

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD**  
**Town Meeting--Election Portion**  
**March 8, 2005**

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, gave instructions and made the following announcements: The Instructions were posted, the Checklist was in place, Ballot Clerks, Assistant Moderator, Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Police Chief were present, Sample Ballots posted, Absentee Ballots to be cast at 1:00PM, procedures for voting and registering on Election Day, and there was to be no electioneering within the prescribed areas.

**6:55AM** The AccuVote Ballot Box was opened, examined by the election officers and shown to be empty. It was then locked.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, stated that citizens who are residents of Deerfield who had not previously registered to vote could do so by approaching the Supervisors of the Checklist. Those already registered to vote should approach the Ballot Clerks and state your name to receive a ballot.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, stated if a ballot is spoiled return the ballot to the Ballot Clerks for a new ballot. If anyone feels their rights are being violated, see the Moderator or Assistant Moderator or contact the Attorney General's Office.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, explained that voting is a public event, however conversations should be held outside the voting area. There is no electioneering within the prescribed areas, and there should be no campaigning within that area. The campaigning area was restricted to the grass and not permitted on the pavement.

The warrant pertaining to the Town/School ballot questions were read while the Zoning Ordinances were not read aloud by the Moderator.

Election Officials present were: Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, Assistant Moderator, James County; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Melissa J. Buckner; Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, R. Lynne DeVarney; Inspectors of Elections, Barbara Daley, Ella Sawyer, and Suzanne P. Sherburne; Supervisors of the Checklist, Cherie Sanborn -Chairman, Kathayrn Williams and Diane Valade; Board of Selectmen, R. Andrew Robertson-Chairman; Frances Menard-Vice Chairman, James T. Alexander, and Stephen R. Barry; School District Clerk, Kevin J. Barry.

Gatekeeper for this Election was Police Chief, Robert Wunderlich.

**7:00 AM** The Moderator declared the Polls open and balloting began.  
**12:35 PM** The AccuVote Ballot Box was full. A second ballot box was shown to be empty and the ballots without write-ins were moved into the second ballot box.  
**12:37 PM** The second ballot box was locked.  
**1:00 PM** Processing the Absentee Ballots Began

- 1:27 PM** All Absentee Ballots received, to this point, were processed
- 1:35 PM** Because of the creases of the absentee ballots, the AccuVote Ballot Box need to be emptied. A third ballot box was shown to be empty and the ballots without write-ins were moved into the third ballot box.
- 1:36 PM** The third ballot box was locked.
- 5:20 PM** Absentee Ballots received in day's mail processed
- 5:25 PM** Absentee Ballots completed
- 5:52 PM** Moderator accepted hand delivered ballot that came in after 5:00pm. The tardiness of the ballot was excused because of poor weather conditions.
- 7:00 PM** Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, declared the polls closed.
- 7:15 PM** End Card put into AccuVote Voting Box to read results.

The counting of the Ballots began immediately.

Serving as Inspectors of Elections to count ballots were: Kevin Barry, Richard Boisvert, Evelyn DeCota, R. Lynne DeVarney, Cynthia E. Heon, Rebecca Hutchinson, Frances Menard, R. Andrew Robertson.

The Moderator announced the following dates of importance:

**March 8, 2004 Election Statistics**

3212	Registered Voters
871	Regular Ballots Cast
24	Absentee Ballots Cast
3	Spoiled
28 %	Voter Turnout

- 7:50PM** Moderator Jonathan Hutchinson read the unofficial results of the Election for the Officers and Zoning Questions. The unofficial results were posted in the hall.

**For Selectmen for Three Years**

(Vote for Not More than Two)

Joe Stone	494
John Reagan	472
Stephen R. Barry	430

**Write-Ins**

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**For Selectmen for Two Years**  
 (Vote for Not More than One)

James T. Alexander 550

*Write-Ins*

Harriet Cady	24	Kandy Davitt	1
John Reagan	8	Paul Dinneen	1
David Twombly	5	John Garland	1
Rebecca Hutchinson	3	Kate Hartnett	1
Paul Smith	3	Scott Higgins	1
Gile Beye	2	Mary Johnson	1
George Clark	2	Diane Kimball	1
Waldo Twombly	2	Amy Lavalley	1
Stephen Barry	1	David O'Neal	1
Bonnie Beaubien	1	Dick Pitman	1
Warren Billings	1	Kyle Rothmich	1
Paul Buffington	1	Peter Schibbelhute	1
Kevin Chalbeck	1	Don Smith	1

**For Town Clerk/Tax Collector for One Year**  
 (Vote for Not More than One)

Melissa J. Buckner 668

*Write-Ins*

DeVarney, Lynne	3	Elaine Alexander	1
H Cady	2	Kevin Barry	1
Harriet Cady	2	Cynthia Tomilson	1
Cindy Heon	2		

**For Town Treasurer for Three Years**  
 (Vote for Not More than One)

Cynthia E. Tomilson 793

*Write-Ins*

Tom True 1

**For Trustee of the Trust Funds for Three Years**  
(Vote for Not More than One)

<i>Write-In</i>			
Dwight Barnes	114	Walter Hooker	1
Glenda Sorak	3	Mary Johnson	1
Gile Beye	2	Mary Lee Keech	1
Bush Burton	2	Chad Kimball	1
Harriet Cady	2	Doug Leavitt	1
Roger Hartgen	2	Donna Lobsien	1
Gary Lenehan	2	Howard Maley	1
Cynthia Tomilson	2	Ken McCarron	1
Elaine Alexander	1	Fran Menard	1
James T Alexander	1	Alan O'Neal	1
Stephen Barry	1	Dave O'Neal	1
Jim Basner	1	Jim O'Rourke	1
Kevin Bell	1	Dick Pitman	1
Bill Carbonneau	1	George Putnam	1
Jim County	1	John Richards	1
Vickey Dinneen	1	Don Smith	1
Karen Festa	1	Bill Vienn	1
Michael Greene	1	Roger Yacopucci	1
Rosemary Hatfield	1	Glenn Young	1

**For Trustee of the Trust Funds for One Year**  
(Vote for Not More than One)

<i>Write-Ins</i>			
Roger Hartgen	93	Charles Kelsey	1
Dwight Barnes	5	Donna Lobsien	1
Maureen Mann	2	Sandy Logan	1
John Richards	2	Howard Maley	1
Elaine Alexander	1	Robert Mann	1
Jim Basner	1	Ken McCarron	1
Judy Bush	1	Jeanne McDonald	1
Harriet Cady	1	Fran Menard	1
WJ III Carbonneau	1	Bruce Moro	1
Mary County	1	Dick Pitman	1
Tom Dillon	1	John Reagan	1
Don Gorman	1	Peter Schibbelhute	1
Mary Johnson	1	Marie Smith	1
Mary Lee Keech	1	Cynthia Tomilson	1

**For Trustee of The Philbrick James Library for Three Years**  
 (Vote for Not More than Two)

Mary K. County      693  
 Maureen Mann      618

*Write-Ins*

Harriet Cady	2		Joe Stone	1	2
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**For Trustee of The Philbrick James Library for Two Years**  
 (Vote for Not More than One)

Gregory Doane      638

*Write-Ins*

Harriet Cady	2		Donna Lobsien	1
Maureen Mann	2		Joe Stone	1
Claire Kurzban	1			

**For Water Commissioner for Three Years**  
 (Vote for Not More than One)

*Write-Ins*

David O'Neal	145		Mary Johnson	1
Matt Kimball	39		George Keech	1
Waldo Twombly	6		Diann Kimball	1
Bob Kilham	4		Paul Kimball	1
Joe Stone	3		Rick Mailhot	1
David Twombly	3		Frank Mitchell	1
Dennis Adams	2		Donald Nedeau	1
Phil Bilodeau	2		Keith Rollins	1
Ronald Alie	1		Doreen Schibbelhute	1
Kevin Bell	1		Pete Schibbelhute	1
Ron Brosnahan	1		Fred Shepherd	1
WJ Carbonneau	1		Russell Simons	1
Pat Cassier	1		Paul Smith	1
Alex Cote	1		Mark Tibbetts	1
David Doran	1		Don Tordoff	1
Roger Hartgen	1		Glenn Young	1
Ray Heon	1			

**For Planning Board for Three Years**  
 (Vote for Not More than One)

Gile Beye 397  
 George Thompson 396

*Write-Ins*

Harriet Cady	2		Gerald Hyde	1
Pete Schibbelhute	2		David O'Neal	1
Bonnie B	1		Dick Pitman	1
Bonnie Beaubien	1			

**For Highway Agent for Three Years**  
 (Vote for Not More than One)

Alex E. Cote 737

*Write-Ins*

David O'Neal	12		Dan Simons	2
Keith Rollins	6		Bob Averell	1
David Twombly	4		Robert Heon	1
Ray Heon	3		Donald Stevens	1
Paul Smith	3		Joe Stone	1
Waldo Twombly	3		Mark Young	1
Warren Billings	2			

**For Municipal Budget Committee for Three Years**  
 (Vote for Not More than Three)

Christopher Roberge 490

*Write-Ins*

Dick Pitman	138		George Thompson	2
John Reagan	5		Dwight Barnes	1
William Venn	5		Stephen Barry	1
Harriet Cady	4		Bonnie Beaubien	1
Gile Beye	3		Kevin Bell	1
Kevin Chalbeck	3		Phil Bilodeau	1
Tom Foulkes	3		Joanne Bradbury	1
Eric Gross	3		Tom Brennan	1
Charles Kelsey	3		Daniel Briggs	1
Gerry Liptak	3		Judy Bush	1
Eric Berglund	2		Bill Carbonneau	1
Rebecca Hutchinson	2		Irene Cruikchank	1
Julie Kukla	2		Jim Deely	1
Rob Mathews	2		Joe Dubiansky	1
Dave O'Neal	2		Don Gorman	1
Peter Onksen	2		Kate Hartnett	1

*Write-Ins Continued for  
 Municipal Budget Committee for Three Years*

Cindy Heon	1	Bruce Moro	1
Ray Heon	1	Paul Murphy	1
Gerald Hyde	1	Gary Roberge	1
Mary Johnson	1	Terry Roberge	1
George Keech	1	Andy Robertson	1
Dianne Kimball	1	Charlie Sanborn	1
Larry Lassins	1	John Spillane	1
Donna Lobsien	1	Steve Turner	1
Howard Maley	1	Gary Ulin	1
Ken McCarron	1	Kevin Webber	1
Jay McGrath	1		

**For Overseer of Welfare for One Year**  
 (Vote for Not More than One)

		<i>Write-In</i>	
Colleen Guardia	34	Rita Hutchinson	1
Liz Wunderlich	7	Myron Kurtiak	1
Harriet Cady	4	Donna Lobsien	1
Elaine Alexander	3	Sandy Logan	1
Bill Carbonneau	3	Steve Phillips	1
Mary Lee Keech	3	Dick Pitman	1
Carol Berger	2	Barbara Raymond	1
Gile Beye	2	John Richards	1
Mary Johnson	2	Steve Sanborn	1
Doreen Schibbelhute	2	Kathy Shigo	1
Sandra Thomas	2	Martha Smith	1
Ronald Alie	1	Heather Spinney	1
WJ Carbonneau	1	Joe Stone	1
Jan Foisy	1	Cilla Tyler	1
Sandra L. Fox	1	Judy Williams	1
Gerard Gill	1	Roger Yacopuchi	1
Don Gorman	1		

**TOWN BALLOT QUESTION**

BY PETITION, PURSUANT TO RSA 40:14, SHALL WE ADOPT THE PROVISION OF RSA 40:13 TO ALLOW VOTING BY OFFICIAL BALLOT ON ALL ISSUES BEFORE THE TOWN DEERFIELD. (3/5 Vote Required)

**Yes**                      528                      **No**                      329

**For School Board Member for Three Years**  
 (Vote for Not More than Two)

Don Gorman                      557

*Write-Ins*

Bonnie Beaubien	319	Sylvia Maley	1
Harriet Cady	3	Gail Mason	1
Steve Barry	2	Amy Murphy	1
Colleen Guardia	2	Alan O'Neal	1
Charley Kelsey	2	David O'Neal	1
Susan Sherburne	2	Steve Phillips	1
Cynthia Tomilson	2	Dick Pitman	1
Kevin Bell	1	Bonnie Richardson	1
Deb Black	1	Andy Robertson	1
Pamela Burnor	1	Laurie Roy	1
Mrs. Byre	1	Doreen Schibblehute	1
W. Carbonneau	1	Kathy Shigo	1
Mary Ann Clark	1	Scott Shillaber	1
Irene Cruicshank	1	Rachael Stuart	1
Bob Davitt	1	George Thompson	1
Roger Hartgen	1	Tom True	1
Rebecca Hutchinson	1	Bill Whelan	1

**For School District Moderator for One Year**  
 (Vote for Not More than One)

Douglas Leavitt                      689

*Write-Ins*

Jack Hutchinson	4	Harriet Cady	1
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**For School District Clerk for One Year**  
 (Vote for Not More than One)

**Write-Ins**

Davitt, Candy	4	Hartgren, Roger	1
Beaubien, Bonnie	3	Hutchinson, Jack	1
Beaulieu, Danielle	2	Hutchinson, Rebecca	1
Beye, Gile	2	Hyde, Gerald	1
Cady, Harriet	2	Johnson, Mary	1
Cote, Alex	2	Lobsien, Donna	1
Guardia, Colleen	2	Mahoney, Mary	1
Leavitt, Doug	2	Neily, Gina	1
Leutcher, Valerie	2	Phillips, Steve	1
Sherburne, Suzi	2	Schibbelhute, Doreen	1
Barry, Kevin	1	Spindel, Mary	1
Brosnihan, Ron	1	Tomilson, Cynthia	1
County, Mary	1	Turnquist, Bruce	1
Devlin, Joanne	1	Zyla, Sabrina	1
Gorman, Don	1		

**For School District Treasurer for One Year**  
 (Vote for Not More than One)

Cynthia E. Tomilson 737

**School Ballot Question**

BY PETITION, PURSUANT TO RSA 40:14, SHALL WE ADOPT THE PROVISION OF RSA 40:13 TO ALLOW VOTING BY OFFICIAL BALLOT ON ALL ISSUES BEFORE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF DEERFIELD. (3/5 Vote Required)

Yes 534 No 338

**Deerfield Zoning Ordinance Results**

**Question 1:**

1. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 AS PROPOSED BY THE DEERFIELD PLANNING BOARD FOR THE TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS?

