



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 20, 2013

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Monday, May 20, 2013, in the Town Hall Auditorium. Three members of the Region #4 administration, four members of the Board of Finance, the entire Board of Selectmen, the Registrars of Voters and their deputies and approximately 50 citizens attended. First Selectman Richard Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. A motion to appoint Art Thompson as moderator of the meeting was made by John Bauer. The motion was seconded by Lori Guerette and was approved unanimously.

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 Richard Balducci. Motion was approved unanimously.

- 1) Approve the Town Budget for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$ 14,779,461.

A motion to approve Item #1 was made by Tom Lindner and seconded by Richard Balducci.

Art Thompson asked for any questions regarding the budget and encouraged the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to make a statement. There being no discussion, a voice vote was called and approved with approximately two opposed. Dick Smith said the Board of Selectman and Board of Finance had agreed to approve the budget by paper ballot. Democratic Registrar of Voters Joanne Grabek and deputy Carol Jones, Republican Registrar of Voters Lorraine Ballsieper and deputy Sandra Louthain, and Town Clerk Amy Winchell then conducted a vote by paper ballot. **The results were 48 YES votes to 12 NO votes. Item #1 was approved.**

- 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, 2013 and January 1, 2014.

Authorize the Tax Collector to collect regular motor vehicle taxes in one installment, due and payable on July 1, 2013.

Authorize the Tax Collector to collect supplemental motor vehicle taxes in one installment, due and payable on January 1, 2014.

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, 2013.

The moderator decided to break item #2 into four sections.

A motion was made to accept section A of item #2 by Richard Balducci with second by Lori Guerette. There being no discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made to accept section B of item #2 by Richard Balducci with second by Lori Guerette. There being no discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made to accept section C of item #2 by Richard Balducci with second by Greg Alexander. There being no discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made to accept section D of item #2 by Richard Balducci with second by Tom Lindner. There being no discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

- 3) Approve the five-year Capital Improvement Programs for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 through Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

A motion was made by Richard Balducci with second by Gina Sopneski to accept Item #3 of the call.

DISCUSSION: Dick Smith commented that this is a plan for future expenditures to help in keeping the mill rate as steady as possible. Department heads are asked to submit a list annually of any improvements they think they will need in the next five years. The lists are discussed and prioritized by the Boards of Finance and Selectmen but not all items are committed. He mentioned some work needed to be done at the Elementary School and that roadwork projects were addressed every year. A resident asked when Kirtland Street would be addressed and Dick responded that it was on the list but that there were other roads ahead of it. Another resident asked about the roof repair at the Elementary School and Dick explained that the harsh winter and heavy snowfall had damaged the roof and it was leaking. Another questioned what the SCADA System listed under WPCA was. Pete Lewis explained it was the computer system that managed the licensing of the plant. It is 11 years old and getting parts to repair it is becoming difficult. There being no further discussion a voice vote was taken and Item #3 was approved unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Greg Alexander, with second by Gina Sopneski. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST: Amy M. Winchell, Deep River Town Clerk