



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 20, 2016

A Special Town Meeting was held on Monday, June 20, 2016 in the Deep River Town Hall Conference Room. First Selectman Angus McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The meeting was attended by First Selectman Angus McDonald, Selectman Duane Gates, Town Clerk Amy Winchell, Jim Dee and Alison Karam of Deep River Congregational Church, Joann Hourigan and Lisa Johnson of the Housing Authority, and residents Margo Hilfinger, Sally Carlson Crowell, Rich Nagot, Jonathan Kastner and Renee Routhier.

A motion to appoint Angus McDonald as moderator was made by Duane Gates and seconded by Margo Hilfinger. The motion was approved unanimously. Angus McDonald appointed Amy Winchell to act as clerk of the meeting who then read the call.

A motion to accept the call as read was made by Rich Nagot and seconded by Jim Dee. The motion was approved.

A motion to approve item 1 of the call was made by Jim Dee and seconded by Alison Karam.

- 1. Tax credit for Deep River Housing Authority and Deep River Congregational Church-Neighborhood Assistance Act**
 - a. Programs that shall be included on a list pursuant to Chapter 228a of the Connecticut General Statutes, NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT, prior to submission of such list to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services.**
 - b. Interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Written communications will be received. This notice is published pursuant to State Statutes.**

DISCUSSION: Alison Karam, representing the Deep River Congregational Church explained the "Neighborhood Assistance Act" which allows the State to give grants to non-profit organizations. The organization must apply for the grant after having the Town endorse the project for authenticity. Once approved, the non-profit will then need to find a company to sponsor their project. The sponsoring company gets a tax break and the non-profit gets the grant. There is no cost to the Town.

The Church's projects include a new gas burner, replacement windows and a small kitchen remodel. The Housing Authority is seeking money to replace windows and appliances at Kirtland Commons.

There being no further discussion, a voice vote was held. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

A motion to approve item 2 of the call was made by Duane Gates and seconded by Margo Hilfinger.

2. Tax ordinance for seniors.

DISCUSSION: This is a tax relief program for elderly and permanently disabled residents offered by the Town to serve in addition to the State Circuit Breakers relief program. This was initially approved as a Town Ordinance on 2/12/2008 and then extended on 4/12/2011. Approval of this motion will update income limits to be in line with the State income requirements and will extend this benefit making it effective from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2019.

There being no further discussion, a voice vote was held. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

A motion to approve item 3 was made by Jim Dee and seconded by Jonathan Kastner.

3. Appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission:

Sara Denegre

Term to expire: 12/01/2017

There being no discussion, a voice vote was held. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Dee, seconded by Rich Nagot, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

ATTEST: Amy M. Winchell, Town Clerk