



## Special Town Meeting

June 8, 2021

A Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 in the Richard H. Smith Town Hall Conference Room. The meeting was attended by the Board of Selectmen including First Selectman Angus McDonald and Selectmen Duane Gates and Jim Olson. Also in attendance were the Town Clerk Amy Winchell and First Selectman's assistant Joyce Berardis. Alison Karam, representative for the Deep River Congregational Church attended via ZOOM.

First Selectman Angus McDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Jim Olson made a motion to appoint Duane Gates as moderator which was seconded by Angus McDonald. The motion was approved unanimously. Duane Gates 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 Jim Olson and seconded by Angus McDonald. The motion was approved.

Motion to approve Item #1 was made by Jim Olson and seconded by Angus McDonald.

### **1) Tax credit for Deep River Housing Authority and Deep River Congregational Church - Neighborhood Assistance Act.**

**1. 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.**

**2. 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 that the church serves as a community center facilitating groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Transitions Academy, Theater for the Deaf and the Shoreline Soup Kitchen. She noted that pre-pandemic the soup kitchen provided 50 meals per week and during the pandemic they served 180 meals per week using curbside service. Alison added that the tax credit through the Neighborhood Assistance Act helps them keep the facility energy efficient. This year they hope to add more insulation, replace appliances with more energy efficient models and install low-flow fixtures.

Angus added that the Housing Authority also benefits from NAA and they are planning to replace old refrigerators with more energy efficient appliances. This does not cost the Town in funding or time.

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

Motion was made by Jim Olson and seconded by Angus McDonald to adjourn. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

ATTEST: Amy M. Winchell, MCTC, Town Clerk