Yes 502 No 288

Revise Article II, Section 211 Floodplain Development Regulations: A Applicability by removing last paragraph and replace it with the following:

The following regulations in this ordinance shall apply to all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its "Flood Insurance Study for Rockingham County, New Hampshire" dated May 17, 2005 or as amended, together with the associated Flood Insurance Rate Map Panels numbered 0060E, 0065E, 0070E, 0090E, 0095E, 0155E, 0160E, 0178E, 0180E, 0185E, dated May 17, 2005 or as amended which are declared to be part of this ordinance and are hereby incorporated by reference.

**Question 2:**

**2. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 AS PROPOSED BY THE DEERFIELD PLANNING BOARD FOR THE TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS?**

Yes                      553                      No                      281

Amend Article II, Section 213, Senior Housing Overlay District as follows:

**An affirmative vote will be for the passage of all of the proposed amendments to Section 213. A negative vote will be against all the proposed amendments to Section 213.**

Revise Article II, Section 213.1, Location, to read as follows:

213.1 General Requirements and Location

A. The design and site layout of all elderly housing developments shall compliment and harmonize with the rural character of the Town of Deerfield, shall maximize the privacy of dwelling units and preserve the natural character of the land. A mixture of exterior architectural styles, acceptable to the Planning Board, shall be provided in each development.

B. All such elderly housing developments shall be landscaped to enhance their compatibility with surrounding areas, with emphasis given to the utilization of natural features wherever possible.

C. Senior Housing may be located in the A/R Zone.

Revise Article II, Section 213.4, Building Requirements, by replacing it with the following:

213.4 Building Requirements

A. The front, side line and rear setbacks for buildings, internal roadways, and parking lots from all external property lines shall be fifty (50) feet.

B. Lot coverage, including roofs, roadways, sidewalks and parking areas shall not exceed 25 percent of the lot.

C. Senior Housing development shall not be located within identified floodplains.

- D. No dwelling unit shall contain more than two (2) bedrooms.
- E. Each dwelling unit within the complex shall contain at least four hundred (400) square feet of living space.
- F. No more than one third (1/3) of the dwellings shall be a single bedroom unit.
- G. Dwelling units containing two (2) bedroom units shall have a minimum of six hundred (600) square feet per unit.
- H. Two (2)-story buildings are permitted but all units shall have at-grade access. The maximum building height shall not exceed thirty five (35) feet.
- I. There shall be no more than four (4) dwelling units in any one structure.
- J. Where there will be more than one building on a lot, they shall have a minimum horizontal separation of thirty-five (35) feet.
- K. A community building shall be provided of sufficient size for the residents, which can be used as a place of assembly and to provide the usual amenities and living aids bound in housing designed for use by the elderly.

Revise Article II, Section 213.7 by replacing paragraph B with the following:

B. Paved sidewalks and/or walking paths shall be provided within the development for access to public road, connection to other walking paths in the vicinity and, to the extent possible, to off-site community facilities. Such sidewalks and/or walking paths shall be for pedestrian access for exercise/recreation for the residents.

Revise Article II, Section 213.9 to read as follows:

213.9 Assurances of Senior Residency.

Residency restrictions for residential projects approved under the Elderly Housing Ordinance shall be accomplished by restrictions recorded in deeds, Condominium Declarations and/or other documents recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds. All deeds and covenants shall be subject to review of the Planning Board's attorney at the sole expense of the developer/builder, and shall be approved by the Planning Board. Covenants shall expressly provide that they may be specifically enforced by the Town whether by injunctive relief or otherwise. Covenants shall be signed by the Planning Board, and shall contain language specifying that Board approval is required for any subsequent changes to the covenants. Covenants shall expressly provide that they shall not be amended or modified, nor waivers granted thereunder, without the prior written approval of the Planning Board.

Revise Article II, Section 213 by adding the following sections:

### 213.10 Common Land/Open Space

A. In every Elderly Housing development, common land/open space shall be set aside and covenanted to be maintained permanently as open space. The required amount of open space for all elderly housing developments shall be calculated as follows:

Either:

1. No less than 30% of the gross upland area of the development. Upland area is defined as all soils, excluding poorly and very poorly drained soils, alluvial soils (subject to flooding), water bodies, and slopes equal to greater than 20%; or

2. No less than 30% of the gross land area of the development. No more than 50% of the open space land shall contain poorly drained soils.

B. In calculating common/open space area the following shall not be included: public right-of-way, very poorly drained soils, soils with slopes equal to or greater than 20%, parking lots, the footprints of all structures and the area within 35 feet of the structures. For developments with interior lot lines, the areas inside the lot lines shall not be included in the open space calculations.

C. Use of Common Land. Such common land shall be restricted to open space recreational uses such as park, swimming pool, tennis courts, golf course, or conservation. While the setbacks, front, rear and side are considered part of the common land, none of the above uses shall be allowed within these areas nor any other uses that would disturb the natural vegetation within these areas. These restrictions of the use of the common land (including the landscaped buffered area) shall be stated in the covenants running with the land.

D. Access to Open Space/Common Land. Such common land shall have suitable access to a road within the development.

E. Protection of Common Land. Open space, common areas, common facilities, private roadways, and other features within the Elderly Housing development shall be protected by covenants running with the land and shall be conveyed by the property owners to a homeowners association so as to guarantee the following:

1. The continued use of land for the intended purposes.
2. Continuity of proper maintenance for those portions of the development requiring maintenance.
3. The availability of funds required for such maintenance.
4. Recovery for loss sustained as a result of casualty, condemnation or otherwise.
5. Creation of a homeowners association or tenancy-in-common or similar form of ownership, with automatic membership and obligation of the residents of the Elderly Housing development upon conveyance of title or lease to single dwelling units.

Homeowners association, tenancy-in-common, or similar form of ownership shall include lien provisions and shall be subject to review by the Planning Board.

#### 213.11 Homeowners' Association

A. It shall be the responsibility of the developer/builder of each such elderly housing development to establish a Homeowner's Association and to prepare and adopt appropriate Articles and By-Laws, which are to be submitted in advance to the Planning Board and Town Counsel for their review and approval. In preparing the Articles and By-Laws, particular consideration shall be given to accommodating the unique needs of the elderly citizens and to ensuring that residents of such developments are guaranteed adequate and appropriate services. The creation of the Homeowner's Association and the Articles and By-Laws shall be at the sole expense of the developer/builder and the costs for the review by the Planning Board and Board's attorney shall also be born by the developer/builder. Any association formed for the purpose of elderly housing must have stipulated in the By-Laws and Declaration of Covenants, that the Association will at all times be in compliance with current ordinances of the Town governing elderly housing.

#### 213.12 Senior Housing Documents

A. Condominium Documents, By-Laws, Homeowners' Association and Declaration of Covenants shall be submitted to the Planning Board at the time the application is filed. The application will not be considered complete unless these documents are included. All documents in their final form must be signed by the Chair of the Planning Board and recorded at Rockingham County Registry of Deeds.

B. The applicant shall provide a listing of all elderly housing developments undertaken in the previous ten years by that applicant.

#### **Question 3:**

**3. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NUMBER 3 AS PROPOSED BY THE DEERFIELD PLANNING BOARD FOR THE TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>370</b>
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Amend Article II, Section 204. District Objectives and Land Use Control, Allowed by Special Exception by deleting use 18: 18. Senior housing over twenty (20) units.

**Question 4:**

**4. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NUMBER 4 AS PROPOSED BY THE DEERFIELD PLANNING BOARD FOR THE TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>348</b>
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Amend Article III, Section 325, Open Space Development, 325.4.B, 2, to read as follows:

2. Town of Deerfield road requirements may be modified by the Planning Board for internal service roads where deemed applicable. Service roads shall be built as hard surfaced roads to standards approved by the Planning Board.

**Question 5:**

**5. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NUMBER 5 AS PROPOSED BY THE DEERFIELD PLANNING BOARD FOR THE TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>289</b>
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Amend Article III, Section 310, Multi Family Dwellings to read as follows:

Multifamily dwellings will only be allowed through conversion of residential buildings existing at the time of passage of this ordinance or pursuant to the Senior Housing Ordinance Section 213. The maximum number of dwelling units allowed in a building will be four (4). Written approval from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) for the septic disposal system serving the units must be presented upon application for a building permit.

**Question 6:**

**6. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NUMBER 6 AS PROPOSED BY THE DEERFIELD PLANNING BOARD FOR THE TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>241</b>
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Amend Article II, Section 206.2 by replacing item 6 with the following:

6. The applicant will submit with their application for a special exception the application for a license to operate a kennel in the Town of Deerfield.

Question 7:

7. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NUMBER 7  
AS PROPOSED BY THE DEERFIELD PLANNING BOARD FOR THE  
TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS?

Yes	385	No	405
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Revise Article II, Section 204.1 by deleting the following use allowed by special exception.

13. Docks, open decks and stairways located within wetland setbacks.

**8:00PM** The Counting of the Write-In Votes began.

**10:05PM** The Town Ballot Boxes were sealed. The Moderator declared the Meeting Adjourned.

A True Record,  
Attest:



Melissa J. Buckner  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD**  
**Town Meeting—Business Portion**  
**March 26, 2005**

The Business Portion of the Deerfield Town Meeting was originally scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2004. Due to inclement weather conditions, it was rescheduled for Saturday, March 26, 2005.

In attendance were; Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson; Assistant Moderator, Douglas Leavitt; Selectmen, R. Andrew Robertson-Chairman, Frances L. Menard, Joseph E. Stone, James T. Alexander, and John Reagan; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Melissa J. Buckner; Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, R. Lynne DeVarney; Ballot Clerks, Suzanne Sherburne, Ella Sawyer, Barbara Daley, and Judith Hartgen; Election Assistants, Kevin Barry, Donald Gorman, Peter Aubrey, George Clark, George Keech and Richard Boisvert; Supervisor's of the Checklist; Cheri Sanborn, Diane Valade and Kathryn Williams; Town Administrator, Cynthia E. Heon; Office Assistant/Bookkeeper, Jeanette L. Foisy and Budget Assistant, Stephen R. Barry.

9:00am

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson called the meeting to order. He stated that there was no smoking anywhere in the building and that the four emergency exits were the four blue doors. He stated that everyone should have checked in at the checklist and pick-up a set of ballots and a voter card to participate in the meeting. Those present who were not registered voters were to sit to the Moderator's left and he offered to put more chairs there if needed. In recognition of the labor and sacrifice of those who created, defended and refined the privilege of a democratic government under which those who assembled that morning, the Moderator asked the crowd to rise to pledge allegiance to the flag.

9:01am **Pledge**

*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,  
and to the Republic for which it stands,  
One Nation under God,  
Indivisible with Liberty and Justice for All.*

The Moderator welcomed the body to the 2005, Deerfield Town Meeting. He introduced the Town Officials seated on the stage; the Selectmen; R. Andrew Robertson, Frances Menard, James Alexander, Joseph Stone, John Reagan and Stephen R. Barry as their Budget Assistant; Assistant Moderator; Douglas Leavitt; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Melissa Buckner assisted by Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, R. Lynne DeVarney; Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon assisted by Jeanette Foisy. He then introduced the officials working in the back of the hall, the Supervisor's of the Checklist, Cheri Sanborn, Diane Valade and Kathryn Williams; Ballot Clerks, Barbara Daley, Ella Sawyer assisted by Suzanne Sherburne and Judith Hartgen.

