

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting – February 9, 2010

ATTENDANCE: Selectmen Dick Smith, Art Thompson, Dave Oliveria
Margo Hilfinger, Richard Stukus, Richard Daniels

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Dick Smith.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting – January 26, 2010

A motion was made by Dave Oliveria and seconded by Art Thompson to approve the minutes of meeting as presented. APPROVED 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS:

Planning & Zoning - alternate positions

David Basilone
Angus McDonald

term to expire 12/01/2010
term to expire 12/11/2010

A motion was made by Dave Oliveria and seconded by Art Thompson to approve the appointments. APPROVED 3-0.

Housing Authority

A motion was made by Art Thompson and seconded by Dave Oliveria to add to the agenda an appointment to the Housing Authority Board.

Approved 3-0

Elizabeth P. O'Donnell term to expire 1/31/2015

A motion was made by Art Thompson and seconded by Dave Oliveria to approve the re-appointment of Elizabeth O'Donnell. Approved

3-0

Design Advisory Board

After discussion by the Board of Selectman it was agreed to establish two year terms for appointees to the Design Advisory Board.

Sue Watts	term to expire	12/1/2010	12/1/2012
Peggy Metcalf	term to expire	12/1/2010	12/1/2012
Andrea Chiappa	Term to expire	12/1/2010	12/1/2012
Peter Howard	term to expire	12/1/2011	12/1/2013
Pamela Potter	term to expire	12/1/2011	12/1/2013
Alan Paradis	term to expire	12/1/2011	12/1/2013

Due to concerns by residents it was agreed at the regular meeting of the BOS on 9/22/09 that when establishing the Design Advisory Board it would be a committee and not a commission. The Board would serve at the discretion of the BOS and would submit their recommendations on projects to developers, BOS and Planning and Zoning.

Brief discussion by the BOS on letters sent to Old Saybrook, Essex, Chester, Westbrook and Nurses of Lower Valley requesting a variety of information in regards to VNA services.

Smith updated the BOS on a letter received from Peter Lewis, President of the Deep River Employees Union, in regards to the VNA hiring a sub-contractor to replace a union employee. This is in direct conflict with our current labor agreement between the town and union. (The contract requires that we post job openings at all town

building for a period of five days, then advertise the job opening in the paper and finally interview applicants) Smith advised the BOS that when this accrued he spoke with VNA president Rick Daniels concerning this union position. Daniels stated that it would be temporary due to the departure of Julie Harris. Smith advised Union President Peter Lewis of Rick's response in April 2009. Lewis feels that the Deep River Employees Union has been more than fair concerning this issue, but it now has dragged on for ten months. The Union has given the BOS until March 10, 2010 to remedy this situation.

Rick Daniels stated that he would talk to Peter Lewis. Selectman Thompson advised Daniels that it is the responsibility of the BOS to negotiate contracts and to deal with grievances not the VNA. Smith will arrange a meeting with the BOS, Lewis and Daniels.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Art Thompson and seconded by Dave Oliveria to adjourn at 7:12 pm. APPROVED 3-0.

Richard H. Smith
First Selectman