



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

January 19, 2017

A Special Town Meeting was held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 in the Deep River Town Hall Auditorium. First Selectman Angus McDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was attended by First Selectman Angus McDonald, Selectman Duane Gates, Selectman David Oliveria and Town Clerk Amy Winchell. Also in attendance were approximately 45 residents including members of the Board of Finance and the Highway Department.

A motion to appoint David Oliveria as moderator was made by Duane Gates and seconded by Lori Guerette. The motion was approved unanimously. David Oliveria 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 Art Thompson and seconded by Richie Smith. The motion was approved.

A motion to approve item 1 of the call was made by Art Thompson and seconded by Richie Smith.

- 1. To approve an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for the purchase and associated costs of the refurbished compactor and two receivers from International Container Company as approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance at their regular and special meetings of January 10, 2017.**

DISCUSSION: Angus McDonald explained that the trash compactor at the Transfer Station had failed and been patched up but both compactor and trailer need to be replaced. A refurbished model has been found and been inspected by members of the Highway Department. They believe it should be good for 20 years and that the cost of \$17,600 for the compactor and \$7,200 each for two containers to be a fair price. Approximate cost for a new unit would be double that amount. By having two containers, the Town can save money by hauling its own trash. Installation is expected to take one week. The money will come from an account set up with funds from when an incubator building was sold. The purpose of this account was for infrastructure projects and prevents us needing to take money from the General Fund. The

additional \$13,000 is to cover delivery and installation costs. The old equipment will be scrapped and metal and parts will be sold.

There being no further discussion, a vote was held by show of hands. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

A motion to approve item 2 of the call was made by Russ Marth and seconded by Lori Guerette.

2. To approve the renaming of the Deep River Town Hall to “Richard H. Smith Town Hall” as discussed by the Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting of January 10, 2017.

DISCUSSION: The Dick Smith Memorial Committee was formed in June by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee carried out its task to review all suggestions for memorializing Richard H. Smith who had served as the Town’s First Selectman for 26 years before he passed away suddenly on March 25, 2016. They did so by setting up specific guidelines and ranking the suggestions. The two top suggestions were to name the new ball park at Plattwood Park after him and to rename the Town Hall after him. The Parks & Recreation Commission had agreed and named the new ball park after Dick Smith at one of their previous regular meetings. The question of renaming the Town Hall was left to the Board of Selectmen who decided to send it to a Town Meeting. While all legal notice requirements were met and additional notice was made through the website, email blast and community bulletin board, many felt there had not been enough notice given for this meeting. As there is currently no signage with the name of the Town Hall, it is uncertain how this name change will impact the Town. **After a few minutes of discussion, a motion was made by Mark Reyher and seconded by Richie Smith to move the question. A vote was held by a show of hands. The motion was approved by a 28 Yes / 9 No vote.**

There being no further discussion, a vote for item 2 was held by a show of hands. **The motion was approved by a 27 Yes / 8 No vote.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jane Samuels, seconded by Mark Reyher, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST: Amy M. Winchell, Town Clerk