**Election Results**

The Moderator stated that at the Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> (2005) Election a number of our neighbors stood for election. He explained that local public offices require a lot of time, and attention, and that the work is sometimes thankless and criticized. He expressed that the Town appreciated the willingness to serve of all the candidates who stood for office and

wished wisdom and patience to all of those who were elected. Any candidates elected who had not already taken the oath of office were urged to do so immediately following the meeting. Once sworn in they would officially assume their positions. Elected were:

**Selectmen:** Joe Stone and John Reagan (James Alexander)

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** Melissa Buckner

**Town Treasurer:** Cynthia Tomilson

**Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 Years:** Dwight Barnes by Write-In

**Trustee of the Trust Funds for 1 Years:** Roger Hartgen by Write-In

**Trustee of the Philbrick-James Library for 3 Years:** Mary County and Maureen Mann

**Trustee of the Philbrick-James Library for 2 Years:** Gregory Doane

**Water Comissioner:** David O'Neal by Write-In

**Planning Board:** Gile Beye

**Highway Agent:** Alex Cote

**Municipal Budget Committee for 3 Years:** Christopher Roberge

**Municipal Budget Committee for 3 Years:** Dick Pitman & William Venn by Write-In

**Overseer of Welfare:** Colleen Guardia by Write-In

The Moderator recognized these individuals and all who filed for office.

**An Amendment to VOTE by Official Ballot System: PASSED**

### **History of Town Meeting as written and read by Town Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson**

*Thinking about our adoption of SB2 and the changes we'll be making over the next year, I went to the archives to learn about Deerfield Town Meeting history and how our meetings have changed over the years. This morning, before we begin our 239<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, I would like to take a few minutes to share some of that with you.*

*The Parish of Deerfield was authorized by the House of Representatives of the Province of New Hampshire on January 7, 1766, "Chargeable with the Duty of Maintaining the poor...repairing all Highways...and Supporting the...Preaching of the Gospel." Three weeks later we held our first Town Meeting at which we formed a committee to "Look out for a Suitable Place to Sett a Meetinghouse."*

*Since 1766 each meeting has had a warrant, and minutes have been recorded and preserved. The language used then is familiar to us today. The Warrant for our first annual meeting in March 1766 begins "This is to Notify and Warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Parish of Deerfield Qualified by Law to Vote in Parish affairs to Meet at the house of Mr. Wadleigh Crams in Said Deerfield Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March at ten of the Clock before noon."*

*But we did not have an easy time learning to work together. The early minutes sometimes reported, "Voted to negative all the Articles of the warrant."*

*And we did not have Robert's Rules. In a 1769 meeting we, "Voted that all the votes that was passed the twelfth of January past and the 24th of February last at the house of Mr. Henry Tucker was Reconsidered and Entirely Disannulled and Revoked and are of no force No More than if it had never been voted." How is that for a reconsideration?*

*The Congregational Meetinghouse, the first project of our young town, was ready for the September 1771 meeting. It was also the home of the Congregational Society. It stood where we now find Old Center Cemetery.*

*In 1772 we set a wage rate for the town "a man is to have for a Days work two shillings the same for oxen the same for plough. Eighteen pence a day for Cart wheels."*

*In 1775 Deerfield volunteers joined in the Battle of Bunker Hill. Among them was John Simpson who fired the first shot. Three years later we "voted to allow each man that went to Cambridge at the time of Lexington battle one dollar per day." and "voted that fifty dollars be allowed to each man that enlisted into the Continental Services ... without hire."*

*In 1776 we voted a "Committee of Safety" responsible for loyalty oaths, identifying and disarming Tories and overseeing the men opposed to the revolution who were sent to New Hampshire under armed guard by the State of New York.*

*In 1777 we appropriated town funds to pay one of the two companies we raised for General George Washington's army. Eighteen Deerfield soldiers died in service during the Revolution – about 1 in 50 of our population. That would be like losing 80 of our sons and daughters today.*

*85 years later during the Civil War, President Lincoln called for 300,000 troops for the Army of the United States. Deerfield's quota was 23. We voted \$300 each for the conscripts or their substitutes. That year the annual school budget was \$1200 and the highway budget \$1500.*

*We were still carving our town out of a wilderness. In 1782 a petitioned Article sought to establish a bounty on wolves.*

*Education was an early concern. In 1783 we considered "the erecting of schoolhouses in the center of each District." There would come to be 16 School Districts in Deerfield, each with its own schoolhouse and a single teacher who taught all grades.*

*When an epidemic of Spotted Fever struck Deerfield in 1815, we met on one day's notice. We voted "to supply such persons as may be attacked with...the Spotted Fever with such mediums and necessaries as may be prescribed by the Physicians", "that a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars be raised for the benefit of the sick in this town", and to "employ as many physicians as ... necessary and pay them by the day."*

*Article 10 of the 1818 warrant reads "To take into consideration the Poor of this town and make such provisions for the year ensuing as thought most proper." A lengthy **DEBATE** on this topic dominated the meeting.*

*The care of the poor, the infirm, the elderly and the mentally unsound was entirely a town responsibility until 1868 when Rockingham County established the County Poor Farm in Brentwood.*

*Our 1845 meeting was the last in the Congregational Meetinghouse. We voted to dismantle it and reuse the material for a new Town House. We went on to "authorize and instruct" the selectmen "to erect such a building for a town house as they may think proper, the cost of which shall not exceed eight hundred dollars." That Town House was ready for the next Annual Meeting in 1846. We met there until 1990 when this school and gymnasium were opened.*

*From 1766 until 1892, the election procedure was deliberate and lengthy. Taking 1846 as an example: our first order of business was filling 27 offices starting with Moderator and Town Clerk and ending with Cullers of Staves, Measurers of Wood, Hogreeves, Field Drivers, Pound Keepers and the Superintendent of the Town Farm. One office at a time, nominations were taken, ballots cast and counted, the result announced and, if there was a winner, the elected official sworn in. If no candidate received a majority of the ballots cast, then a new ballot was taken. Once a winner was declared and sworn, the process recycled with nominations for the next office.*

*We worked a day and a half that year to complete elections. Then we took up the other Articles. On those, if a division of the house was called for, everyone exited the hall. Then as*

counters stood at each door, all in favor entered by the East Door and those opposed by the West Door.

In January, 1893, we voted 21 to 11 to “adopt provisions of Chapter 33 of the Public Statutes of New Hampshire for annual elections.” That vote, by less than 10% of registered voters in a special meeting, ended the practice of conducting balloting one office at a time in open meeting. Now the polls opened at the start of the meeting and remained open until an agreed time, usually 3:00PM. Meanwhile we deliberated and voted the warrant Articles in parallel.

In 1895 we voted to “Make arrangements with the Telephone Co. to put a Telephone in this town.”

In 1933 we adopted the Australian ballot for the election of town officials. The following year would see the first use in Deerfield of a printed ballot listing all declared candidates.

Also in 1933 we addressed Depression unemployment by distributing road work among all men wanting it. “It was voted that the selectmen keep a list of the names of men who desire to work on the State Road Construction and employ a staggered crew of men working three days each week until all who wish have had employment.”

In 1966 we moved to Saturday town meetings though in the following few years there was **DEBATE** about Tuesday evening versus Saturday morning and we switched back and forth. And then by 1976 we see Absentee Ballots for local elections.

Deerfield began as a parish of 800 colonists. Travel was difficult, mostly by foot. Interdependence with our neighbors and commitment to community was much higher. We did not lack for candidates for town offices – the leading citizens of the community all served. Most of us rarely left Deerfield.

At first we met in the homes of settlers. The poor, the roads and the church were our concerns. We met about six times a year as we struggled and often failed to make and sustain decisions.

During the period of the Revolutionary War, our meetings became more orderly and productive. In addition to responsibilities for the poor, the roads, the church and the schools, we set a wage rate for laborers, paid soldiers who served in the Army, funded medical care, regulated trade, set a bounty on crows and participated in the formation of state government.

For one hundred and twenty-six years the form of the meetings was stable, though participation varied widely. Some declarations report as few as thirty votes were cast.

We made our first big change in 1893 when we adopted a single prepared ballot for election to all offices. Then in 1933 we moved to an official ballot with declared candidates. In the years following we separated elections from our business meeting and later introduced absentee ballots.

Though many descendants of the early settlers continue to live in Deerfield, today we are largely a bedroom community of people whose work and families are in other places. Federal and State authority have increased and local responsibility and prerogative declined. We no longer have primary responsibility for the poor, pay Deerfield soldiers for their service, hire doctors in an epidemic or elect Scalors of Weights and Measures and others to regulate trade. In fact now we sometimes have elections with no declared candidate.

But for 238 years we’ve been electing a moderator and selectmen and debating and funding roads and education as a citizen legislature in the Town Meetings Thomas Jefferson described as “the wisest invention ever devised by the wit of man for the perfect exercise of self government.”

The Town Meeting is a New England invention which, though widely admired, has never taken root in any other soil. And it has been in decline in much of New England for some years now. We’ve been privileged to participate in this pure form of democracy.

It is our challenge to do as well with the next step we’ve voted to take under SB2. We have a proud history as a community. I hope that we can work together to build an equally proud future.

## **POINTS OF RECOGNITION**

The Moderator announced that there were several point of recognition that would be made at the meeting. He recognized Selectmen, R. Andrew Robertson.

### **The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson recognized Stephen Barry who served the Board over the last few years. Selectman Robertson explained that Mr. Barry was on stage for the meeting because he was the Municipal Budget Committee representative who held the key to the Selectmen's budget. On behalf of the Selectmen, Selectman Robertson gave Stephen Barry a few tokens of appreciation for his service.

### **The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon.**

Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon recognized Jeanette Foisy who held the position of Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 16 years. Mrs. Heon explained that Mrs. Foisy met challenges with enthusiasm and thanked her for walking beside her with late nights of election requirements and computer conversions. Mrs. Heon also thanked Mrs. Foisy's family, Frank, Heidi and Ted for giving up their wife and mother at times that may not have been convenient. Mrs. Heon presented Mrs. Foisy with a token of her appreciation and a certificate of meritorious service for her 16 years as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

### **The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joe Stone**

Joe Stone asked Joanne Wasson and Mark Tibbetts to join him on stage. Selectman Stone stated that he was thrilled to see so many residents came to this meeting because for a few minutes he wanted to pay tribute to a former member of Deerfield, Bill O'Neal. He asked Town Historian, Joanne Wasson, to give a little history of Bill O'Neal.

Joanne Wasson explained that Selectman Stone would later give the specifics of the great bequest that Bill O'Neal had recently given to the Town for historic preservation and other departments in Town. However, Ms. Wasson wanted to give a brief personal account of Bill O'Neal's character.

Bill O'Neal was a friend to Ms. Wasson. They grew up together in a very small town (Deerfield) during the Great Depression. They went to school in a one room school house heated by a big woodstove with no modern facilities. They would often reminisce of people back then who they would today describe as "characters." Bill in his own way became a marvelous character on his own. Besides being a very intelligent man, he was blessed with a fantastic memory. In school, they were required to memorize who poems, some of which they still remember. But even after school, Mr. O'Neal kept on memorizing poetry. He loved poetry of all kinds. This led to his popularity in his later life when he became a very well known reciter raconteur.

Bill was in great demand by many organizations for his humorous program. He appeared on television programs like New Hampshire Crossroads. He spoke to all kinds or organizations and radio stations but he was also in demand for programs at the University of New Hampshire where professors would invite him in to speak. Mr. O'Neal was the Yankee voice in Politician Judd Gregg's early campaign ads.

Mr. O'Neal kept well informed of what was going on in the world and he had a great sense of respect and interest in the past. It was the Town's good fortune that Mr. O'Neal had such an interest in the past. He bequested funds to the Historical Society for a Museum and maintenance of artifacts for the society.

One of Mr. O'Neal's favorite poems in his programs was by Frank Stanton, "Keep a Goin'." Ms. Wasson claimed that it appeared in every one of his programs and it was a philosophy of life for him. It was her hope that his memory "keeps a goin'."

### **Selectman Stone recognized Fire Chief, Mark Tibbetts**

Chief Tibbetts explained that Bill O'Neal left a little over \$168,000 to the Deerfield Fire Department. With the donation, the Department had already started refurbishing their Forestry truck and ordered a new piece of apparatus to replace the 1985 Utility Van which hauls the jaws cascade system and all of the fire equipment. A picture of Bill O'Neal and his Well Drilling Truck will be placed on the side of the van with the words, "Keep a Goin'." According to Chief Tibbetts, Bill O'Neal left the Deerfield Rescue Squad over \$168,000 as well. The Rescue had used some of the funds to send eight EMTs to classes, to purchase a computer for the department and protective gear for all the members. The rest of the money will be invested for future equipment and training.

Selectman Joe Stone said that after Bill O'Neal had passed away, the Historical Society was notified that his wishes were that the Historical Society go to his home and pick out items that they felt would make a good part of the museum one day. The Society followed his wishes. On top of that, he gave two gifts to the Historical Society, \$168,000 to be used for administration and or the building of a museum and another \$168,000 to be used to build a museum. The Directors of the Historical Society had decided to let that money lay there for a year or so as they look at what may want to in the future for a Historical Museum. Selectman Stone hopes within five years that there will be a museum where people can come and see the Heritage of the Town of Deerfield. On behalf of the Historical Society, Selectman Joe Stone thanked Bill O'Neal.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MODERATOR**

The Transfer Station Manager Eugene Edwards wanted residents to know the Transfer Station would be open the next day (Easter Sunday).

