

McDonald introduced Alison Karam of the Deep River Congregational Church and Joann Hourigan of Kirtland Commons to discuss their request for Town Approval of the Tax Credit program provided by the Neighborhood Assistance Act. Both Ms. Karam and Ms. Hourigan explained that they have each applied for and made use of the NAA and explained their respective programs and financial needs. McDonald explained that these applications needed to be approved at a Town Meeting.

Olson moved, Gates 2nd that both applications be moved to Town Meeting scheduled for June 11, 2019 following the regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen's meeting.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Tax Relief Program - discussion and possible vote on extension of the existing supplement to the Circuit Breaker relief program. (town meeting TBD).

McDonald explained that the Town established a supplement to the State of CT tax relief for the elderly many years ago, but that the ordinance only runs for three year time intervals and needed to be renewed at a Town Meeting. McDonald explained that while the State had ended its program, the Boards of Selectmen and Finance had voted to continue the program and the annual budget had been approved with that item funded.

Gates moved, Olson 2nd that the renewal of the ordinance be moved to Town Meeting scheduled for June 11, 2019 following the regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen's meeting.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Tax Collector reimbursements:

McDonald explained that he had received from the Tax Collector a request to make sewer overpayment reimbursement in the amount of \$554.62.

Olson moved, Gates 2nd to reimburse \$554.62 as requested by the Tax Collector.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Traffic calming update requested by Mike Dinello:

Item tabled.

Kevin Wakely: Continued Farmers Discussion:

McDonald introduced Kevin Wakely, who in turn, distributed a petition asking for and sample versions of a resolution removing the taxation of horses from the Town's tax rolls. A lengthy discussion between the Board of Selectmen, and members of the audience followed covering both the proposed tax resolution and the Boarding Facility Income and Expense Survey for Calendar Year 2018.

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

None

Adjournment:

Olson moved, Gates 2nd, to adjourn the Board of Selectmen's meeting at 7:45 pm.

APPROVED 3 - 0