

**Town of Deerfield  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
September 1, 2015  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

5:30p - Chairman Stephen Barry called the meeting to order.

**Present:** Stephen Barry, Chairman; Richard Pitman, Vice Chairman; Rebecca Hutchinson, R. Andrew Robertson and Jeff Shute Selectmen

**Also Present:** Jan Foisy, Town Administrator; Penny Touchette, Finance Director/HR

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

**Scheduled Appointments**

**Kevin MacDonald**

Chairman Barry spoke that the Board has received Mr. MacDonald's August 18th letter. The Board was of the understanding that Mr. MacDonald would be donating the Smokey The Bear Sign across from the George B. White Building, a conflict has arisen with Mr. MacDonald's wanting to be responsible for posting and maintaining the fire danger ratings at the sign as he is no longer a member of the Deerfield Fire Department. Chairman Barry updated that the Town has received opinion from the State that as Mr. MacDonald has been removed by the Deerfield Fire Chief, that he would not have the authority to post the fire danger ratings. Mr. MacDonald contended that he still maintains his Deputy Fire Warden status through the State and asked who at the State the Board had spoken with to receive its opinion regarding authorities. The Board did not immediately have a name.

**Regular Business**

**Corrected Voucher from meeting of August 24th - \$22,814.41**

*Signatures Executed*

**Letter from Police Chief Duquette - Officer Keegan Pearl's 1-year Probationary Period Ended 6/25/15 - Request appointment as a Full Time Officer**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to appoint Officer Pearl as a Full Time Officer of the Police Department

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

**Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries**

**Land Use Change Tax - \$0 Housekeeping Item - Edward Moulton, 33 Church Street**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

**Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries**

**Land Use Change Tax - \$1,400 - Barbara DuPont, 112 Middle Road**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

**Vote:** Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

**Southern NH Planning Commission - Electricity Contracts**

The Southern NH Planning Commission presented bids from several vendors and has asked that a representative of the Town be present Wednesday, September 2nd to execute a contract with Constellation Energy at a rate of \$0.07445. Without having a chance to review the proposed contract and compare it to the current service provider the Board was uncomfortable in moving forward. The rate appeared to be a 10% reduction from the current rate being paid.

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to approve Chairman Barry's signing of the contract, absent any negative findings by the Town Administrator in the contract review tomorrow morning

**Second:** Vice Chairman Pitman

Selectman Shute noted that the paperwork appeared to indicate a variable rate. The Board asked the Town Administrator to get a better description of the rates and provide additional clarification prior to taking action.

**Vice Chairman Pitman withdraws the second  
Selectman Robertson withdraws the motion**

**Town Hall Rental Waiver Request - Deerfield Circle of Friends Coat-A-Palooza - October 10, 2015**

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to approve

**Second:** Selectman Shute

**Vote:** Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

**Non-Contemporaneous Business - 5 Members Signing - August 29th & 31st, 2015  
Accounts Payable - \$58,782.53**

**Non-Contemporaneous Business - 4 Members Signing - August 28, 29 and 31st, 2015  
Payroll Manifest - \$52,064.71 (\$39,733.65 net)**

**Old Center Cemetery Deeds (2 plots) - David Whatmough**

*Signatures executed*

**Correspondence**

Chairman Barry noted that the Northern Pass Public Hearing will be held at the Deerfield Fair Pavilion on September 3rd from 5-10:30. Selectman Robertson spoke that this process allows for written comments to be submitted and suggested that the Board submit the Warrant Articles voted on by the Town setting the Town's formal position on the project. There were no objections. The timeline for the event will be an Open House from 5-6p, Project Overview from

6-6:30p, Questions & Answers from 6:30-7:30p and then Open Public Comment from 7:30-10:30p.

The Department of Environmental Services has issued a draft report of the instream flow pilot program for public review and comment. Public Hearing will be held September 22nd.

Chairman Barry noted that the Fire Truck was a part of the recall and will be fixed.

The Town has received an additional \$7,969.50 from the Brown Road Timber Harvest.

### **Town Administrator Report**

None

### **Citizens Comments**

Ms. Jeanie Menard spoke in regards to the Smokey the Bear sign issue; she asked that Jackson Lumber, John DeFranzo and Glen Young of Deerfield, and Sierra Sign of Candia be recognized for their donations and efforts on the project. She asked that Mr. MacDonald be notified who from the State had provided the Board with its guidance and voiced her opinion that tonight's meeting was not how news of that importance should be delivered. She asked that, if it hasn't done so already, the Board question why Mr. MacDonald's appointment has not continued. She spoke highly of Mr. MacDonald's dedication and service to the Department, noting that he conducted himself with the highest level of professionalism and asked that the Board make efforts to clear the air on the matter. Selectman Robertson responded that the understanding of the Board was that Mr. MacDonald had been terminated as a Deputy Fire Warden of the Deerfield Fire Department, not in his role as a Special Deputy Warden of the State. Ms. Menard responded that it is easy to confuse the role. Chairman Barry spoke that the Board appreciates Mr. MacDonald's service and the donation of the sign and that they are only trying to clarify who will have the proper authority to carry the responsibility of postings going forward.

Ms. Harriet Cady voiced concern that too many good people have been leaving the Fire Department of late. She feels it is the Board's responsibility to conduct exit interviews with each of these Town Employees to find out exactly what is going on. She noted that she wishes to make a donation in her late husband's name to the Deerfield Rescue Squad. She spoke that the Squad was fantastic the night they attended to her husband along with the Officer who responded.

### **Non Public Session**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to enter into a Non Public Session pursuant to RSA 91A-3, II (c)

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

**Vote:** Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

### **Reconvene**

Chairman Barry notes for the record that no action was taken during the Non Public Session.

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to seal the minutes of the Non Public Session.

**Second:** Selectwoman Hutchinson

**Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries**

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to authorize the Chair to sign a letter to be sent to Ms. Doreen Schibbelhute with accompanying agreement.

**Second:** Vice Chairman Pitman

**Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries**

Chairman Barry announced that the NH Electrical Co-Op will be shutting off service to Deerfield customers Wednesday, September 2nd between 2-2:30p.

**6:29p Adjourn**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to adjourn the meeting of September 1, 2015

**Second:** Selectman Shute

**Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries**

**Next Meeting Monday, September 14th, 2015 @ 5:30p**

*The Minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Katherine A. Libby, Recording Secretary.  
Pending approval by the Board of Selectmen.*