

**Town of Deerfield
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 20, 2016
MINUTES**

Call to Order

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

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

Excused: Fred McGarry, Selectman

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

Scheduled Appointments

Veasey Park Commission Update

Veasey Park Commission members Gary O'Connell, Cindy McHugh and Chris Cook were in attendance and updated the Board that the Paddle Craft Launch has been approved by the DES. The footpath has been cut and the Commission would like to contact ASPLUNDH for wood chips along the path. There are four Lifeguards that have been hired for the Season and the Commission is working to identify a certified instructor for swim lessons. They expect the footpath will be open for use within a month. J. Foisy will provide a contact for ASPLUNDH. Chairman Barry asked about the septic at the Park. The Commission indicated that they have put any septic changes on hold for the time being. The tank is a closed system that they have been happy with.

The Board thanked the Commission for the update and for their volunteering to serve.

Regular Business

Minutes - June 6, 2016

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve

Second: Selectman Robertson

Discussion: Selectman Shute noted that under the Parks and Recreation Report, paragraph two that it should read that "The Commission would like the policy to include..." as it will be the Commission recommending a policy to the Select Board for adoption.

Vote to approve as amended: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Minutes - June 13, 2016

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve

Second: Selectman Robertson

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Accounts Payable - \$5,018.712

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to approve

Second: Selectman Shute

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Payroll Manifest - \$52,718.98 (\$39,740.46 net)

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to approve

Second: Selectman Shute

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Timber Tax Levy - \$482.85 - 63 Middle Road

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to collect the tax

Second: Vice Chairman Pitman

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Timber Tax Levy - \$602.28 - John & Susan Smith

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to collect the tax

Second: Selectman Shute

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Timber Tax Levy - \$67.99 - David & Harry Whatmough, 64 Old Center Rd

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to collect the tax

Second: Vice Chairman Pitman

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Permit Application - Veteran's Tax Credit - \$125 - Iris Iebba, Candia Rd

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve

Second: Selectman Robertson

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Completed Audit - Melanson & Heath

Motion: Selectman Shute moves to authorize the Chair's signature of the Form MS 535

Second: Selectman Robertson

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

MS 535

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to sign and return the audit receipt

Second: Selectman Shute

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Correspondence

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector requests that the Board sign the 2016 Dog Warrant.

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to approve

Second: Selectman Shute

Discussion: Selectman Robertson noted that 595 dog owners on the list are overdue the April 30 deadline for registering. Late fees will go into effect after August 17th.

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Deerfield Rescue has asked the Board's permission to grade and put down gravel at Pinecrest, a private road in disrepair that is in danger of damaging rescue vehicles responding to the residence. The Board asked the Town Administrator to contact the Road Agent to get an estimate of the cost to do so.

Town Administrator's Report

J. Foisy reported that the work on the GBW Roof will be complete by Wednesday. Initial 2017 Budget paperwork has been sent out to the various Committees and Commissions and it due back at the end of July.

The Board was reminded that, with the next full meeting scheduled for July 11th, members will need to visit the Office to sign Payroll Manifests and Accounts Payable in the interim.

Selectman Robertson asked when the paving at Griffin Road would begin, J. Foisy answered tomorrow.

Unfinished, Other or New Business

Chairman Barry has received complaints about the hours in the Assessing Office. Currently the office is open Monday and Tuesday 8a - 3:30p and Wednesday 8a - 2p. The Board suggested the Office Hours be adjusted to Monday - Thursday, 8a - 1p. J. Foisy will speak with the employees about availability.

Vice Chairman Pitman shared that a resident reached out to him asking that the Highway Department trim the trees at the Scott Lane street sign to improve visibility. The request will be relayed to the Road Agent.

Citizens Comments

Ms. Kathy Shigo asked when the stumps from the tree cutting along Routes 107/43 would be picked up. She hopes prior to the 250th Anniversary. She spoke that it is her hope they will not cut as much as planned along the scenic roads and that it would great if residents could have advanced warning when the cutting will occur.

Ms. Harriet Cady asked whether there was a group meeting on the Northern Pass on a regular basis. She noted the Board had paid a legal bill for \$4,300 and committed to \$10,000 to Sansoucy for representation. If only \$7,300 was raised, what will Attorney Whitley do if funds run out? The Board responded that it was under the impression that Attorney Whitley will work with the Town for the remainder of 2016 with the amount donated and that funding for 2017 would be revisited by way of a Warrant Article.

Adjourn

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to adjourn the meeting of June 20, 2016

Second: Selectman Shute

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Next Meeting Monday, July 11, 2016 @ 5:30p

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