

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
May 23, 2011
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30pm: Chairman, John Reagan called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

Present: John Reagan, Chairman; Alan E. O'Neal, Vice Chairman and Bill Perron, Selectman

Absent: R. Andrew Robertson and Stephen R. Barry, Selectmen

Also Present: Leslie A. Boswak, Town Administrator and Nese Farrell, Recording Secretary

Greenhouse/Energy Grant Committee/ Update

Peter Menard informed the Board that the Energy Committee did obtain the waiver from the State (the waiver the School Board was waiting for). He said they received approval from the School Board to proceed on that project; based on that waiver.

Michael Greene referred to the Greenhouse project at Deerfield Community School called the Green Building (30x48 building to be built on the school grounds, into the side of the hill, which is part of the upper leach field / ball fields). He said half of the building will be a commercial greenhouse structure and the rest of the building will be a classroom; the whole building is on a concrete foundation and will be set on the side of the hill to maximize solar gain and minimize exposure to the rest of the weather. He added that they have gone from a tiny hand sketch that was put together by Ellen O'Donnell and himself, to the Committee writing the grant and getting the money for the building, to developing estimates. They have gotten second set of estimates from the Greenhouse people and they are now trying to reconcile the budget to move forward.

Chairman Reagan asked if the grant would pay for all the costs of the project. Mr. Greene said that is the part they are trying to reconcile. He said there are some issues now with the people who issued the grant, as one of the original premises was to use a lot of volunteer labor as a means of keeping the cost down and to create ownership within the community of the building. He said Ellen O'Donnell and Rick Pelletier brought this to the Grant Committee when they went to workshops on how the grant is administered. It was approved and up until recently that was part of their plan. They have now they said no, as this stimulus money is what they want to pay people to build the building and to put money into the economy.

He confirmed they are coming up short, as prices have gone up since they've started this project. He said there is a possibility they could get more money, because there are communities that couldn't negotiate upfront money to be able to accept the grant, so there is some extra money out there. They are now trying to establish whether they can get some of that money to supplement our budget and can they use volunteer help.

Vice Chairman O'Neal referred to the other half of the grant for the pole barn structure at the Transfer Station they bid out several months ago and he is concerned the cost of that will go up also. Rick Pelletier said they were originally about \$2,000 over from what they had allotted for that project and he thinks they should go back to their bidders and ask if they can give the same building for that amount of money, less what needs to be cut out of it. He said they had overhead doors, a passage door and some windows that can be eliminated; maybe it can be stepped down to 8 or 10 foot walls, but keep the same size of building presented in the grant. He said they could shrink the height since they won't need shelving. They will still do translucent panels on the roof and flop-open sides.

Mr. Greene said they want to get it in the ground next month; perhaps start before the school is out so the kids could see that something is actually being built, as the whole thing is a learning experience for them. He said they have completed the plans, seen what the biggest number is, and they will try to work backwards from there to make it work.

Fran Menard added that the septic system delay was recently resolved.

Regular Business

1. Review of Outstanding Minutes:

MOTION: Vice Chairman O'Neal made a Motion to approve the Minutes of 5/9/11 & 5/16/11 as written.

SECONDED: Selectman Perron **VOTE:** All in Favor

2. Vouchers/ Accounts Payable Manifest/ Total of \$12,637.15

MOTION: Vice Chairman O'Neal moved to approve the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$12,637.15.

SECONDED: Selectman Perron **VOTE:** All in Favor

3. Signatures:

A. Signatures Requiring a Vote

- 1) Timber Tax Levy: Donald Baker/ Map 411, Lot 008 and Horst c/o Petra Gazzola/ Map 414, Lot 047

MOTION: Vice Chairman O'Neal made a Motion to approve the both Timber Tax Levies.

SECONDED: Selectman Perron **VOTE:** All in Favor.

- 2) Warrant for Land Use Change Tax/ Robert & Ellen Desisto/ Map 406, Lot 049

MOTION: Vice Chairman O'Neal made a Motion to approve the Land Use Change Tax.

SECONDED: Selectman Perron **VOTE:** All in Favor.

- 3) Elderly Exemption Update/ Richard Gilson Sr./ Map 405, Lot 031

MOTION: Vice Chairman O'Neal made a Motion to approve the Elderly Exemption.

SECONDED: Selectman Perron **VOTE:** All in Favor.

- 4) Abatement/ Josh Davis/ Map 418, Lot 079-0245/ \$561.21

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

SECONDED: Selectman Perron **VOTE:** All in Favor.

- 5) Abatement/ Rick Chase/ Map 418, Lot 79-0247/ \$38.00

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

SECONDED: Selectman Perron **VOTE:** All in Favor.

- 6) Abatement/ William Carbonneau/ Map 418, Lot 79-226/ \$96.00

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

SECONDED: Selectman Perron **VOTE:** All in Favor.

- 7) Property Tax Warrant/Tax Collector, Kevin Barry/ \$5,834,923.00

MOTION: Vice Chairman O'Neal made a motion to approve.

SECONDED: Bill Perron **VOTE:** All in Favor

B. Signatures Not Requiring a Vote

- 1) Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber/ Brian & Rachel Durst / Map 413, Lot 046
The Board signed.

- 2) Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Fire Report/Bill for Forest Fire Training
The Board signed.

- 3) Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber/ Russell A. Kaatz/ Map 411, Lots 42 & 41.
The Board signed.

A. Review of Correspondence:
None

B. Unfinished Business:
None

C. Town Administrator's Report:

- 1) The newsletters are going out with the Tax Bill, but there is a typo on the front page; written 2010, it should

read 2011.

- D. Other Business:
None
- E. New Business:
None

Citizen's Comments

Kathy Shigo wanted to thank the Town of Deerfield for how wonderful this town can be when in need. This morning they laid to rest Mark "Mickey" Southmayd who was a volunteer fireman for many years (who had no life insurance) and it was nice to see the how everyone came through.

She presented the Board with a letter regarding the roads of Deerfield. She wants a sympathetic ear from the Selectman to get behind the people of the town that are outraged about the roads and their vehicles are suffering. She wants to understand why they still have holes on the roads when they have a huge budget; not seeing where their money is going when there are so many roads unfixed and repairs are being delayed constantly.

Adjourned

5:58 pm

MOTION: Vice Chairman O'Neal made a Motion to adjourn. **SECONDED:** Selectman Perron **VOTE:** All in Favor
The May 23, 2011 meeting is adjourned.

*The Minutes were Recorded, Transcribed and Respectfully Submitted by Nese Farrell, Recording Secretary.
Pending Approval by the Board of Selectmen*