

Special Town Meeting

June 11, 2019

A Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 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; resident Joe Peluso and videographers Margo Hilfinger and John Greene.

First Selectman Angus McDonald called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. Jim Olson made a motion to appoint Duane Gates as moderator which was seconded by Amy Winchell. 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 Margo Hilfinger and seconded by Jim Olson.

- 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.

DISCUSSION: Joe Peluso, representing the Deep River Congregational Church, explained that the church serves as a community center and that the tax credit through the Neighborhood Assistance Act helps them keep the facility energy efficient. This year they hope to add insulation, replace a 70 year old door, and make electrical upgrades.

Angus added that the Housing Authority also benefits from NAA and they are planning to upgrade the elevator. 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 to approve #2 was made by Angus McDonald and seconded by Jim Olson.

2. Tax ordinance for seniors renewal.

DISCUSSION: Angus McDonald explained that, while the State had stopped its Tax Relief program, Deep River continues to offer relief to its residents aged 65 or older or disabled. The ordinance providing this program needs to be renewed every three years.

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 7:20 PM.

ATTEST: Amy M. Winchell, Town Clerk