

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 9, 2010

A Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, in the Deep River Town Conference Room. Present at the meeting were 3 citizens including the 2 filming for the Public Access channel.

Dick Smith called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. A motion to appoint Art Thompson as moderator was made by Dick Smith and seconded by Russell Marth. Motion carried. The moderator appointed Amy Winchell as clerk of the meeting, who then read the call. A motion to accept the call was made by Richard Strukus and seconded by Margo Hilfinger. Motion carried.

A motion to accept item 1 of the call was made by Margo Hilfinger and seconded by Richard Strukus.

- 1] Approve appointments to the Community Health Committee, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:
 - a] Nancy Howard, Russell Marth, Carl Olson, Kristin Zarfos, terms to expire October 30, 2012.
 - b] Maura Carver, Jeanne Nickse, Diane Recchia, Peter Terenzi, terms to expire October 30, 2011.

There being no discussion, item 1 was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion to accept item 2 of the call was made by Russell Marth and seconded by Dick Smith.

- 2] Approve the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen & Board of Finance for an additional appropriation of \$19,310.73, which will drawn from the Unappropriated Fund Balance, for an energy conservation project. The total cost of the project will be \$79,350.04 for the retrofit and installation of new lighting at the Deep River Elementary School. This will be offset by grants that total \$60,039.31. Annual electrical savings to the Town are estimated at \$13,724 per year.

Dick explained that an energy audit of all town buildings was done some time ago. The Deep River Elementary school will update to more efficient light fixtures and should save enough in energy costs to pay for this project in 1 ½ years. Three

years ago the Town Hall and Town Garage had similar work done and realized a significant savings in energy costs.

Russell Marth asked if there was enough money in the Unappropriated Fund to handle the initial costs and how would this fund be replenished. Dick said he had initially thought the project costs could be taken from a non-recurring expense account which has approximately \$150,000 in it but the Board of Finance wants it taken from the Unappropriated Fund which has approximately \$500,000 in it. This fund can be replenished through grants, conservative revenues, and lower utility costs. The town should also save \$70,000 to \$100,000 in expenses that would have gone to the now defunct Deep River Visiting Nurses.

Richard Strukus asked why this sort of work wasn't done during the extensive renovation project done at the Deep River Elementary School. Dick explained that the renovation was done 13 years ago and there are much more energy efficient options available now. There was some discussion of issues at the school regarding tiles being re-done and other problems stemming from the major renovation project.

It was noted that committees for these types of projects need members that will ask questions. However, these major projects take a lot of time and effort which can make it difficult to find good people to volunteer for the committees.

There being no further discussion, item 2 was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion to adjourn was made by Russell Marth and seconded by Margo Hilfinger. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST: Amy M. Winchell, Town Clerk