The Conservation Commission had materials on display that pertained to articles on the warrant.

### **PURPOSE RULES AND DECORUM AS READ BY MODERATOR**

Each member who wishes to vote in this meeting should have checked in with the ballot clerks, and should have received a voting card and a sheet of ballots. If you are a registered voter and have not checked in yet, please do so now.

All individuals present who are not registered voters of the Town of Deerfield, must be seated in the designated area to my left your right. They are permitted to participate in **DEBATE**, but not to **VOTE**.

The rules for this meeting will be Robert's Rules of Order as modified by the moderator in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

Our order of the day is the Town Warrant. We will proceed through the warrant as follows. I will read each Article, then seek a motion and a second. The maker of the motion will have the first chance to speak. Then the floor will be open to all. If you wish to address the meeting, please approach one of the microphones. I will recognize members at the microphones in turn.

When it is your turn to speak, please step up to the microphone and speak directly into it. The microphone is voice-activated, and your remarks are recorded so that the clerk may make an accurate record of this meeting.

All remarks must be confined to the merits of the pending question, or to questions of order or privilege, and all remarks must be addressed to the chair. When you are recognized, please state your name. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes to express his/her views. You may speak as many times as you wish, but all members who wish to speak will have a first turn before any has a second. The overriding principle in all cases must be fairness.

The speaker may address the currently pending question or he may **MOVE** to close **DEBATE**, but he may not do both in the same turn. This means that if a speaker argues for or against a motion, he may not then conclude his remarks with "and I **MOVE** the previous question." We adopted this rule a number of years ago, and, with the support of the assembly, will follow it in this meeting.

A secret ballot will be conducted when requested by five members in writing prior to a hand vote. Such request must be for a specific vote, not for all votes in this meeting or all amendments to this Article. The secret ballot provision exists to offer secrecy, and is not intended to be used as a tactic of delay. If you wish to request a secret ballot, please approach a microphone, and, when recognized, make the request. Then pass the written request to the moderator.

Otherwise votes will be by a show of voting cards. If the Chair cannot judge a clear majority, he will move to a Division. Likewise if a member is not satisfied that the result announced by the Chair is correct, he should request a Division. Division will be a count of the raised cards.

Seven members who question any non-ballot vote immediately after it is announced may request a written ballot vote. If the margin of a vote by Division is narrow, the moderator may also move to a ballot vote.

Five voters may request a recount of a written ballot vote, providing that the vote margin is not more than 10 percent of the total vote cast. In this case, the recount shall take place immediately following the public announcement of that vote.

If there is something you wish to accomplish here but you are uncertain how to proceed, please ask. You can do that at any time during the meeting at one of the microphones, or you can approach any of us during a recess.

Similarly, if during the meeting, something is not clear to you, please rise to a point of inquiry, then ask for an explanation.

Finally, the role of the moderator is to fairly organize and regulate the meeting according to rules agreeable to the members. Rulings of the moderator are subject to appeal by any member. An appeal must be made immediately following the ruling. A second is required. The ruling and the appeal will be explained to the meeting. Then the members will vote either to sustain or to reverse the ruling.

## **ORDER OF THE DAY, THE TOWN WARRANT**

*The warrant began on page 9 of the 2004 Annual Report.*

**TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF DEERFIELD**, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Deerfield Community School in said Deerfield, Saturday, the twelfth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.

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### **ARTICLE 1**

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand One Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$420,135) for the purpose of constructing a new Police Station. This sum to be raised and appropriated in one year.

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson:** I would **MOVE** Article 1 as written.

**Selectman, Frances Menard:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** The Article is now Open for Discussion.

#### **The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained that this Article was part of an on-going process to rectify the situation in the Police Station. The Selectmen perceived that the Town was not interested in a Safety Services Complex at this time. Article 1 was a proposed modular building at that same location where the Safety Services Complex was proposed for last year. The Board of Selectmen and the Police Department have been advised by outside authorities that the Town's current facility for a Police Department does not meet State or Federal regulations. Selectman Robertson deferred to Chief Robert Wunderlich for more specific items regarding the project.

#### **The Chair Recognized Police Chief Robert Wunderlich**

Police Chief Robert Wunderlich stated that over the past several years the Police Department has come to the Town with the needs for the safety services. In 2004, Sergeant Steven Turner and the Chief took a tour of Strafford's modular Police Facility because other Police Departments have gone with this alternative. Chief Wunderlich and Sergeant Turner were impressed with the modular facility because of its affordability, durability and ease of setup. The company that designed Strafford's Modular Police Station set up a proposal for the Town of Deerfield which included all site work, building materials and labor which came to \$420,135. The Chief felt that this was the least amount of money that could be spent for a Police Station which should last for 25 to 50 years.

### **The Chair Recognized Gary Roberge, 326 North Road**

Gary Roberge claimed that if anyone has had the need to interface with the Police Department that they would see that there is a space crunch and there is no room to do work or provide any service. He explained that despite the fact that he didn't like the idea of raising his taxes, the Police Department dearly needed a new building. He whole heartedly supported it and hoped the rest of the body would as well.

### **The Chair Recognized Warren Billings III, 37 Reservation Road**

Warren Billings claimed that Deerfield has never once failed to support Emergency Services in this Town. The criteria that needed to be met was that it was fiscally responsible and that it shared some common sense. He vehemently believed that the residents have yet to be offered those requirements to solve this problem. He served on the Emergency Services Space Needs Committee and saw the Police Station six years ago and claims they were out of space then. It was deplorable working conditions and it was a liability lawsuit waiting to happen then. According to Mr. Billings, instead of using Yankee ingenuity to solve that problem, it was melded into one that all the emergency services were in crisis. He claimed that the Fire Department has not been in crisis, nor is it presently in crisis. This is why the Safety Services Complex did not pass.

Mr. Billings was frustrated because he felt the Town of Deerfield owns too much real estate including an old school building. He felt an accurate cost analysis had not been sought for renovations of that school building for the Town Offices and a Police Station. He pointed out that the Town attempts to run it as a retail business but fails miserably which ends up costing taxpayers money as they subsidize rental. Mr. Billings recommended that the Board put together a committee to assess the cost of renovating what the Town already owns. He believed that prior estimates were done by people who were at the same time offering estimates to build a new safety services complex which they thought the Town could afford. The Town has shown time after time that it cannot. Mr. Billings had looked at the Sherett plan for the Town and claimed that he had yet to see a vinyl sided modular building in the center of Town.

### **The Chair Recognized Steven Turner, 3 North Road**

Steven Turner arose in favor of the Article. He explained that he had a vested interest in the Article because he works for the Department. In 1991 when he started, the Police Station had just moved out of a corner room in the Highway Shed from what is now the Food Pantry. They moved into two former classrooms in the lower section of the George B. White Building which is now occupied by the kindergarten. They were cramped for space then, so a few years later, they got another classroom that doubled their size and they were still cramped for space. From the time he arrived in 1991, there was talk that a new Police Station was needed however, he heard that other bonds needed to be paid off first and there was always a reason why the Town could not afford it. Mr. Turner stated that taxes are a sore subject, but there comes a time when the risks outweigh the proposed tax increase. The Town Insurer came in to do a Risk Assessment for the Station and the Insurer found that the Town was in dire jeopardy for a major lawsuit.

Mr. Turner claimed that the Town has been looking for a Police Station for the past fifteen years. For the past two years, Safety Services has come before Town meeting with a solution to the problem and this was the third proposal. This Modular building would suit the Department's needs and save the Town almost 1.4 million dollars over last year's proposed complex. Mr. Turner explained that people had asked why the Article was not a bond and the reasoning was that if it was requested this year it would be done and paid for in one year

and it would last for thirty to fifty years. In addition, a bond would add another \$50,000 to the project bringing the cost up to about a half million dollars. He asked the members of the meeting to use the same wisdom and judgment that they used last year to recognize the need for a Police Station and that they vote in favor of Article 1.

**The Chair Recognized Jonathan Barry, 27 Lang Road**

Mr. Barry noted that one of the diagrams posted at the meeting showed that the proposed modular Police Station is where the previously proposed Safety Service Complex was to be located. He asked if there were any plans to add to a Safety Complex as it was brought to the Town Meeting last year or the year before.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson stated that there was no specific plan to add onto this building at this state, but it is proposed for the same sight. However, the Selectmen and Police would like to use the same ground plan as the previously proposed complex that would leave a section open for later expansion or addition of buildings etcetera.

**The Chair Recognized Carolyn Emerson, 75 Raymond Road**

Ms. Emerson asked how space needs could escalate to a lawsuit. She also wanted to know if a tenant could be removed to create more space for the Police Department.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained that the space needs leading to lawsuits comes down to a couple of specific instances. For example, if juveniles have a situation with an adult, the two need to be completely separated sight and sound from each other in the station. When there are domestic violence situations there needs to be secure space. This particularly comes into play with crimes of a sexual nature.

According to Selectman Robertson, right now as the building stands it is not particularly secure. There certain walls and doorways which a grown man could easily break through. There are dangerous crimes from time to time in Deerfield and there is virtually no way to separate someone brought into the Police Station who may be violent or under the influence who may be giving their version of an incident that happened with a juvenile, rape cases, domestic situations, from the victim and that is where space and liability comes into play. There has been some analysis of what could be done with the G.B. White Building. It is conceivable that the Town could get rid of tenants. One of the things that the Select Board and other Select Boards have looked at is the cost of renovating that building and whether it is actually worth spending that amount of money on renovation.

**The Chair Recognized Christine Hatfield, 107 Mount Delight Road**

Ms. Hatfield claimed that she started out in favor of this Article because the space is inadequate and for the reasons that Selectman Robertson had stated. But, she also had respect for Warren Billings and she was impressed by what he said. She would like to hear more from the Select Board on whether Mr. Billings's concerns had been address with a serious look in terms of numbers as to why the George B. White Building is not a good candidate for taking back more space for Town use in terms of cost.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson stated that there was not a specific analysis that the Board has looked at over the last six months. However the Board's primary concerns start with the septic

system across from GBW which is right on the edge of what it can support now. Another concern is the roof. There was a look at what it would cost to turn the George B. White Building into usable space for the Town about six years ago. His recollection was that the minimum cost was around \$900,000. He was not sure if other Board Members had a better recollection.

#### **The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

Selectman Alexander explained that he had served on the original Building Committee. At that time, they studied the feasibility of converting the lower section of the building to house either the Police or Fire Departments, but because it was a steel building with a life expectancy of 20 years, they estimated the renovation cost to be a minimum of \$800,000 to convert that lower portion. It was never an intention of the Board when he was a member to consider this option because of the cost involved.

#### **The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Selectman Stone claimed that he was a member of the School Board in 1971 when the George B. White Building was built. When a recommendation that an addition be made to the George B. White Building and pay it off in one year people laughed. But when the vote was taken, it passed to the shock of the maker of the motion. What Selectman Alexander has stated, he echoed. In 2000, Plan New Hampshire came to the Selectmen with a group of professionals to survey the best use the Town Green. At that time the Selectman asked the group to look at the George B. White Building to see if there was a feasibility of putting the Police Station at the lower level. Jeff Taylor of this group came back and said it was not feasible.

The walls of the current Police Department are not sound proof according to Selectman Stone. Children are walking the halls with their escorts from the child care center and people are coming through the front door. He believes that sooner or later there is going to be a liability that will exceed the cost of the proposed building.

He is against huge tax increases, and he knows that there was a large increase last year. But he urged people to think about the liability, what is needed at the station and to vote their consciences.

#### **The Chair Recognized Laura Cote, 5 James City Road**

Ms. Cote wanted to echo what Selectman Joe Stone stated. She implored people to vote YES on this Article. Mrs. Cote shared that she has a 5-year-old that has attended the daycare in the George B. White Building. She explained that people from the daycare and the pizza place walk the same halls to use the restrooms in the building. She had a conversation with Mr. Turner and learned that there is a room where 22 firearms are stored safely in that same corridor. This was a huge concern and a liability in Mrs. Cote's mind. There are too many people that are coming through that building and there were a lot of outside a lot of people who were not aware of the situation she described and she wanted to share that.

#### **The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road**

Mr. Broad wanted clarification as to why a new Police Station needed to be constructed. He questioned if it was because the walls were in disarray at the current station and asked if anyone had ever escaped from the Deerfield Police Department.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson stated that he did not believe there had been an escape from the Deerfield Police Department. He did know that there had been relatively dangerous folks lined up in the hallway when the station did not have room for them. He deferred to Sergeant Turner.

**The Chair Recognized Sergeant Stephen Turner**

Sergeant Turner stated that no one has escaped from the Deerfield Police Department.

