

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING February 21, 2017

A Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 21, 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 David Oliveria, Selectman Duane Gates and Town Clerk Amy Winchell. Also in attendance were approximately 25 residents including the owners and manager of Deep River Farms, LLC.

A motion to appoint David Oliveria as moderator was made by Duane Gates and seconded by Bob Jenkins. 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 Bob Jenkins and seconded by Jim Olson. The motion was approved.

A motion to approve item 1 of the call was made by Mike Tomlinson and seconded by John Dube.

1. To grant an easement to Deep River Farms across a section of Plains Road for underground electrical service as described in documentation and mapping available at Town Clerk's Office.

DISCUSSION: Angus McDonald explained that the attorneys representing the Town and Deep River Farms had worked together to come to this mutual conclusion. Because this is a private utility going across Town property, approval at a Town Meeting is required. This would also have been true for electric wires on poles crossing the road. The only cost to the Town is attorney and mapping fees. An owner of Deep River Farms expressed gratitude towards the Town for working with them. They had looked into using other power sources including solar but found this to be the best solution. The new electrical line will allow for heating their greenhouses as well as pumping water from a well dug last year. The greenhouses will not be lighted so there should be no impact on neighbors.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Jane Samuels, seconded by Gina Sopneski, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

ATTEST: Amy M. Winchell, Town Clerk