

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF DEEP RIVER

Special Town Meeting
Tuesday February 28, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.
Town Hall Conference Room

To approve the following two items, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

- 1] Approve the amount of \$31,320 for services rendered by the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the Village Street Bridge project.
- 2] Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED:

“That the Town Meeting of the Town of Deep River hereby ratifies the action of the Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials to become a council of Governments at their meeting of July 27, 2011, toward that end, the Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials formally adopted section 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 4-124j of the Connecticut General Statutes, and that this newly established Council of Governments be called the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments.”

Dated at Deep River, CT, this Wednesday, February 15, 2012.

Board of Selectmen:

Richard H. Smith

Angus L. McDonald, Jr.

David N. Oliveria

RETURN

I CERTIFY THAT I, RICHARD H. SMITH, First Selectman of the Town of Deep River, caused a copy of this notice to be posted on the Public Sign Post in the Town of Deep River on February 15, 2012, and I caused a copy of said notice to be published in the Middletown Press, a newspaper having a circulation in said town, in its issue of February 17, 2012.

Richard H. Smith

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
February 28, 2012

A Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, in the Deep River Town Hall Conference Room. Selectmen present were Dick Smith, Angus McDonald, Jr. and David Oliveria. Film Crew for the Comcast Public Access Channel were Margo Hilfinger and Richard Strukus. Also present were Amy Winchell, Jane and Bobby Hamblett, Russell Marth and Lori Guerette.

Dick Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A motion to appoint David Oliveria as moderator was made by Dick Smith and seconded by Angus McDonald. 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 Lori Guerette and seconded by Richard Strukus. Motion carried.

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

- 1] Approve the amount of \$31,320 for services rendered by the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the Village Street Bridge project.

DISCUSSION: Dick explained that the Town applied and was approved for funding by the State Bridge Replacement Program about 7 years ago to replace the Village Street Bridge because of its structural issues. The State will pay for approximately 80% of the project while the Town will be responsible for the remaining 20% plus services rendered. These services consist of the process of talking to bordering land owners, securing easements and establishing rights-of-way. These services were rendered by the DOT at a cost of \$31,320.

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

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

- 2] Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED:

“That the Town Meeting of the Town of Deep River hereby ratifies the action of the Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials to become a council of Governments at their meeting of July 27, 2011, toward that end, the Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials formally adopted section 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 4-124j of the Connecticut General Statutes, and that this newly established Council of Governments be called the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments.”

DISCUSSION: Dick explained that the **Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials** has recognized the State’s push to further regionalize our area. Deep River is currently part of the CT River Estuary Region of CRVCEO which consists of 9 towns: Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook. We are proactively seeking to combine with the Midstate Region of CRVCEO which consists of 8 towns: Cromwell, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Haddam, Middlefield, Middletown and Portland.

By joining forces now we have our choice of which Towns are in our region and avoid the State regionalizing us with larger cities that don’t recognize our small town needs. We will have access to the \$300,000 fund the state has put aside for this regionalization process and we will be eligible for more grant money and help from lobbyists, giving us more power in Hartford. We will also see a reduction in cost through combined services and shared resources such as office space and equipment. After about 2 years our original 9 towns can expect to see savings of approximately \$1 per capita. There will not be an additional line added to the budget for this. The amount allotted for **CT River Estuary Regional Planning Agency** in the budget will not change; only the title will.

Once 11 of the 17 towns approve it, we can move forward with the plan. There are currently several possible office locations being considered for this new Council including space at the old Uarco building on Bridge Street in Deep River.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Lori Guerette and seconded by Russell Marth. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Amy M. Winchell, Town Clerk