**The Chair Recognized Walter Hooker, Municipal Budget Committee Chairman**

As Chairman of the Municipal Budget Committee (MBC) he wanted to report that when the MBC initially voted on this warrant prior to the Public Hearing, it was not recommended by a vote of 2 to 8. After the Public Hearing, it was voted to be recommended by a vote of 7 to 2. He could not speak for the other members because he did not change his vote. He did not recommend the Article, but the Members were encouraged by the Police Chief and Sergeant Turner to recommend this Article so that the members of the Town Meeting could vote on it. If the MBC had not recommended this Article, the member of the Town Meeting could not vote on it. It is Mr. Hooker's belief that a number of MBC voters may have changed their votes so that the members of Town Meeting could vote on it.

**The Chair Recognized Walter Hooker, 1 Blue Heron Lane**

Speaking as a citizen, Mr. Hooker was still not in favor of Warrant Article 1 primarily because he did not feel that all of the alternatives were presented at the time that the warrant Article was presented or discussed. He did not believe that anyone could say with absolute certainty that the modular would be adequate fifty years from now and thirty may be a stretch. He was further disappointed that a bond was not presented to reduce the cost. There was no mention of a bond because in Mr. Hooker's opinion, the warrant was not thoroughly researched by the Police Department.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady stated that many years ago when the school moved out of the George B. White Building and into the current facility, she made the motion that the George B. White Building not be sold for the appraised value of \$195,000, but instead used it for Town Offices because it was costing approximately \$40,000 a year to keep the offices in the Old Center Road Town Hall. There was a concern of handicapped accessibility in the Old Town Hall and it seemed that there would be a need for more Town facilities in the George B. White Building. Mrs. Cady stated she could not understand the "piece-mail" attitude of the selectmen over the years to keep renting and not foreseeing the needs of the Police Department. It really bothered her, because as she sees the changes in office space and extended lease agreements with the day care, she felt that space should have been used for the Police Department. Mrs. Cady stated that the cost of replacing a septic system seemed small in comparison to building a structure. The George B. White Building was intended to be for the Town's use, not for rental completely. The rentals were to be an interim use of empty space to defray the cost of the facilities of the Town Offices being in the building. She echoed Warren Billings and the Budget Chairman, Walter Hooker. Mrs. Cady pointed out that good planning would have facilitated using the George B. White Building for public offices in the Town of Deerfield. The Board of Selectmen shouldn't have been landlords they should have been putting Town Offices in the building.

**The Chair Recognized Jeanne Menard, 36 Mountain Road**

Ms. Menard, a Member of the Volunteer Rescue Squad, gave a personal account. When Resuce has been called into the Police Department to assist with a medical situation which may have arisen with someone who has been taken into custody, it is a very volatile situation in a very cramped room. There are times, in an effort to help someone at the Police Station, the Rescue Members put themselves at risk. It was personal example of the need for the Police to have a room to work with people who need correction or restraint.

**The Chair Recognized Rebecca Hutchinson, 30 Lang Road**

Mrs. Hutchinson claimed that as a member of the Municipal Budget Committee she voted against Article 1 at first because it came very late and they didn't have an opportunity to hear much about it. After the Public Hearing, she did change her vote. Mrs. Hutchinson explained that as Mr. Hooker had stated, as a Member of the Municipal Budget Committee, one has to weigh whether or not to support big budget items so that they can be heard by the full body of Town Meeting. She did change her vote for this reason.

Mrs. Hutchinson believed that the chances of the Town supporting a larger building that encompassed Fire, Rescue and Police was not likely. She was saddened to hear that the discussions about safety were discussions of liability and lawsuits. She hoped that what people were really worried about was not about a potential lawsuit, but about the safety of the people that use that building. She asked that safety be the guiding factor in deciding to vote for Article 1 rather than a fear of lawsuits. She was convinced that there was never going to be a perfect time, so she supported Article 1.

**The Chair Recognized Richard Boisvert, 68 Old Center Road**

Mr. Boisvert expressed that it was clear that there is a need. It had been brought before the Town Meeting and the cost had been lowered each time. In his opinion, this presentation was at a rock bottom price. In the past, the concern had been cost, he believed the Police Department had met that concern and that the members of the meeting should support it

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained that it was the cost that was driving this. What attracted the Selectmen to this as a Board, was the number one thing they had heard about in 2004, the tax rate and keeping an eye on spending. Regardless what proposal was favored, either renovating the George B. White Building or waiting until the Town could afford a Safety Service Complex, the Town would not see a more cost effective, low cost Police Department proposal than Article 1. It was the Board's belief that this was not going to be done more cheaply by renovating the George B. White Building and there was significant danger in waiting to convince the Town to do something with the Safety Service Complex. The Police Chief and Sergeant had their ears to the ground regarding taxes and spending and that is why they have proposed a modular building. Vinyl siding might not be the most appropriate for the center of Town but he believed that something could be done to pass the test for appearance.

**The Chair Recognized Robert Matthews, 47 Candia Road**

Mr. Matthews accepted the need for space and he felt the need to address the issues, however, he agreed with Warren Billings that it doesn't seem as though due consideration had been given to the design aspects. He didn't feel that this would be an addition to the

Town that residents would be happy to live with for the next fifty years and he would like to see more emphasis put on that aspect of the issue and to consider the matter further.

**The Chair Recognized Norma Koski, 30 Perry Road**

Ms. Koski just wanted to go on record “historically speaking” at the last Town Meeting. She felt that like the Quakers, the community coming together on this issue might be a really good thing. She would be willing to work on something like that, but she would not support any vinyl buildings in her name. She has been in the Community for 22 years and she would like to be here for many more.

**The Chair Recognized Warren Billings, III, 37 Reservation Road**

Mr. Billings wanted to make it clear that he could not agree more that the George B. White Building is a very poor place to have a childcare center. That said, because the tenants currently in the building are ill suited to the Town’s needs does not necessarily mean the Town should move out. Mr. Billings claimed that the estimate given for the steel part of the building was a ballpark figure given by the same company that was proposing to build the Safety Complex. But as a contractor he explained that if a contractor was pricing a new building to replace an existing building, the cost of renovation goes up. Whether that was done or not, he had no clue. However, the Town has never been offered a line item estimate for renovating the George B. White Building.

Mr. Billings explained that in 1971 as Mr. Stone stated, an addition to the George B. White Building was passed at Town Meeting. As Mr. Billings remembered it, Preston Wears didn’t bring the Article forward because he wanted it to fail, but because in his words, although not exact, “These people keep moving into Town and they want a bigger school, then by God they’re going to pay for it before they move out.” It was paid for in a year. Mr. Billings admitted that the addition was a short term solution to a long term problem and the Town’s people knew it when they built it.

He asked the members of the meeting to humor him for a moment. The George B. White Building is out of septic, parking and space. Mr. Billings suggested that the tin building be taken off, that the brick and mortar buildings be renovated and put offices in there. He explained that it might cost more, it may have to be bonded, but twenty years from now whether the Town owns it or someone buys it and puts an architectural facade on it, people will still drive by and say, “there’s the old school.” It is the nature of the beast. Mr. Billings closed his statement by saying, “We own it. Let’s use it.”

*Applause coming from the room prompted the Moderator to remind people that there were not be displays after speakers because it is important to respect everyone’s opinion in the room.*

**QUESTION MOVED:** David O’Neal, 10 Meetinghouse Hill Road.

**MOTION SECONDED:** Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road.

**Moderator:** There were two speakers waiting for a turn to address the meeting. Should we stop **DEBATE** now and order an immediate **VOTE** on Article 1 as written? (requires a 2/3 majority). As many as in favor may signify by raising their voting cards and keeping them raised. Those Opposed?

The **AYES** had it and **DEBATE** is **CLOSED**.

*Five members of the meeting put in writing a request for a secret ballot prior to a hand vote of Article 1.*

**Moderator:** Once the empty boxes are shown, the procedure will be announced. For Article 1, Ballot A will be used. If Ballot A is not used, it will not be counted.

**Article 1:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand One Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$420,135) for the purpose of constructing a new Police Station. This sum to be raised and appropriated in one year.

If you are in favor of this Article, please clearly mark YES on Ballot A, if opposed please clearly mark NO.

*The ballots were collected.*

The results were announced after the **VOTE** on Article 2.

The Results for Article 1 were:

YES: **88**

NO: **251**

Article 1 was **DEFEATED**.

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### MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

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**The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road**

Mrs. Wilson stated that she would like to **MOVE** Article 13 to Article 2.

**Moderator:** You would like to take up Article 13 at this time. This would be a **MOTION** to suspend the rules in order to take up Article 13 at this time. Do we have a **SECOND** for that **MOTION**?

**MOTION SECONDED:** David Twombly, 8 Old Center Rd

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### MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

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**The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road**

Mrs. Wilson stated her reason for moving to suspend the rules and moving Article 13 out of order was because in there was a hidden amount of \$3.20. So, considering what was voted the prior week at School District Meeting, and if the budget was accepted as it was presented it brought the tax rate to \$37.77 without any additional warrants. She believed that voters would be more cautious about spending if they knew they were voting in \$37.77 per thousand.

**MODERATOR:** Is there any other factual information the voters should understand to vote intelligently on this motion to suspend the rules and take up Article 13 now? Seeing none, are we ready for the Question?

The Question is on a **MOTION** to Suspend the Rules and take up Article 13 which is the main budget Article next instead of Article 2. As many as are in favor of this Article, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised.

The Results of the **MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES** were:

The **NAYS** had it.

The **MOTION** is **DEFEATED**.

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## ARTICLE 2

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of reconstructing a portion of State Routes 43 and 107 at the intersection of Candia Road and Old Center Road. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7,VI and will not lapse until the reconstruction is completed or by December 31, 2010, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, James Alexander:** I would **MOVE** Article 2 as printed.

**Selectman, Frances Menard:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** The Article is now Open for Discussion.

### **The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

According to Selectman Alexander, Article 2 has been an ongoing project and it fell under the same category that the reconstruction of South Road did. For every dollar that the Town appropriates and raises, the State will match it with two. At the time of Town Meeting, the Town had credit between the engineering work that had been done and money that had been set aside of slightly over \$112,000. The State had set aside an earmark of \$250,000 for this project. The purpose of putting in \$40,000 in 2005 was to keep the project at the front of the State's list. It appeared it would be slated for the State's fiscal year of 2007/2008. The State had been reviewing the plans there were submitted by the Town to that point.

Selectman Stone and Alexander met with the State who seem to favor a round about at the Old Center Road and Candia Road intersection. It was believed that it would relieve congestion with new housing and construction that is proposed for Old Center Road and Meetinghouse Hill Road. He urged the people to vote in favor of this so that the threat of a bad situation could be eliminated and in the future it could act as a deterrent for high speed at that intersection.

### **The Chair Recognized Stephen Robinson, 156 Mountain Road**

Mr. Robinson believed that Selectman Alexander answered his question regarding whether the State was going to participate on a two for one basis. Mr. Robinson felt that was acceptable arrangement between the Town and the State as far as State Roads were concerned.

### **The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

Selectman Alexander shared that he and Selectman Stone were told that if they waited for this project to be funded 100% by the State, none of the members of the meeting would live long enough to see it happen. The State Department of Transportation is allowed some funds that do not fall into the 10 year highway project, and it was unlikely to be in the next 10 year project.

### **The Chair Recognized Stephen Robinson, 156 Mountain Road**

Mr. Robinson's asked if the work being done on Old Center Road and Candia Road was dependant upon the State being the major shareholder of the funding.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

Selectman Alexander confirmed Mr. Robinson's statement and explained that the State would contribute 2/3% of the funding on this project. Deerfield at that time had made monetary contributions to this. Once the project was under way, the land that was along Route 107 which is Town owned would be considered as a donation at its market value for the Town's part. Although not monetary, the State would match the value 2:1.

**The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

Mr. Gross asked if this project was going to happen two or three years into the future, would the Town be asked again to provide more funding for this fund or was this the last of the money the Town would be asked to provide.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

Selectman Alexander responded that the request would be ongoing to the taxpayers. The Town's ultimate cost on this based on current projections, would be in the range of \$400,000 to \$450,000.

**The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

Mr. Gross asked for more clarification, that if he understood, Article 2 would bring the Town's fund up to \$150,000 of that \$450,000. He asked if that was correct.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

Selectman Alexander responded that the \$40,000 requested in Article 2 would bring the fund approximately to that amount.

**The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

Mr. Gross wanted to know how Article 2 might dovetail on Warrant Article 1 which was for a Police Station if at all.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained that the two Articles were not specifically dovetailed, but the same groundwork that was laid for the safety service building would be used with the appropriate amount of space. The amount of land on the borders of Route 107 and Candia Road allowed the road construction and Police project to not effect each other in any manner. He further explained as Selectman Alexander had mentioned, that the strip of land along side of those roads would count in lieu of cash at an appraised value toward the Town's contribution for construction.

**The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

Mr. Gross expressed, "I am going to miss this exchange."

