



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
December 17, 2013

A Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, in the Deep River Town Hall Conference Room. Selectmen present were Dick Smith, Angus McDonald, and David Oliveria. There were approximately 20 citizens in the audience.

Dick Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. A motion to appoint Angus McDonald as moderator was made by Mark Reyher and seconded by Wayne Grabner. 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 Lisa Bibbiani and seconded by Wayne Grabner. Motion carried.

A motion to approve item #1 was made by Lisa Bibbiani and seconded by Ken Hebert.

- 1] to accept the offer of \$12,400 for property at 73 Kirtland Street presently owned by the Town of Deep River;

DISCUSSION: Dick Smith explained that the house had been deeded over to the Town in 2010 in lieu of taxes. It is a 0.26 acre lot currently appraised at \$61,800 and assessed at \$43,260. The previous owner had purchased it for \$40,000 in 1987. It was believed to be unsellable until a sewer hookup became available. The Town put it up for sale for a minimum bid of \$10,000 and received only one bid for \$12,400 from Sarette Builders. They hope to build a small 26' square house on top of a garage. Some blasting will be required and probably some setback variances will be requested. The area is not zoned for a two-family home and there is a 35' height restriction. The Town has lost tax revenue on this property for years. Selling the property not only rids the Town of the liability for the lot, it will also generate tax revenue. Angus McDonald said the Board of Selectmen was very concerned about the low offer but, since building on it is speculative, accepting this sole offer is the right thing to do.

There being no further discussion, the motion was APPROVED with one opposed.

A motion to approve item #2 was made by Mark Reyher and seconded by Ted Mackenzie.

- 2] to confirm the following: "McDonald moved 2nd by Smith to discharge the DRTHARC (Deep River Town Hall Auditorium Restoration Committee) effective November 30, 2013."

DISCUSSION: Angus McDonald explained that the DRTHARC was formed to finish the auditorium restoration begun some time ago. The Committee has completed its purpose and is no longer needed. Because it was formed as a Town Ordinance, it must go to a Town Meeting to be dissolved.

There being no discussion, the motion was APPROVED unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Reyher and seconded by John Kennedy. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

ATTEST: Amy M. Winchell, Town Clerk