



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 8, 2013

A Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 in the Deep River Town Hall Conference room. Selectmen present were Dick Smith, Angus McDonald, and David Oliveria. Film Crew for the Comcast Public Access Channel consisted of Margo Hilfinger and Rich Strukus. There were three citizens in the audience.

First Selectman Richard Smith called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Angus McDonald made a motion to appoint David Oliveria as moderator. The motion was seconded by Russ Marth and passed unanimously. David 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 with a second by Angus McDonald. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve item #1 was made by Angus McDonald and seconded by Jonathan Kastner.

To accept a STEAP Grant in the amount of \$400,000 for Plattwood Park, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents.

DISCUSSION: Dick explained that they would use the grant money to bring the bathrooms and other areas of the park up to ADA standards, put in a ball field including fencing and lighting, and add walking/jogging trails. This will help alleviate congestion at Devitt Field as well as allow more leagues to play in Deep River. Money has been budgeted to put in a splash pad next year but this grant money will not be used for previously budgeted items. The Town's liability insurance covers both the swimming area and the skateboard park. The insurance rate has stayed steady for the last several years and actually dropped by about \$18,000 last year. The insurance carrier representative meets with the Town Safety Committee and provides training to help avoid claims. In the last 24 years the Town has had only three claims. Russell Marth added that Plattwood Park was something the Town could be proud of. It can serve all residents and is a good way to spend Town money. He complimented Dick Smith on doing such a good job in getting this grant.

There being no further discussion, item #1 was **approved** unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Angus McDonald and seconded by Russ Marth. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST: Amy M. Winchell, Town Clerk