**The Chair Recognized Karla Hatem, 107 Mount Delight Road**

Ms. Hatem asked for clarification of whether the \$400,000 to \$450,000 was the total cost of the project or just the Town's portion.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

Selectman Alexander explained that the \$450,000 was the Town's cost and that the total cost for the project would be somewhere in the 1.5 million dollar range.

**The Chair Recognized Karla Hatem, 107 Mount Delight Road**

Again, Ms. Hatem sought clarification on the location and reason for the construction. She asked if it had to do with the proposed elderly housing on Meetinghouse Hill Road.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained that Selectman Alexander mentioned increased housing, but there was elderly housing currently and the state had looked at that intersection prior to elderly housing. The intersection had been an on-going concern of the Selectman and State Highway Engineers. Three roads come together at an odd angle at an odd hill juncture around a small island. According to Selectman Robertson, the State engineers believed the layout made no sense and it was not in the interest of public safety. Essentially, the contribution kept the Town in line to show good faith. If the contributions were not made, the project's slated position could lose priority.

**The Chair Recognized Karla Hatem, 107 Mount Delight Road**

Ms. Hatem asked whether the \$112,00 was money that was already put-up came from the prior years and whether there would need to be more money put-up each year until the project was completed. Her concern came from the recent increase in taxes in 2004 and as a result she felt a lot of people were struggling. She claimed that the results of the School District Meeting would already raise taxes \$3.00 per thousand in 2005.

She stated that Deerfield is a small town where the taxpayers are directly responsible for the budget because there are no big businesses to help. She understood that it was only another \$40,000, but she claimed it would raise taxes another \$.50 per thousand. She stated, as a Mount Delight resident, she would love to see the roads fixed, but she just did not think Deerfield could afford Article 2 right now. As someone pointed out, before the warrant Articles, the taxes were \$37.00 to \$38.00 per thousand and Ms. Hatem believed that people were being taxed out of Town.

**The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres**

Ms. Ruiz asked with the State contributing 2/3 toward the construction proposed in Article 2, what will happen to local control of the planning. She asked if the Town would still have control over a traffic circle or if there would be other options.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

Selectman Alexander explained that the traffic circle had been indicated by the State to be the favored way of treating intersections like this one. However, he stated there was nothing carved in stone as to what the final plan would be. The Town had turned in one set of plans to the State which was still under review.

**The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres**

Ms. Ruiz questioned whether the Town voted on the plans submitted to the State.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

Selectman Alexander stated that the Town had almost total control over the plans that were submitted to the State, although the State would hold final approval because the State would not put in 2/3 of the financing for a plan they did not approve.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady, as a former appraiser of Right of Way for the Department of Transportation, stated that there are certain things that take place when roads or bridges are rebuilt in a town. The Department of Transportation puts State Roads in a 10 year plan for reconstruction. She asked if the project was in the 10 year plan.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Selectman Stone's answer was no.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady explained that the Department of Transportation pays for Highway repairs, expansions and widenings for various reasons. She suspected that the reason in this case would be a safety problem. She claimed that State of New Hampshire determined safety problems by having a study conducted that shows how many deaths have occurred at an intersection. According to Mrs. Cady, that is when the State decides if an intersection needs to be repaired or if lights should be put up, as in Candia's case at the intersection of State Route 27 and State Route 43. She asked if Deerfield had those figures.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Selectman Stone's answer was no.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady stated that the Department of Transportation pays all costs for repairs to State Highways and when repairs are done on an intersection such as the one at Old Center Road and Candia Road, the State always does the grading etcetera to it. Her second point was that before any funds would be used to repair State Route 107, public hearings would be held and the Executive Counselor and three other people would hold a public meeting for the people of the Town to comment on the engineered plans for the design being changed. Although, the Town had submitted plans to the Department of Transportation, the State would go with its own plans on how they decide to engineer the project and there would be public hearings.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Selectman Stone corrected Mrs. Cady's statement by clarifying that there would be an Executive Counsel plus four other, not three other.

**QUESTION MOVED:** Philip Bilodeau, 140 Nottingham Road

**MOTION SECONDED:** Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

**The Chair Recognized Gary Roberge, 326 North Road**

Mr. Roberge asked for a POINT of ORDER. He felt that the tax rate of fifty cents for \$40,000 should be corrected.

*The Moderator explained that that was not a point of order. It was a point of information. A Point of Order always pertains to a ruling and it has a very high precedence. There was no ruling at that time.*

**The Chair Recognized Gary Roberge, 326 North Road**

Mr. Roberge said a prior speaker said that \$40,000 on the tax rate would be fifty cents and he wanted one of the members of the Board of Selectmen to verify that.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson said that he did not have a specific number, but that \$277,000 equals one dollar on the tax rate.

**Moderator:** We are ready for the question? We had previous question **MOVED** and **SECONDED**. Now we are ready to **VOTE** on that. This closes **DEBATE** and we have no one at the microphones. That means we do not need to **VOTE** on this. Are you ready for the question? We are ready to take a **VOTE** on the Article itself. We do not need to take a **VOTE** on previous question since we have no speakers. So the question is on the adoption of Article 2 as written:

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of reconstructing a portion of State Routes 43 and 107 at the intersection of Candia Road and Old Center Road. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7,VI and will not lapse until the reconstruction is completed or by December 31, 2010, whichever is sooner.

As many as in favor of this Article, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. You can look around. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. You can look around. And the Nays have it. Article 2 is Defeated.

The Results for Article 2 are:  
They **NAYS** had it.  
Article 2 is **DEFEATED**.

**Moderator:** The Moderator had the results on Article 1. Yes 88, No 251. Article 1 was **DEFEATED**.

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**ARTICLE 3**

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of legal expenses, enforcement and clean up of certain code enforcement violations.

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson:** I would **MOVE** Warrant Article 3 as written.

**Selectman, James Alexander:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** The Article is Now Open for Discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained that this Article was in place primarily to get some direction from the Town. Some of the situations involved cars and debris. The selectmen had worked to clean up certain spots which appeared to be code violations, vehicle violations that sort of thing. What the Board of Selectmen had found was that they end up in legal situations where they may get a favorable legal decision, but there may not be funds available on behalf of either party to enact the clean-up. The request for the money in the warrant Article was to have funds available both for legal action and for physical clean-up of these sites.

**The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road**

Mr. Davitt asked for clarification of whether the money would be used for Code Enforcement and specifically what areas.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained that the money would be for the clean-up. It would be used for legal expense and administration expenses if they were incurred by Code Enforcement or possibly the physical clean-up of vehicles or construction debris.

**The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road**

Mr. Davitt stated that he did not like the appearance of the Warrant Article because each Selectman takes an oath of office to carry out the laws of the Town or State. So, whether or not this Article passed he claimed the Selectmen were fully obligated to carry out the laws and he would expect that that would be done because the Town would be in deep trouble if it was on the wrong side of the law. He felt that it should be a matter of fact that the laws of the Town would be carried out on every zoning issue.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Selectman Stone claimed that he had been a Board Member for seven years and that when he first came on, residents came forward requesting that the abandoned cars in yards problem be resolved. As a result, Selectman Stone claimed the Selectmen had the Police Department and the Code Enforcement Officer go around Town and come up with a list of "junk yards." They reported that there were about 33 violations. The Board got together with the Code Enforcement Officer and sent letters to each of the offenders and a majority of the people cooperated. There were approximately five that did not. Selectman Stone explained that the Board tried to be accommodating by offering 30 and 60 days to be in compliance or get back to the Board on how they could work with the Board to be in compliance. However, it has been going on for about six years.

The Town has been to court and won cases, but some people still refuse to comply. Selectman Stone was frustrated as a Board Member, when he had to come to the Town Meeting and explain that the law is in place and the Select Board has adhered to the law, but there still has not been compliance. He knew that one situation was that the person could not physically or financially remove the items. That is why the Selectmen had brought the warrant Article forward. He wanted to respond to the previous speaker by stating that the Board took very seriously the laws concerning "junk yards." The Selectmen needed the Article because they needed direction from the body because they need funding from somewhere. Mr. Stone claimed that there were two choices; one was to forget about it, the Selectmen can try, but they cannot enforce it or two, put some teeth into the law with the funds requested so that the law can be reinforced and the removal can be done.

**The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road**

*Mr. Broad deferred to Harriet Cady.*

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady commented that it seemed that the Town was taking a club where it could take a glove. If the Town was going to take people who were trying to court, she wanted to know why the money couldn't be offered to help them try to remove the stuff instead of spending it on lawyers. After sitting in Selectmen's meetings, she was not pleased with the leadership in this area.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained that Article 3 was for exactly what Mrs. Cady was talking about. They did not want to clobber people with legal proceedings that cannot afford the legal proceedings or to clean-up their properties. Essentially, Selectman Robertson went on to say, that the Selectmen have sought legal action, received legal action and prevailed, however, just because they prevailed that did not necessarily mean that the problem will go away. If the person cannot physically or financially remove the items, they do not get removed. There is no SWAT team in the State of New Hampshire that could remove the items. The Selectmen have had to work cooperatively with those residents. Selectman Robertson claimed that the Selectmen knew what the laws were, they have received favorable legal judgment favoring the Town, but there was no particular way to clean-up. The Selectmen were looking for resources to be put into the budget so that they could help people with this problem.

**The Chair Recognized Stephen Robinson, 156 Mountain Road**

Mr. Robinson looked at the previous Article for \$40,000 and whatever impact it had on the public and the tax rate. He agreed with Robert Davitt, that this was something that the Selectmen had to take care of and if it meant going to the final end of the legal process, fine. But, to put it back on the Town was a habit that the Selectmen had to break.

**The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road**

Mrs. Wilson just wanted to quote Robert Frost that "Good fences make good neighbors."

**The Chair Recognized Frederick McGarry, 23 Old Center Road**

Mr. McGarry pointed out that the Town's ordinances are only as effective as the enforcement of those ordinances, so he strongly supported this Article. However, he wanted to know if there was an attempt to recover those costs if they were expended on a particular site?

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained that the Selectmen would take every legal step to recover costs if they could. There were a host of remedies available to Boards of Selectmen such as placing liens and that sort of thing. Their hope was that this would enable the Selectmen to work productively and cooperatively.

**The Chair Recognized Carmella Davitt, 40 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Davitt commented that the \$40,000 in the warrant was already in last year's budget and was pulled out and placed as a warrant. So in her opinion, the Selectmen already had the ability to assist people in cleaning up. In talking to the Building/Code Enforcement Officer, it was her understanding that now that he was down to \$10,000 in his legal budget it was going to limit him from pursuing legal actions toward people. That he would only be able to send letters to violators rather than pursuing legal action. Her question was if this Article did not pass, would the Selectmen still be pursuing upholding the zoning laws that were put into effect.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson stated that clearly, the Selectmen were going to uphold the law regardless of what the body chose to give them for funds to do that with. In regard to what was in the budget 2004 versus 2005, funds were reallocated and the language for the Article

was slightly different. The language in the warrant Article allowed the Selectmen to use the funds for physical clean-up which they would have had a hard time justifying using just the legal line item in the budget.

**The Chair Recognized Walter Hooker, 1 Blue Heron Lane**

Mr. Hooker gave a point of information that \$40,000 was about \$.15 on the tax rate. He also commented that there had been a change in the RSAs, that if this Article was defeated that the money could not be funded from the operating budget for the removal of items. He was in favor of the Article.

**The Chair Recognized Nancy Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

Mrs. Gross stated that this was “our” problem as a Town. It was not the Select Board’s problem because Deerfield did not have a City Counsel to solve these problems for the Town. According to Mrs. Gross, that is why Deerfield has Town Meetings to solve their own problems. If the residents did not want to pay for it, she asked them to own up to that, but not to tell the Selectmen, that as volunteers who spend hours in meetings coming up with recommendations, that they have not done their job. She reminded the body that it was the job of the members of the meeting to decide.

**Moderator:** Is there anyone else that wishes to speak to this Article? Are you ready for the question? The question is on Article 3 as written:

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of legal expenses, enforcement and clean up of certain code enforcement violations.

As many are in favor of the Article adoption as written, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Please look around. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Please look around. It’s too close to decide, I’d like to count the cards please.

Article 3 will be voted with Ballot B. Is there anyone in the hall submitted a ballot who wishes to. Seeing none, the balloting is closed now and we’ll count those votes and together we will move onto Article 4.

*There was a verbal request for a secret ballot. Five members of the meeting rose to second the motion.  
A secret ballot was conducted.*

Results of Article 3 were read after the results of Amended Article 14.

The Results were:

YES 125

NO 202

Article 3 is **DEFEATED**.

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**MOTIONS TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION**

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**The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road**

Before the call to close the **VOTE** on Article 3, Mr. Broad had a parliamentary inquiry. He asked if he could make a **MOTION** to Restrict Reconsideration on Articles 1 and 2.

