

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**January 3, 2012**

MINUTES

**Call to Order**

5:00pm: 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; Stephen R. Barry, Bill Perron and R. Andrew Robertson, Selectmen

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

**Absent:** Alan E. O'Neal, Vice Chairman

**House Numbering – Mark Tibbetts**

Mark Tibbetts informed the Board that he has samples of the numbers to be used and will be distributed via a volunteer basis. The cost is \$4 for 1 number, \$5 for 2 and \$6 for 3 – can be seen on both sides. Mr. Tibbetts has collected three quotes the department has some money and will begin on voting day to collect donations from residents. There is currently enough money available to purchase 200 posts. L. Boswak clarified that the Town will purchase the posts and handle installation; residents interested in participating will need to buy their own numbers. Selectman Barry would like to be the first to sign up. Selectman Perron noted he is skeptical on the relying on residents to volunteer, feels some will not want to pay the fee, suggested might be better to put in the budget over a series of years to address uniformly. He asked if the Fire Department could do a drive around to address the problem areas. Selectman Robertson suggested that it could be addressed in a Warrant Article. All agreed that it may be too late this year to include in the budget, while the approach of soliciting people to volunteer might not be the most effective, it is a positive step in the right direction.

**Regular Business**

**- Outstanding Minutes – December 19<sup>th</sup> & December 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Motion to approve as written** – Selectman Barry

**Second** – Selectman Robertson

**No Discussion – All in Favor – Motion Carries**

**- Accounts Payable - \$49,492.38**

**Motion** – Selectman Robertson

**Seconded** – Selectman Barry

**No Discussion – All in Favor – Motion Carries**

**- Intent to Cut Timber – Molly Grant, Candia Road**

**No Discussion – Signatures Executed**

**- FEMA Check - \$3,468.72**

**No Discussion – Funds received by the Board of Selectman**

**- Drafted Letters from Mark Tibbetts to Donald F. Smith of 17 Penn Avenue and Donald W. Smith of 139 North Road – Thanking for Service to Deerfield Fire Department**

**Motion to approve** – Selectman Barry

**Seconded** – Selectman Robertson

**Discussion** – Selectman Barry would like to see letters also drafted from the Board of Selectman thanking the men for their service to the Town. Chairman Reagan concurred.

**All in Favor – Motion Carries**

**Unfinished Business**      None

**Town Administrator's Report**      None

### Other Business

Chairman Reagan informed the Board that Harriet Cady has asserted the non-public session held on December 19, 2011 regarding Tax abatements was done in error. The Assessor had requested that the discussions be held in Non-Public Session as there is pending litigation, however the Board will re-address the items from Avitar Associates at tonight's meeting.

- A. Isabella Revocable Trust vs. Town of Deerfield Settlement Agreement – 2010/2011 assessment of 1 Charlie Lane shall be \$229,400.

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson made a motion to accept the Settlement Agreement as recommended

**Second:** Selectman Barry

**No Discussion – All in Favor – Motion Carries**

- B. Aaron Cady vs. Town of Deerfield Settlement Agreement – 2011 assessment of 28 Old Center Rd shall be \$146,400.

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson made a motion to accept the Settlement Agreement as recommended

**Second:** Selectman Barry

**No Discussion – All in Favor – Motion Carries**

- C. Aaron Cady vs. Town of Deerfield Settlement Agreement – 2010 assessment of 28 Old Center Rd shall be \$242,500.

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson made a motion to accept the Settlement Agreement as recommended

**Second:** Selectman Barry

**No Discussion – All in Favor – Motion Carries**

Chairman Reagan continued to read the letter from Avatar to the Town of Deerfield regarding a meetings and/or conversations with the following parties as a continued process of mediation.

- A. Mr. & Mrs. Foote – Issues with current assessment of \$480,300

**Motion:** Selectman Barry made a motion to support the appraisal of Avitar Assoc and follow the Assessors Recommendation

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

**No Discussion – All in Favor – Motion Carries**

- B. Ms Lacross – Feels Lamprey River does not add value as assessed - after discussion have withdrawn appeal

- C. Mr. Peterson – Are in continued discussion regarding this appeal

- D. Isabella Revocable Trust – Have met with Mr. MacKenzie & Ms. Cady regarding merits of their appeal – will work to correct current assessment and recommend Settlement Agreement as previously discussed

- E. Mr. Cady – Discussions regarding quality of the home – recommended Settlement Agreement as previously discussed

### New Business None

### Citizens Comments

Maureen Mann asked the Board to clarify who should be contacted if they wish to purchase a house number now. Citizens should contact Mark or Representatives will be on hand at the Town Hall for next Tuesday's Primary.

### Meeting Adjourned

5:35pm

**Motion** – Selectman Barry

All in Favor - The January 3, 2012 meeting is adjourned

**Next Meeting Monday, January 9th at 8:00 am**

*The Minutes were Transcribed and Respectfully Submitted by Katherine A. Libby, Recording Secretary.  
Pending Approval by the Board of Selectmen*