

**Town of Deerfield
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
May 23, 2016
MINUTES**

Call to Order

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

Present: Stephen Barry, Chairman; Richard Pitman, Vice Chairman; Fred McGarry, Andrew Robertson and Jeff Shute Selectmen

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

Public Hearing - RSA 31:95-b

Chairman Barry recessed the Select Board meeting and opened a Public Hearing to consider the acceptance of a \$10,000 grant for the purchase of an eDRAULIC spreader ("Jaws of Life").

Mr. Chadbourne spoke that the donation sourced from his wife's family's foundation out of Buffalo, NY. The Chadbournes own property in Deerfield and wanted to give back to the community. The Board thanked Mr. Chadbourne for the donation. Mark Tibbetts echoed the thanks. Ms. Harried Cady asked whether the equipment would require any training or special accommodation for use/transport? Fire Chief Tibbetts answered no, that it would be placed on Engine 4 and that the Department has had hands on experience using such equipment.

Chairman Barry closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Select Board meeting.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to accept the grant from the East Hill Foundation

Second: Selectman McGarry

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

Scheduled Appointments

Rick Mailhot - Disposal of Fireworks at Fairgrounds

Mr. Mailhot, together with his wife, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak regarding the annual disposal of fireworks events held at the fairgrounds. He noted that the event typically runs five to six hours and appears to be in clear violation of the Town's Noise Ordinance. Mr. Mailhot read from the Ordinance, noting that it included no time parameters. He spoke that this visit will be his third attempt to resolve the issue with the Board and asked whether he needed to file a formal complaint with the Police Department? Chairman Barry agreed that the Board would reach out to the Fair Association to discuss the issue further and suggested placing limitations on the amount of time the event can run. It was noted that Mr. Mailhot is the only person to complain about the event. Vice Chairman Pitman asked whether Mr. Mailhot had notified the President or Directors of the Fair Association of his displeasure, Mr. Mailhot responded no, that he did not feel it was his position to do so. He asked that the Board uphold

the Noise Ordinance that it has signed into effect. He asked that a private complaint not be made to be the source of the conversation with the Fair Association. The Board agreed to reach out and schedule a meeting with the Fair Association on the matter. The Chadbournes thanked the group for their time and volunteer service to the Town.

Regular Business

Minutes - May 16, 2016

Motion: Selectman Shute moves to approve

Second: Vice Chairman Pitman

Discussion: Selectman Shute noted that the last page indicates "Ms. Joanne Wasson echoed the thanks..." and Ms. Wasson was not at the meeting, the speaker was another resident who had previously been reading a letter on Ms. Wasson's behalf. Vice Chairman noted that page 7 should be corrected from "Rollings" to "Rollins". Selectman Robertson asked that page 1 be amended to reflect that he was in attendance.

Vote to approve as amended: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Payroll Manifest \$53,797.51 (\$40,264.19 net)

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to approve

Second: Selectman Shute

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

Accounts Payable - \$529,870.41 (\$500,000 transferred to DCS)

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve

Second: Selectman Robertson

Vote to approve: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Gravel Tax Levy - \$400.26, Steven Rollins, Parade Rd

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to collect the tax

Second: Selectman Shute

Vote to approve: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Timber Tax Levy - \$635.28, Barnes, Buffington and Cameron

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to collect the tax

Second: Selectman Shute

Vote to approve: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Timber Tax Levy - \$388.83, Antimo & Brenda DiMatteo

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to collect the tax

Second: Selectman Shute

Vote to approve: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Timber Tax Levy - \$7,054.42 - van E Hurdle Sr.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to collect the tax

Second: Selectman Robertson

Vote to approve: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Appointment of Members to the Deerfield Safety Services Steering Committee

Dick Pitman

Matt Fisher

Rebecca Hutchinson

Kevin Verville

Erin DiBacco

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to appoint the members as read

Second: Selectman Shute

Discussion: Rebecca Hutchinson's letter of appointment asked whether meetings would need to be posted and the Board confirmed yes, posting will be required.

