

**Town of Deerfield
Board of Selectmen
April 1, 2013
Minutes**

Call to Order:

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

Present: Stephen R. Barry, Chairman, Alan E. O'Neal, Vice Chairman; R. Andrew Robertson, and Richard Pitman, Selectmen

Also Present: Leslie A. Boswak, Town Administrator

Absent: Rebecca Hutchinson, Selectwoman

Vouchers/Approval/Signatures:

MOTION: Selectman O'Neal motioned to approve the Payroll in the amount of \$53,405.48. **SECONDED:** Selectman Robertson seconded the Motion. **VOTE:** It was a vote in favor.

MOTION: Selectman O'Neal motioned to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$52,068.67.

SECONDED: Selectman Robertson seconded the Motion.

VOTE: It was a vote in favor.

Other Business – Police Cruiser Purchase:

Chairman Barry discussed how at the previous meeting the Board had asked the town administrator if the Police Chief had ordered the new cruiser yet. The administrator replied that he had not. Chairman Barry noticed a new cruiser in the parking lot of the town offices last Thursday and stopped in. The Chief of Police acknowledged at that time that he had purchased the cruiser without obtaining prior approval. Chief of Police Michael Greeley expressed his apology to the Board for not obtaining their approval prior to purchasing the cruiser. Vice Chairman O'Neal discussed how he thought the idea of trading the old cruiser in with a trade-in value of \$4,000 was beneficial to the town. The Vice Chairman addressed concerns about the new vehicle being a black undercover vehicle and also had concerns that the Chief's vehicle was being replaced this year. The Board discussed the police department's fleet. Chairman Barry expressed great concern with the Chief about purchasing this vehicle and committing the town to this financial obligation without Board approval. The Chief acknowledged that he will always obtain approval from the Board of Selectmen going forward for all major purchases going forward.

MOTION: Selectman Pitman motioned to approve the purchase of the police cruiser as-is including the trade-in of the detail cruiser for \$4,000 netting the total purchase at \$19,958.00. **SECONDED:** Selectman Robertson seconded the Motion. **VOTE:** It was a vote in favor 3 – yes, 1 - no.

Adjourn:

MOTION: Selectman Pitman motioned to adjourn. **SECONDED:** Selectman Robertson seconded the Motion. **VOTE:** It was a vote in favor. The April 1, 2013 Board of Selectmen Meeting is adjourned at 5:49 p.m.