*The Moderator explained that Mr. Broad could offer the motion at that time and he would take it up at the next opportunity. He asked if there was a SECOND for the MOTION.*

**MOTION SECONDED:** Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

**Moderator:** Mr. Broad if you would like to bring forward your motion.

*Mr. Broad was not available.*

**MOTION TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION ON ARTICLES 1 & 2:** Jana Ruiz, 2 Bow Acres

**Moderator:** I would like to take those up one by one. We have a motion to restrict Article 1, do we have a second.

**MOTION SECONDED:** Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

**Moderator:** The Restriction of Reconsideration is an RSA that was adopted a few years ago that allows the meeting to decide that if an Article is reconsidered, that reconsideration will be taken up in a later meeting at least 7 days later and that you will know the date of that meeting before you leave today. This does not stop reconsideration, it just restricts reconsideration of the Article. If reconsideration is Moved and Adopted, then we would actually **DEBATE** and **VOTE** again on that Article later.

Is there any discussion on Restricting Reconsideration on Article 1? Seeing none, as many as are in favor of Restricting Reconsideration our **VOTE** on Article 1, please do so by raising your cards and keeping them raised. You can look around Those opposed, please signify by raising your cards and keeping them raised.

The **Ayes** have it.

We have **ADOPTED** to **Restricted Reconsideration** on Article 1.

**MOTION TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION ON ARTICLE 2:** Jana Ruiz, 2 Bow Acres

**MOTION SECONDED:** Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

**Moderator:** It has been Moved and **SECONDED** to Restrict Reconsideration on Article 2. Is there any discussion on this **MOTION**? As many are in favor or Restricting Reconsideration on our **VOTE** of Article 2, please do so by raising your cards and keeping them raised. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your cards and keeping them raised.

The **Ayes** have it.

We have **ADOPTED** to **Restricted Reconsideration** on Article 2.

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**MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES**

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**MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES & TAKE ARTICLE 14 OUT OF ORDER:**  
Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

**MOTION SECONDED:** David O'Neal, 10 Meetinghouse Hill Road

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Suspend the Rules take up Article 14 out of order.

**The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

Mr. Gross expressed that he wanted to move Article 14 out of order because it had to do with the Town's desires with respect to the George B. White Building. There was substantial discussion on the George B. White Building with respect to Article 1 which would not be reconsidered. He had the sense that the Town seemed to be interested in the preservation and reuse of the building and he thought while it was at the top of everyone's mind that it would be a good time to discuss Article 14.

**Moderator:** Is there anyone else who wants to offer up information to other voters that would be helpful in deciding whether we should address Article 14 at this time. Are you ready for the question?

The question is on a MOTION of whether to Suspend the Rules and takes up Article 14 at this time. As many as are favor, please signify by raising your cards and keeping them raised. Look around please, cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

The **Ayes** have it.  
We will take up Article 14 at this time.

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**ARTICLE 14**

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To achieve a Sense of the Meeting to see if it is the desire of the voters to authorize the Board of Selectmen to pursue the sale of the G. B. White Building to a private entity.

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, James Alexander:** I would **MOVE** Article 14 as printed.

**Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** The Article is now Open for Discussion.

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**1st PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 14**

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**The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

Selectman Alexander wished to amendment to Article 14 to delete the words following "Board of Selectmen to pursue the sale" and replace them with "authorize a feasibility study of the sale."

**Moderator:** We have a proposed amendment to see if it is the desire of the voters to authorize a feasibility study of the sale of the G.B. White Building to a private entity. This would modify the Article to read, “ To see if it is the desire of the voters to authorize the Board of Selectmen to authorize a feasibility study of the sale of the G.B. White Building to a private entity.” Do we have a SECOND for the Amendment?

**AMENDMENT SECONDED:** Selectman, Frances Menard

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to replace the language of “pursue the sale” with the language “authorize a feasibility study of the sale.” Now the Amendment is open for discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

Selectman Alexander explained that the Amendment was to clarify the motion because as it was originally written, it appeared that the Selectmen were seeking approval for the sale of the building which was not the intent. This was intended to be an advisory motion from the people to allow the Board to go forward and study the feasibility of sale and report back to the people at the future date, if it turned out that the sale of the building would be in everybody’s best interest.

**Moderator:** Is there any further discussion on the Amendment to Article 14 to change the language to “pursue the sale” with “authorize a feasibility study of the sale.”

**The Chair Recognized Ruth Kletnick, 206 Middle Road**

Ms. Kletnick asked what was the Board’s interest in pursuing a feasibility study to sell the building?

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained, that as a Selectman he routinely heard that there should be renovations done to the George B. White Building, but he also heard that the Town should not be landlords and why doesn’t the Town sell it. He felt most of the other Selectmen had heard the same concerns. This is why they were pursuing a sense of the meeting to see if the Town wanted to see if there was any validity to selling it or if they wanted the Selectmen to hang onto it and see what can be done with it.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady felt that at the end of the meeting a study committee should be set up for renovating the GBW Building for a Police Building if the Town gave up the tenants versus constructing a new building with a new septic and well.

**Moderator:** I feel the best time to have that conversation is while we are talking about the building, but let us deal with the Amendment first. It sounds like you might have another amendment that you would like to offer.

**The Chair Recognized Leo Roy, 26 Tandy Road**

He understood that the Amendment would have the Selectmen look at the possibility of selling the building and he supported that.

**Moderator:** Does anyone wish to speak to just the Amendment to change the language. So we're ready for the **VOTE**. The Amendment is to replace the language of "pursue the sale" with the language "authorize a feasibility study of the sale" in Article 14. As many are in favor of Amending Article 14 in this manner, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you, cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. You can look around.

The **Ayes** have it.  
The **AMENDMENT** to Article 14 is **ADOPTED**.

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## 2nd PROPOSED AMENDMENT ARTICLE 14

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### **The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady **MOVED** that the Article be Amended to state that there would be a Committee of ten members made up of the Community to study this with one Selectman and one Municipal Budget Committee Member. The purposed would be to study the renovation of the building, the decision of whether or not to build other buildings for Police, Fire and Rescue Squad.

*The Moderator asked Mrs. Cady to put her proposed Amendment in writing before he took a **SECOND**. He was going to go ahead with other speakers until it was in writing. He offered that if others wanted to speak on the topic or the Article or the Amendment he would allow it until he had Mrs. Cady's proposed Amendment in writing.*

### **The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

It seemed to Selectman Robertson that the Amendment would change the complete purposed of the Article.

*The Moderator agreed, but because it was an advisory motion, the purpose of the motion was to get a sense of the meeting in regard to the disposition of the George B. White Building. It seemed to be the perfect time to consider it, so the Moderator **RULED** it in order, but was happy to take a **CHALLENGE**.*

### **The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained that he didn't know if he should challenge it or not, but it seemed to him that the Amendment would be predetermining the sense of the meeting. The Selectmen were asking if the body wanted to pursue that one particular avenue or not. Mrs. Cady's Amendment changed it to pursuing an avenue and taking the question away from the body.

### **Moderator:**

The Moderator disagreed with Selectman Robertson and said the body would hear Mrs. Cady's proposed Amendment which would be voted on and the body would decide which avenue they preferred. He felt that allowing the Amendment to be voted on, allowed the body to give the Selectmen the advice they wanted in the way they chose to offer it. He asked if anyone thought they were not going to get the advice they wanted.

### **The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

Mr. Gross asked if someone could read Article 14 as it stood.

**Moderator:** To see if it is the desire of the voters to authorize the Board of Selectmen to authorize a feasibility study of the sale of the G.B. White Building to a private entity.

**The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

Mr. Gross asked if he could make a simpler Amendment for which Mrs. Cady was going to propose.

*The Moderator told Mr. Gross that he could not make the Amendment yet. They had to go in order. He would wait for Mrs. Cady's Amendment.*

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Frances Mendard**

Selectman Menard stated that she was confused as to the direction that Mrs. Cady's Amendment would take the Article because it was the Selectmen's intent that the body's response to the Article would tell the Selectmen what the appropriate evidence would be to make the Town feel that the sale of the building should be considered. The way she interpreted Mrs. Cady's Amendment would be, not to sell, but renovate. And she prefer that the body have more information before they vote to just renovate.

*The Moderator believed that discussion on the proposed Amendment would get that conversation because people would be able to **VOTE** and **DEBATE** the issues. The Moderator asked if anyone felt that people were being limited to please rise.*

**The Chair Recognized Paul Tremblay, 10 Mountain View Road**

Mr. Tremblay asked if there was going to be a feasibility study if it be done by a professional or professional organization which would have a certain amount of cost involved.

*The Moderator told Mr. Tremblay that he would have a chance for that question, but that he needed to take Mrs. Cady's Amendment on the floor and then it could be discussed and people could ask questions.*

**Moderator:** I have in writing from Mrs. Cady this wording: I **MOVE** that we have a Committee made up of ten Community Members, one Selectman and one Municipal Budget Committee Member to study the use of the GB White Building for all Community Offices or to sell building and start over. To clarify, this is substitute language which would replace the entire Article. To the Selectmen, would that be clear to you if that language were adopted at this meeting?

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson stated that the language would be clear to him, but that the original Article would give them a much clearer idea.

**Moderator:** We have a MOTION to substitute the for language for Article 14, the language: That we have a Committee made up of ten Community Members, one Selectman and one Municipal Budget Committee Member to study the use of the GB White Building for all Community Offices or to sell building and start over. Do we have a SECOND?

**MOTION SECONDED:** Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Amend the Article Substituting this language. (It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to discuss the Amendment to this Article.).

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady claimed that there was a prejudice of the Select Board because she knew that they did not want to be landlords and they wanted to sell the building. So, she did not feel that they could conduct a feasibility study that would bring in all people's interests. She believed that the Community should study plans for a Safety Complex, Town Hall, Freeze's pond with all the information that is presently on file and calling on people they know. Mrs. Cady felt that after attending Selectmen's meetings, that there was a prejudice from the Selectmen that they did not want to be landlords.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Selectman Stone wanted to go on record as stating that he has always tried to act in the needs of Deerfield and that he was not prejudice in regards to this building. He clarified that he was looking for direction.

**The Chair Recognized Jonathan Barry, 27 Lang Road**

Mr. Barry believed that Mrs. Cady's amendment was too specific. He felt it could be accomplished by amending the prior amendment to the Article instead of replacing it in its entirety.

**The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

Mr. Gross second Mr. Barry and felt that this Amendment was unnecessary. He claimed that original intent of the Article should be respected which was to get a sense of the meeting. He felt that the body was following up on Article 1, but he suggested that the body give a sense without moving too far forward in one direction. He also thought it would be appropriate to respect the Selectmen who are working in the Town for the Town. He did not agree with Mrs. Cady's comments about a prejudice that she claimed that the Board of Selectmen had. He believed that the Selectmen were looking for direction as Selectman Stone had stated and he suggested that the body vote against the amendment.

*The Moderator reminded the body that this was an advisory motion. They could not actually create the committee by voting but it would give an understanding of the will of the body.*

**The Chair Recognized Walter Hooker, 1 Blue Heron Lane**

Mr. Hooker questioned who would determine who the community members would be. He thought that maybe the amendment was best left defeated. If the Selectmen chose to invite community members maybe that would make more sense. Because the Committee mentioned in the amendment did not have a chair or an organization he wasn't sure how it would work.

**The Chair Recognized Wesley Golomb, 224 South Road**

Mr. Golomb asked if a feasibility study had ever been done looking at what the best use of the building would be, renovation versus sale.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

Selectman Alexander responded that that was the intent of the motion. The Selectmen wanted to know if the Town wanted the building to be sold. They just needed to have a direction to go in.

**The Chair Recognized Wesley Golomb, 224 South Road**

Mr. Golomb explained that, without a feasibility study, he could not answer to the Board on what he would like done with the George B. White Building.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson commented that when Selectman Alexander and Stone spoke to the Amendment of this warrant Article, that was exactly what the Selectmen were looking for. If a feasibility study were approved, the Selectmen would report back to the body their findings.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Selectman Stone stated this his personal feelings were with situations like this in the past, the Selectmen asked for volunteers to help make the decision and that this would be the same set of circumstances with the George B. White Building.

**The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road**

Mr. Davitt stated that he was a bit confused and asked the Moderator to read the amendment exactly as written.

**Moderator:** That we have a Committee made up of ten Community Members, one Selectman and one Municipal Budget Committee Member to study the use of the GB White Building for all Community Offices or to sell building and start over.

**The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road**

Mr. Davitt questioned if he was correct in assuming that if the amendment passed that the Committee would look into selling the building or keeping it for Town use.

*The Moderator repeated the last portion of the Amendment which read, "to study the use of the GB White Building for all Community Offices or to sell building and start over".*

**The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road**

Mr. Davitt asked if that meant the study would look at selling and keeping the building.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson did not believe he could speak on the amendment because it was not their Article at that point because all of the language had been replaced.

**The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road**

Mr. Davitt asked what the definition of a sense of the meeting would be.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone.**

Selectman Stone said his interpretation of a sense of the meeting would be where the body wanted the Selectmen to go. If the body voted in the affirmative that they wanted it to be looked at, the Selectmen would look into it, if the body voted against it, the Selectmen would not look into it.

