

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
January 31, 2011  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

5:30pm: Chairman, Stephen R. Barry called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Chairman Barry asked all to rise and pledge allegiance to the Flag.

**Present:** Stephen R. Barry, Chairman; Alan E. O'Neal, Vice Chairman; R. Andrew Robertson and John Reagan, Selectmen

**Also Present:** Leslie A. Boswak, Town Administrator

**Absent:** Bill Perron, Selectman

**Don Gorman**

Chairman Barry recognized Don Gorman. Mr. Gorman wanted to bring the Board up to date in regards to the teachers and paraprofessionals contract. Blue & white ribbons are being distributed around Town. People are hanging them outside of their homes and businesses to show their support for the teachers and paraprofessionals contract. The School Board would like to set up a table at the landfill so that people can give out information regarding the School Budget. The Board of Selectmen agreed to allow the School to set up a table at the landfill.

**Conservation Commission**

Serita Frey, Erick Berglund, Wes Golomb and Herb McKinney were present to update the Board of current issues the Conservation Commission is working on. They explained the Conservation Commission's Warrant Article had been reviewed by Attorney Jim Raymond. Attorney Raymond changed the language to make this a binding Warrant Article.

There was additional discussion about the Cottonwoods conservation easement violation. They are working with the residents to have a gate put in place. The Commission and residents feel this is the best way to prevent further violations of the conservation easement.

The Conservation Commission had received money from around fourteen donors in memory of Waddy Winslow totaling almost \$1,000.00

The Eagle Scout Project at Peg King Park was also discussed. The Conservation Commission will continue to work with the scout on his project.

**Chief Mike Greeley**

Chief Greeley stated that his department has seen increases in almost all areas during 2010. Court cases in 2010 were 405 compared to 254 in 2009 and 232 in 2008. The part-time line was overspent by \$12,000 and the overtime line was overspent by \$2,000. This was due to the increased activity the department has seen during 2010.

Chairman Barry asked Chief Greeley about his current part-time line. Chief Greeley responded that he would like to have \$8,000 added to the part-time line in his budget at the Town's Deliberative Session. Without the added money he felt there was no way he would be able to meet the needs of the community.

Chief Greeley reported that the tasers had been received. He provided copies of the Town of Deerfield, Police Department Taser Policy. Training for the tasers will take place on February 16, 2011. After the personnel have completed the training the department will carry them.

**Chief Mark Tibbetts**

Chief Tibbetts thanked the Board of Selectmen for their support during his first year as Fire Chief under the Town. In 2011 the Fire, Police and Rescue Departments will work together fundraising money to purchase a new Zodiac Boat, motor and trailer to be used for water rescues.

After the Deerfield Fair the Fire Department was able to purchase the new trailer for the Gator. It will in service within a week.

The generator has been installed here and will be moved from where it is now down towards the electric panel. Money will be budgeted next year to install fencing around the generator.

The water filtration system here at the George B. White Building has failed. The company that services the system was able to patch it for around \$2,500 - \$3,000. Next year the Town will have to budget for a new system, the cost will be \$12,300.00.

The furnace in the back of the building will also have to be replaced next year. The cost of replacing the furnace will be between \$6,000 – \$7,000.

**Northern Pass Transmission**

Kathleen Brockett, a Communications Specialist and Brian Bosse, Project Manager made a presentation to the Board about the Northern Pass Transmission Project and what the impact will be to the Town of Deerfield. There was a brief overview of the project with discussion about the Project's preferred and alternate routes. Every mile of transmission will add approximately \$2.5 million in assessed to local tax bases that the Project will run through. There are 7.3 miles of transmission that will run through the Town of Deerfield.

Selectman Robertson felt that it was important for Northern Pass to work hard to remain within their existing right-of-ways.

**Kathy Shigo**

Mrs. Shigo has significant concerns around the activity that has been going on around the PSNH Deerfield Substation for the past year-and-a-half. There has been backup truck alarms going off as early as 7:00 a.m. increased traffic and the lights are kept on all night long because of recent thefts at the substation. At night when the lights are on it is like stadium lighting. Neighbors voiced complaints about the lack of peace and enjoyment at their homes during the night. They feel it is like living in a sports stadium, they are not able to enjoy the rural setting that they desired when moving to Deerfield.

Allison McLean spoke on behalf of PSNH. She has been the local liaison for the Deerfield Substation. She has spoken with the construction workers about these issues. She will continue to work with their vendors to get them to comply with the noise ordinances and to not begin construction until the time allowed in the morning. She agreed that the lights have been kept on since early December because of some thefts that had occurred at the substation. She will work with the company to see if these can be changed to motion sensor type lights that will only come on if a person or animal travels on their property.

Chairman Barry asked Ms. McLean if she could come back to the Board and report back her progress on these issues. Ms. McLean agreed to come back before the Board of Selectmen in one month with an update.

**Regular Business**

1. Review of Outstanding Minutes

**MOTION:** Selectman Robertson made a Motion to approve the Minutes of January 18, 2011 and January 24, 2011.

**SECONDED:** Selectman Reagan seconded the Motion.

**VOTE:** Chairman Barry took a Vote to approve the 1/18/11 & 1/24/11 Minutes as written.

It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

2. Vouchers/Accounts Payable Manifest(s)

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman O'Neal made a Motion to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$96,206.82.

**SECONDED:** Selectman Robertson seconded the Motion

**VOTE:** Chairman Barry took a Vote to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest.  
It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

3. Signatures:

A. Signatures Requiring a Vote

1.) Notice of Abatement for parcel 409-074 to Sharon Timmons in the amount of \$1,455.26.

