

**Town of Deerfield
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
December 19, 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.

Chairman Barry described that the Board will be going into a Non Public session to hold discussion on the tax assessing methodology in Deerfield with regards to the Northern Pass project with Attorney Whitley. The floor was opened for ten minutes of public comment.

Jeanne Menard expressed concern that Eversource is seeking to strike a deal with the Board in discussing property valuations and tax revenues behind closed doors. Selectman Robertson responded that tonight's discussion would be an initial feeling out process and that the Board had no desire to work out a back room deal. He spoke that the Board would not be discussing the Town's opposition to Northern Pass with Attorney Whitley this evening. Ms. Menard asked how the Board plans to take into consideration the impacts (visual and other) of the Northern Pass project when evaluating the tax revenue proposals. Selectman Robertson responded that the Board has no plan at this initial stage of the process. Ms. Menard asked why tonight's conversations needed to be held in a Non Public Session, Selectman Robertson responded that the Board intends to receive legal advice and feels that, at this stage, a Non Public would be best for Deerfield. Ms. Menard provided the Board with the Department of Energy's ("DOE") environmental impact statement regarding the visual impacts of Northern Pass to Deerfield. She noted that the DOE found the impacts to be unreasonably adverse and hopes that the Board will have this type of information top of mind when carrying out discussions on the Project.

**** spoke as a voter opposed to Northern Pass and urged the Board not to make a deal with Eversource. She spoke of Deerfield's strong defenses noting that there is still more testimony and responses to requests for data to be filed with the Site Evaluation Committee. She feels it is too soon to begin discussing settlement and cautioned the Board in its discussions with Eversource.

Harried Cady spoke that she is appalled that the Board has taken this position on a compelled speech issue. She feels that the power lines are quickly gone from sight when traveling past and does not see where use of the existing right of way will change the visual impact to Deerfield in any way.

Non Public Session

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

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 Robertson moves to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session

Second: Selectman Shute

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

Regular Business

Minutes - December 12, 2016

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the minutes

Second: Selectman Shute

Discussion: Selectman Shute noted that page 3, under Unfinished Business, the date of the 250th event should be January 7th.

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

Accounts Payable - \$91,265.48

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to approve

Second: Selectman Shute

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

Payroll Manifest - \$64,850.63 (\$50,148.08 net)

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve

Second: Selectman McGarry

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

Letter to Jim Sullivan, Trustee of the Trust Fund to permit the 2015 transfer of money to the Cemetery Budget due to the budget change from \$5,000 to \$10,000

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to approve

Second: Selectman Robertson

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

Town of Deerfield Safety Policy

Chairman Barry described the Board's responsibility under the Policy to develop the program, provide the necessary resources and respond in writing to the Joint Loss Management Committee ("JLMC") recommendations. Based on 2016 incident data the JLMC recommends reminding employees that safety is the number one priority and to make available yaktrax for walking on slippery surfaces. The recommended 2017 benchmarks will be for the JLMC to work to share and promote safety policies, expanding outreach to each department. The JLMC completed a safety checklist of Deerfield properties. Multiple emergency light batteries had failed and were replaced. The JLMC recommended several improvements including addition of eyewash stations and leveling of the area around the GBW Basketball Courts.

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to adopt the Policy as presented and to follow all recommendations

Second: Vice Chairman Pitman

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

Granite State Analytical Services - Water Testing Services - \$1,837.50

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement

Second: Selectman Shute

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

Letter to Representative Spillane expressing thanks for work done in securing the Copier donation

Signatures executed

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Signatures executed

Town Clerk/Tax Collector - Request Property Tax Supplement Warrant - \$6,926 - Map 210, Lot 9, Sub Lot 2

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to approve

Second: Selectman Shute

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

Town Clerk/Tax Collector - Refund Request - \$955.20 - 12 Sunset Lane, due to overpayment

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve

Second: Selectman McGarry

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

Application for \$500 Veteran's Property Tax Credit - Kyle Roderick, 13 Country Rd

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve

Second: Selectman Robertson

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

Cannon Solutions - Purchase Agreement - \$2,289

Chairman Barry explained that the Building Inspector has received three quotes for the purchase of a printer capable of printing the large septic design plans no longer printed by the State and recommends proceeding with the Cannon Solutions Agreement. Other quotes included New Egg at \$2,241 (plus \$119 shipping) and CDW.com at \$2,390.07.

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to authorize the purchase

Second: Selectman McGarry

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

Personnel Action Request - Parks & Recreation - Adam Este rate increase from \$10.50/hr to \$11

Motion: Selectman Shute moves to authorize the action

Second: Selectman Robertson

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

Review of Correspondence

Chairman Barry read into record the snow obstruction ordinance for Deerfield, reminding that it is unlawful to put or to cause to be put snow into the roads. The fine for such action is \$100 plus the cost of the Highway Department's removal. It is reminded that items at the roadside, such as portable basketball hoops, need to be removed. It is reminded that it is unlawful to park or cause to be parked on the roadway during snow removal. Offenders will be towed and assigned a \$50 fine.

Town Administrator's Report

J. Foisy reminded everyone that the next meeting will be Thursday, December 29th and will be the final end of year meeting. She has set a Public Hearing to accept the Phases 2, 3 and 4 of the Hartford Brook subdivision for January 9th at 6p.

A notice will go out to Board Members on Thursday on needing signatures for Accounts Payable approvals.

J. Foisy asked the Board's permission to dismiss Town Employees early on Friday, December 23rd between 3:00 and 3:30p, there were no objections.

Selectman Robertson noted that MBC members have asked that the proposed budgets be put online. J. Foisy will follow up. Selectman Robertson indicated that several members were interested in how the Highway Department Budget was presented and had suggestions for altering. He will try to raise the issue at a future meeting for further discussion.

Unfinished, Other or New Business None

Non Public Session

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

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

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Second: Selectman Robertson

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Second: Selectman Shute

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

Citizens Comments None

Adjourn

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to adjourn the meeting of December 19, 2016

Second: Selectman Robertson

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

Next Meeting Thursday, December 29, 2016 @ 5:30p

The Minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Katherine A. Libby, Recording Secretary.

Pending approval by the Board of Selectmen.