

LEGAL NOTICE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF DEEP RIVER

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Deep River will be held Monday, May 21, 2012, at 7:30 P.M., in the gymnasium of the Deep River Elementary School, to act upon the following:

- 1) Approve the Town Budget for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$ 14,330,825.
- 2) Authorize the Tax Collector to collect real estate taxes and personal property taxes in two semi-annual installments, the dates to be July 1, 2012 and January 1, 2013.

Authorize the Tax Collector to collect regular motor vehicle taxes in one installment, due and payable on July 1, 2012.

Authorize the Tax Collector to collect supplemental motor vehicle taxes in one installment, due and payable on January 1, 2012.

Any property tax due the Town of Deep River in an amount that does not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) shall be due and payable in a single installment on July 1, 2012.

- 3) Approve the five-year Capital Improvement Programs for 2012 through 2017.

Dated at Deep River, CT, this 10th day of May 2012.

Board of Selectmen
Richard H. Smith
Angus L. McDonald, Jr.
Dave 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 May 10, 2012, and that 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 May 12, 2012.

Richard H. Smith

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 21, 2012

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Monday, May 21, 2012, in the gymnasium of the Deep River Elementary School. Four members of the Region #4 administration, four members of the Board of Finance, the entire Board of Selectmen and one citizen attended. First Selectman Richard Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. He also acted as moderator of the meeting.

The moderator appointed Town Clerk Amy Winchell as clerk of the meeting, who then read the call. A motion to accept the call of the meeting was made by Lori Guerette with second by David Oliveria.

- 1) Approve the Town Budget for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$ 14,330,825.

This item had been removed from the call and sent to referendum vote by motion of the Board of Selectmen. The referendum will be held at the Deep River Library on Thursday, May 31, 2012, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

DISCUSSION: Jack White questioned the increase for the Water Pollution Control Authority. Jon Bauer, chairman of the Board of Finance, explained that several years ago the residents of the Town approved a 20 year bond for the sewer expansion project. At that time the WPCA Board stated that after 5 years there might be a shortfall and that the Town would then cover the debt service. The Town will continue to fund the expansion the same way hoping increases in septage, fees, and revenue from Chester will help in funding the project. Jon noted that any additional sewer expansion must have the assessment cover the full cost. Last time it was assessed at \$2,000 which was not enough, causing the Town to subsidize the first and second phases of the expansion.

Jack also questioned the increase for Fountain Hill Cemetery. Dick explained that the Town will continue to take on more of the operating expenses for the Cemetery, currently focusing most of the money toward personnel. The Town does not want to completely take over the Fountain Hill Cemetery. They prefer to keep the current board in place to run it, similar to what is now done with the Winthrop Cemetery. They hope to get grants to improve things like the chapel and may, at some point, make the Sexton a Town employee.

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A motion was made to accept the above item by Lori Guerette with second by Bill Ballsieper.

DISCUSSION: Dick noted that the date for the Tax Collector to collect supplemental motor vehicle taxes in one installment, due and payable on January 1, 2012 is incorrect. It should be for the year 2013. There being no further discussion a voice vote was taken and Item 2 was Approved.

- 3) Approve the five-year Capital Improvement Programs for 2012 through 2017.

A motion was made by Lori Guerette with second by Nichole Coutant to accept Item 3 of the call.

DISCUSSION: Lori questioned the Fire Department's request for new vehicles since their Building Study said they were not seeking new vehicles. The Capital Project Request covers replacement vehicles only. The Water Pollution Control Authority pays for its own equipment but has requested \$75,000 to help offset their payments so as not to completely deplete their funds. They have kept up scheduled maintenance and do not anticipate any big expenses in the near future. There being no further discussion a voice vote was taken and Item 3 was Approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Nichole Coutant, with second by David Oliveria. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Moderator: Richard H. Smith
Clerk: Amy M. Winchell
Adjourned: 7:50 p.m.

Amy M. Winchell, Deep River Town Clerk