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman O'Neal made a Motion to approve the abatement.

**SECONDED:** Selectman Reagan seconded the Motion.

**VOTE:** Chairman Barry called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

2.) Notice of Abatement for parcel 423-045 to Amy Weidmer in the amount of \$53.63.

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman O'Neal made a Motion to approve the abatement.

**SECONDED:** Selectman Robertson seconded the Motion.

**VOTE:** Chairman Barry called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

3.) Notice of Abatement for parcel 414-151-1 to Jeffrey & Karen Tripp in the amount of \$53.61.

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman O'Neal made a Motion to approve the abatement.

**SECONDED:** Selectman Robertson seconded the Motion.

**VOTE:** Chairman Barry called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

4.) Notice of Abatement for parcels 208-47-1 & 208-47.2 to the Town of Deerfield in the amount of \$6,689.00.

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman O'Neal made a Motion to approve the abatement.

**SECONDED:** Selectman Reagan seconded the Motion.

**VOTE:** Chairman Barry called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

5.) Notice of Abatement Denial for parcel 424-062 in the name of Carolyn Rock.

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman O'Neal made a Motion to approve the abatement denial.

**SECONDED:** Selectman Robertson seconded the Motion.

**VOTE:** Chairman Barry called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

6.) Notice of Abatement Denial for parcel 207-045 in the name of Peter & Carol Smiglin.

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman O'Neal made a Motion to approve the abatement denial.

**SECONDED:** Selectman Robertson seconded the Motion.

**VOTE:** Chairman Barry called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

7.) Notice of Abatement Denial for parcel 424-112 in the name of John & Alberta Cole.

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman O'Neal made a Motion to approve the abatement denial.

**SECONDED:** Selectman Robertson seconded the Motion.

**VOTE:** Chairman Barry called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

8.) Original Warrant – Timber Tax Levy in the amount of \$974.38 for parcel 418-010 in the name of Upper Fairnery Family Revocable Trust.

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman O’Neal made a Motion to approve the Timber Tax Levy.

**SECONDED:** Selectman Robertson seconded the Motion.

**VOTE:** Chairman Barry called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

9.) MS-DT Default Budget of the Town in the amount of \$3,327,717.00.

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman O’Neal made a Motion to approve the MS-DT Default Budget of the Town.

**SECONDED:** Selectman Robertson seconded the Motion.

**VOTE:** Chairman Barry called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

10.) Town Warrant.

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman O’Neal made a Motion to approve the Town Warrant.

**SECONDED:** Selectman Robertson seconded the Motion.

**VOTE:** Chairman Barry called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

11.) Appointment of Timothy Pelletier as a full-time Police Officer.

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman O’Neal made a Motion to approve the appointment of Timothy Pelletier as a full-time Police Officer.

**SECONDED:** Selectman Robertson seconded the Motion.

**VOTE:** Chairman Barry called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

12.) Vice Chairman O’Neal would like to see the Board hold off on the Clean Harbors contract for a Hazardous Waste Day until after Deliberative Session. If the money is not taken out of the budget he would like to see the Town schedule one day in the Fall instead of two separate days. The Board agreed.

13.) Waste Management Tipping Fee Contract.

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman O’Neal made a Motion to sign the Waste Management Tipping Fee Contract..

**SECONDED:** Selectman Robertson seconded the Motion.

**VOTE:** Chairman Barry called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

14.) Melanson, Heath & Company 2010 Auditing Contract.

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman O’Neal made a Motion to sign the Melanson, Heath & Company 2010 Auditing Contract.

**SECONDED:** Selectman Robertson seconded the Motion.

**VOTE:** Chairman Barry called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

B. Signatures Not Requiring Vote

Notice of Intent to Cut for lots 414-143, 147, 148 & 145 under Joanne Bradbury

Notice of Intent to Cut for lot 420-228.25, under Debra C. Kelly Living Trust.

Notice of Intent to Cut for lot 414-070, under David Gazzola.

4. Review of Correspondence:  
None

5. Unfinished Business:  
None

6. Town Administrator's Report

Today is the deadline imposed on the residents of Cottonwood Estates to return the Quitclaim deeds for the roadways within Cottonwood Estates. We have received 29 out of 35 deeds. The six which that the Town have not heard from at this point are:

1. 2 Bliss Road – Jason & Cristal Ball
2. 4 Bliss Road – Alexander & Lisa Asselin
3. 3 Companion Road – Ashley & Zachary Langlois
4. 9 Harmony Road – Nicholas Floyd
5. 9 Prospect Road – Federal Home Loan Mortgage Co.
6. 2 Destiny Way – Paul & Eleanor Foster (Reside in Kentucky.)

Mrs. Boswak requested the Board grant an extension 2/28/11.

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman O'Neal made a Motion to extend the deadline until 2/28/2011.

**SECONDED:** Selectman Robertson seconded the Motion.

**VOTE:** Chairman Barry called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

7. Other Business:  
None

8. New Business:  
None

Citizen's Comments:

Kathy Shigo wanted to inform the Board that the Nativity Scene that is set up annually in front of the American Legion was vandalized.

Mrs. Shigo also wanted to mention that the citizens are behind Don & Jolene Smith and their family during this difficult time.

Harriet Cady wanted to see someone other than the Police Chief tabulate and report the results of the Police Department Survey.

**Adjourned:**

7:52 pm

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman O'Neal made a Motion to adjourn.

**SECONDED:** Selectman Reagan seconded the Motion.

**VOTE:** Chairman Barry called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

The January 31, 2011 meeting is adjourned.