

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 10, 2011

A Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, in the Deep River Town Conference Room. The three selectmen were present and Margo Hilfinger and Rich Strukus were filming for the Public Access channel. Russell Marth and Richard Balducci were also in attendance.

Dick Smith called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. A motion to appoint David Oliveria as moderator was made by Art Thompson and seconded by Russ Marth. Motion carried. The moderator appointed Amy Winchell as clerk of the meeting, who then read the call. A motion to accept the call as read was made by Dick Smith and seconded by Art Thompson. Motion carried.

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

1] Contract with the CT Department of Public Safety for Resident Trooper Services for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.

DISCUSSION: The town will be keeping Trooper Christopher Cope who has already served as Deep River's Resident State Trooper for two years. It was agreed that he's doing a good job.

There being no further discussion, item 1 was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion to accept item 2 of the call was made by Art Thompson and seconded by Rich Strukus.

2] Appointment of Katherine Bender to the Community Health Committee, for a term to expire October 1, 2011.

DISCUSSION: Russell Marth recommended Katherine and feels she will be an excellent addition to the Community Health Committee.

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

A motion to accept item 3 of the call was made by Dick Smith and seconded by Russell Marth.

3] Extension of the Town Ordinance entitled “Optional Property Tax Relief for Certain Homeowners age 65 or over or Permanently and Totally Disabled Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 12-129n,” originally enacted on October 1, 2007, to be in force through the Grand List year ending October 1, 2013.

DISCUSSION: Dick explained that the State already has a property tax relief program in place for the elderly and the infirm. This ordinance was created as an addition to the State program five years ago. About forty residents are taking advantage of this tax relief and it's working out well so the town would like to extend it's availability.

There being no further discussion, item 3 was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion to adjourn was made by Margo Hilfinger and seconded by Russell Marth. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

ATTEST: Amy M. Winchell, Town Clerk