



TOWN OF DEEP RIVER
Special Town Meeting

January 17, 2023

A Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 in the Richard H. Smith Town Hall Auditorium. The meeting was attended by the Board of Selectmen including First Selectman Angus McDonald, Selectman Duane Gates, Selectman James Olson and by Board of Finance Chair Bud Eckenroth. Also in attendance were approximately 25-30 residents including representatives of the Fire Department and Board of Finance.

First Selectman Angus McDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Duane Gates made a motion to appoint Rick Daniels as moderator which was seconded by Richard Balducci. The motion was approved unanimously. Daniels appointed Amy Winchell to act as clerk of the meeting who then read the call.

Motion to approve part 1 of the item was made by Jane Samuels and seconded by Richard Balducci.

1. To approve actions of the Board of Selectmen's and Board of Finance's regular meetings of December 27, 2022:

- **To authorize an expenditure of \$100,000 to satisfy the Town's requirement for the STEAP Grant intended for the upgrade and replacement of the pavilion and restrooms at Plattwood Park.**

Discussion:

McDonald explained the Town had won this grant to improve the structures at the park with the agreement that the grant would pay \$400,000 and the Town would pay \$100,000 of this \$500,000 project.

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

Motion to approve part 2 of the item was made by Richard Balducci and seconded by Samuels.

- **To authorize a Resolution Establishing a Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures Fund.**

Discussion:

McDonald explained the creation of this fund was to hold only monies for purchases already approved at Town Meeting. This would prevent the need for an additional Town Meeting approval when the purchase process extended into a new fiscal year. Any additional costs associated with the original approved purchase price would still need to go to Town Meeting for approval.

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

Motion to approve part 3 of the item was made by Carmela Balducci and seconded by Samuels.

- **To authorize the expenditure of \$45,000 for the increase in the cost of the proposed new fire truck (tanker).**

Discussion:

McDonald explained that the Town had approved \$425,000 for the purchase of the new fire truck (tanker). The actual cost came in \$45,000 higher. It was noted that the Fire Department is also contributing to the cost of this truck.

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

Motion was made by Richard Balducci and seconded by Olson to adjourn. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm.

ATTEST: Amy M. Winchell, MCTC
Town Clerk