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

Awarding of Bids - Painting Town Hall

Mark Tibbetts recommended that the Town award the Town Hall painting contract to Randy Young of Quality Painting

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve

Second: Selectman Robertson

Vote to approve: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Veasey Park Commission Appointment - Donnie Wyman Jr

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve

Second: Selectman Robertson

Vote to approve: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Intent to Cut Wood or Timber - Bruce Hermon Family Trust, Mountain Rd

Signatures Executed

Intent to Cut Wood or Timber - Jill Holmes, South Rd

Signatures Executed

Chairman Barry noted that at a previous meeting there was some question about Deerfield's Tree Warden. He confirmed that Mark Young was appointed to that post on May 19, 2014.

Correspondence

Since May 6 the Deerfield Northern Pass Defense Fund has received an additional \$150 in donations with the fund now totaling \$7,325.

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has asked that the Town update its projects and priorities for the Regional Plan. The current list included reconfiguring the intersection at Town Center and incorporating a bike path along Church Street. The Board had no changes to report to the SNHPC.

Due to low attendance the Rockingham County Commission will reschedule its Town/City Public Forum that had been scheduled for May 25th. A link to the report of Municipal Services is available on the Commission's website.

The Town has been asked to vote on candidates for the NH Electrical Co-Op's Board of Directors. The Select Board agreed to leave the decision to the members of the Co-Op's Board.

The DES is accepting Clean Water State Revolving Fund applications.

Non Public Session

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

Second: Selectman Robertson

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

Reconvene

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

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to seal the minutes of the Non Public Session

Second: Selectman Robertson

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

Scheduled Appointments Cont.

Wes Golomb - Candidate State Representative

Mr. Golomb spoke that he will be running for Rockingham County's State Representative and asked the Board what it finds to be the most important facing Deerfield? Members asked for time to consider and will give a reply at the next meeting.

Phil & David Sidmore - Swett Road

Mr. Jim Franklin spoke that he and the Sidmore's have been researching the Swett Road Classification questions. Chairman Barry spoke that the Town has found nothing to change its position that the road is a Class V road to the Sidmore home and Class VI thereafter and that it will be maintained as such. Mr. Franklin requested the Board's position in writing. The Board agreed.

Town Administrator's Report

J. Foisy reported that the final payment on the Fire Engine has been made and that they will be receiving the Title in the coming weeks. She suggested that a member(s) of the Board meet with Jack Hutchinson, the Rescue Squad and Mark Tibbetts to review the final plans for the 250th. The Board agreed and Ms. Foisy will schedule the work session.

New Business

Selectman Shute spoke that the Parks & Recreation Commission will be putting together drafts of a Use Policy for Hartford Brook and Bicentennial Fields.

Selectman Robertson noted that the Northern Pass SEC decision deadline has been pushed to September 2017. He feels the extension will be good as it will allow Deerfield to sharpen its focus as to what the message to the SEC is and to gain clarity around the Town's position on the project. If the Town is Opposed to the Project and the solution is to bury the lines, is that really what Deerfield citizens want? If there are concessions to be made, what areas are open for negotiation and at what cost (compromise, monetary or other)?

Citizens Comments

Ms. Harriet Cady spoke that the percentage of the vote on the Warrant Article in opposition to the Northern Pass was 53%, not a large majority. She does not feel that Deerfield Residents fully understand the impact of burying the lines, nor have they been properly informed around the project. She cautioned the Board against presenting the Town's decision as unilateral. Selectman McGarry spoke with a point of correction that Warrant Article 17, to bury the lines, was approved by 65% of the vote and that Article 19, to express opposition to the project, was approved by 64% of the voters.

Kevin McDonald presented a letter to the Board for its review.

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Adjourn

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to adjourn the meeting of May 16, 2016

Second: Selectman Robertson

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

Next Meeting Monday, June 6, 2016 @ 5:30p

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