



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
January 28, 2014

A Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 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 was Margo Hilfinger and John Greene. Citizens in the audience included A.C. Proctor, Tim Lee, and Renee Tschopp.

Dick Smith called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. A motion to appoint David Oliveria as moderator was made by Angus McDonald and seconded by A.C. Proctor. 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 Angus McDonald and seconded by A.C. Proctor. Motion carried.

A motion to approve item #1 was made by Angus McDonald and seconded by A.C. Proctor.

“To discuss and act on the following ordinance proposed by the Tax Collector and approved by the Board of Selectman at their regular meeting of October 22, 2013:

Ordinance Purpose: for Town’s mandatory payment to DMV to administer registration monitoring program: SS14-33(a). In 2009 the DMV charged the town \$855.70 and the bill for June 30, 2014 is \$1,112.33. We have seen a significant increase in this fee. If we collect 500 delinquent Motor Vehicles in a year, we will just about cover the cost of the DMV fee.

Revenue shall, in addition to all interest, charges, fees, and penalties otherwise provided by law, add and collect the following charges to each tax account which shall be enforceable in any manner allowed by law for the collection of delinquent taxes, shall be included within any lien securing such tax, and must be paid before such tax is deemed to have been satisfied:

- (1) \$2.00 for each motor vehicle tax payment collected by the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles;*
- (2) \$0.50 per page or the actual cost of any electronic media for reproductions of tax bills, payment histories, or other records produced on request, unless paid at the time of production; and*
- (3) The actual cost of all fees and expenses incurred to identify, locate, and contact all owners, encumbrances, and other persons as reasonably related to collection efforts.*

Order of Application:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes SS 7-148(c) and SS 12-166, except as otherwise required by law, all payments made to or recovered for amounts

owed to the Town arising from tax delinquencies shall be applied to attorney's fees, collection expenses, recording fees, collector's fees, and other expenses and charges related to the collection before the interest accrued upon or principal of any tax."

DISCUSSION: Dick Smith started off the discussion by relaying a conversation he had had with Town Attorney Jane Marsh regarding the wording of the ordinance. She suggested voting it down for now and then having the newly worded ordinance approved at a later date. Dick also explained that this ordinance would only shift the burden of this State fee, incurred by delinquencies, from all taxpayers to only delinquent taxpayers. He also stated the fee will help defray costs of debt collectors for old delinquencies.

There being no further discussion, the motion was voted DOWN unanimously. The motion was NOT approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Angus McDonald and seconded by Dick Smith. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST: Amy M. Winchell, Town Clerk