**The Chair Recognized Jeanne Menard, 36 Mountain Road**

Ms. Menard was concerned about what the Board's opinion of how the change in the amendment would effect that original Article. She also wanted point out that the intent of

the Board was not to steer the direction of what to do with the building but to ask for direction. She went on to affirm that there were many residents that valued respected the Board's opinions as individuals and the direction that they give the Town as a Board.

**The Chair Recognized Donald Gorman, 158 Mountain Road**

Mr. Gorman asked the Moderator if there was a way to split the question so that the body could have a straight up, straight down, keep it or sell it and then get back to DEBATE.

*The Moderator explained that there was still an amendment on the floor which was an advisory amendment. He believed that the Selectmen were very interested in the input from the Community and he felt that the meeting could take up the issues Mr. Gorman was asking for after the vote on the amendment.*

**QUESTION MOVED:** Jonathan Winslow, 11 James Road

**Moderator:** The question has been **MOVED** on the **ADOPTION** of the Amendment. If you **VOTE** yes, we will close **DEBATE** and we will **VOTE** on the amendment to the Article whether we should change the language from "To see if it is the desire of the voters to authorize the Board of Selectmen to authorize a feasibility study of the sale of the G. B. White Building to a private entity" to "to have a Committee made up of ten Community Members, one Selectman and one Municipal Budget Committee Member to study the use of the GB White Building for all Community Offices or to sell building and start over".

As many as wish to substitute the second sentence I said for the Article that was previously amended, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you, cards down. Those opposed to substituting the language.

The **Nays** have it.

The **AMENDMENT** to Article 14 is **DEFEATED**.

*The Moderator explained that they were back on the main **MOTION** of Article one as previously amended. He asked what further action the body wish to take on the Article.*

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**3rd PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 14**

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**The Chair Recognized Jonathan Barry, 27 Lang Road**

Mr. Barry made a **MOTION** to Amend Article 14 by replacing the word "sale" with the words "future of the G.B. White Building" and to removed the phrase "private entity."

**MOTION SECONDED:** Robert Strobel, II, 27 Lang Road

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady believed she had a Point of Order in that the Moderator required Mrs. Cady to put her amendment in writing. She requested that the members of the meeting all be treated the same.

*The Moderator thanked Mrs. Cady for putting her amendment in writing and explained that hers was much longer.*

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady believed that it was a Point of Order that using the word “sale” in the amendment made it a prejudice motion.

*The Moderator explained to Mrs. Cady that she had been speaking about the content of the amendment which was not a Point of Order. There was a **MOTION** and a **SECOND** for the amendment of Article 14 which would have the Selectmen pursue the “future of the George B. White Building.”*

**The Chair Recognized Jonathan Barry, 27 Lang Road**

Mr. Barry believed that his proposed amendment would accomplish all that Mrs. Cady’s amendment would do without being as specific as her proposed amendment without changing the original intent of the Article. It would serve to broaden what selectmen could look at.

**The Chair Recognized Neal Turquist, 21 Candia Road**

It seemed to Mr. Turnquist that this amendment completely defeated the purpose of getting a sense of the meeting. It seemed to him that the whole point of the Article was to see if the Town wanted to sell it.

**The Chair Recognized Carmella Davitt, 40 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Davitt stated that she did not know which way to **VOTE** on the Article. She would want to know what the expenses would be whether it was renovated or sold. She wanted more options before she made a decision.

**The Chair Recognized Robert Strobel, 27 Lang Road**

Mr. Strobel claimed that the Board of Selectmen had repeatedly asked for input from citizens with what they wanted to do with G.B. White. The amendment would not be biased. The message would be for the Selectmen to go ahead and bring the body some options and get back to them.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

According to Mrs. Cady, this amendment would not say how the study would be accomplished except that the Selectmen would conduct the study. There were no specifics on how anything would be arrived at.

**The Chair Recognized Roger Marquis, 11 Perkins Road**

Mr. Marquis supported Mr. Barry’s amendment. He felt the Selectmen wanted feedback and the body really needed information on selling it or renovating it to make a decision. He thought that this discussion gave feedback.

**MOVE TO CLOSE DEBATE:** Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres

**MOTION SECONDED:** Walter Hooker, 1 Blue Heron Lane

**Moderator:** This **MOTION** closes **DEBATE** therefore requires a 2/3 **VOTE**. As many are in favor of closing **DEBATE** on the amendment to Article 14, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Look around. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

The **AYES** have it.  
**DEBATE is CLOSED.**

**Moderator:** Now we are ready to **VOTE** on the Amendment to Article 14. Should we replace the word “sale” with the word “future” and strike the phrase “to a private entity” from Article 14. As many are in favor of this amendment to Article 14, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Look around, cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

The **AYES** have it.  
Article 14 Stands **AMENDED**.

**Moderator:** We are now back on the main Article in the new language. To achieve a Sense of the Meeting to see if it is the desire of the voters to see if it is the desire of the voters to authorize the Board of Selectmen to authorize a feasibility study of the future of the G. B. White Building. Is there further discussion on this Article.

**The Chair Recognized Paul Tremblay, 10 Mountain View Road**

Mr. Tremblay wished to know who would undertake the feasibility study.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson stated that at that point there was no particular source of the study, but he would suspect that the Selectmen would move along the line that was outlined out by Mrs. Cady.

**The Chair Recognized Paul Tremblay, 10 Mountain View Road**

To clarify, Mr. Tremblay asked if there was an outline of how much would be spent to hire a professional to do the study.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson answered No.

**The Chair Recognized Andrew Palitka, 57 Raymond Road**

Mr. Palitka asked what the annual income of the George B. White Building was and what the taxable income would be if the property was sold.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

Selectman Alexander stated that as landlords in 2004 the building ran a \$50,000 net loss for the Town when taking into consideration the space that the Town uses and the \$4.00 per square foot for the building. The effect if it was sold would be based solely on the estimates achieved by the Board while he was gone, but realtors had appraised the value at 1.2 million dollars. Based on the current tax rate, the building would bring in \$30,000 a year in tax revenue if it belonged to a private entity. Another possibility would be to sell the building as a working entity because it had been proven that it was a rentable commodity and there was a place for it in this community. As part of the sales agreement, the Town could strike a rental deal that would rent space the Town needed for a given time which would give the Town no loss of the space from what was currently used. With the tax income, Selectman Alexander felt it would be a wash, but the Town would have the million dollars in the bank to be used for future construction as needed. That is why the Board needed to know if the

Town would be in support of selling the building if that scenario would come true because potential buyers would need to know that in order to make an offer.

**The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres**

Ms. Ruiz thought it was important to have a study done so that the Town could have an overall idea of what the options were. She wanted a point of clarification, that if the amendment passed that the body agreed to have the Selectmen conduct a study, but that there was no agreement for funds to support the study.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained that the Selectmen were not asking for an appropriation for money or permission to sell the building. They wanted to get a sense of the meeting and get back to the body with some options.

**QUESTION MOVED:** Jonathan Winslow, 11 James Road

**MOTION SECONDED:** Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady stated that she had a point of information that the figure that Selectman Alexander gave for the Town's cost to rent the building was inaccurate. She stated that the Town's usage of the building was not taken into consideration and the fact that the Town would have to rent was not taken into consideration.

**Moderator:** The Question is on the adoption of Article 14 as Amended. To see if it is the desire of the voters to authorize the Board of Selectmen to authorize a feasibility study of the future of the G. B. White Building. As many as are in favor of the adoption of this Article as amended, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

They **AYES** have it overwhelmingly.  
Article 14 is **ADOPTED** as **AMENDED**.

**Moderator:**

The Moderator read the results of Article 3. Yes 125, No 202. Article 2 was **DEFEATED**.

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**ARTICLE 4**

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To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease agreement for Ninety Seven Thousand Dollars (\$97,000) for the purpose of leasing a Highway Department Truck, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000) for the first year's payment for that purpose. The lease agreement contains an escape clause.

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson:** I would **MOVE** Article 4 as written.

**Stephen Barry:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Adopt Article 4 as written. The Article is now Open for Discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson claimed that the Article spoke for itself, but that he would defer to Stephen Barry for more technical information on the topic.

**The Chair Recognized Stephen Barry, Budget Assistant**

Mr. Barry explained that this Article was put on the warrant to replace a 1988 dump truck which the Town purchased used from the State of New Hampshire. In the last 12 months it has cost the Town over \$7,600 in repairs. The Highway Department was looking to replace it. The Highway Agent went out to look at four or five different types of vehicles and came back with a recommendation for a four-year lease on a Freightliner fully-loaded. At the end of the four-year lease the Town would own the vehicle.

**The Chair Recognized Stephen Robinson, 156 Mountain Road**

Mr. Robinson asked if after four years of leasing the Town would own the truck and hopefully get many years of usefulness thereafter.

**The Chair Recognized Stephen Barry, 178 North Road**

Mr. Barry confirmed Mr. Robinson's statement with a yes.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady asked how long ago a State Truck was bought for \$4,000.

**The Chair Recognized Stephen Barry, 178 North Road**

Mr. Barry stated that he believed that the Town purchased a State pick-up truck three years ago for \$4,000, but it was not a six-wheel dump truck like the one that the Highway Department was currently looking to replace.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady insisted that a dump truck was purchased from the State although she was not sure when, but she wanted to know what was paid for it.

**The Chair Recognized Alex Cote, 5 James City Road**

Mr. Cote indicated that he didn't have any concrete figures, but from what he gathered, the Town paid about \$8,000 for it five years ago.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady tried to reason that if that truck was bought five years ago for \$8,000 and with \$5,000 a year in repairs the Town has not exceeded the cost of a new truck. So, buying a new truck for \$90,000 would have to give more than 10 or 12 years to come up with the cost of what a former State vehicle actually costs the Town to run.

**The Chair Recognized Stephen Barry, 178 North Road**

Mr. Barry added that at the present time, the Town also operated a 1994 International which was bought new and has lasted 11 years. He did not believe that it had accrued half the repair figures that the State vehicle had.

**The Chair Recognized David O’Neal, 10 Meetinghouse Hill Road**

Mr. O’Neal questioned how the Highway Department kept its equipment and thought that the consideration of how it was kept should be taken into consideration when purchasing new equipment.

**Moderator:** Is there further discussion on this? Are you ready for the question. The question is on the adoption of Article 4 as printed:

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease agreement for Ninety Seven Thousand Dollars (\$97,000) for the purpose of leasing a Highway Department Truck, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000) for the first year’s payment for that purpose. The lease agreement contains an escape clause. As many are in favor of this Article as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. You can look around, cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. This is too close to call, please count the vote.

*There was a call for a secret ballot from the floor and seven voters who would stand for it. Ballot C was to be used. The boxes were shown to be empty and the collection of ballots began.*

The results of Article 4 were read after the results of Article 19. There results were:

YES **130**

NO **180**

Article 4 is **DEFEATED**.

*It had come to the Moderator’s attention that some people had used the wrong ballots for secret ballot votes. He asked that if it came to anyone’s attention and it was brought to his attention, the Moderator would simply use a different ballot. It would be easy to do that, but it had to be done before the vote was announced.*

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**MOTION TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION**

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**MOTION TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION OF ARTICLE 14:** Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres

**MOTION SECONDED:** Alan O’Neal, 1 Millstone Lane

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 14, the advisory Article that was considered previously. All those in favor Restricting Reconsideration of Article 14, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. You can look around, cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

The **AYES** have it.

The **ADOPTION** of Restriction of Reconsideration has been approved on Article 14.

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## MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

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**The Chair Recognized Lester Kurzban, 30 Pleasant Hill Road**

Mr. Kurzban asked that the rules be suspended to take Articles 18 and 19 out of order.

**MOTION SECONDED:** Anthony DiMauro, 32 Mountain Road

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Suspend the Rules and take up Articles 18 and 19 out of order at this time. Is there any discussion on this?

**The Chair Recognized Lester Kurzban, 30 Pleasant Hill Road**

Mr. Kurzban claimed that veterans kept this country free and safe and they deserved all the consideration. He claimed that five surrounding towns had adopted this amendment, and Deerfield could have done it last year, but did not.

**Moderator:** Is there any further discussion on this **MOTION** to Suspend the Rules to take up these two Articles at this time? Seeing none let's take up the **VOTE**. The **VOTE** is on the **MOTION** to Suspend the rules and take up Articles 18 and 19 at this time.

As many as are in favor of taking up those Articles at this time, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Look around. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

The **Ayes** have it.  
Articles 18 and 19 will be taken up at this time.

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## ARTICLE 18

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To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28 allowing the maximum veterans' tax credit in the amount of \$500.

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, Joseph Stone:** I would **MOVE** the Article as written.

**Selectman, Frances Menard:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Adopt Article 18 as written the Article is now Open for Discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Mr. Stone stated that in 2004, the legislature passed into statute, a law which would allow a town or city to grant all veterans a tax credit exemption up to \$500. Presently, the exemption is \$100. Selectman Stone claimed he was a veteran, and he felt those who served should be allowed to receive more than \$100. He put that before the body to make that decision.

**Moderator:** Is there any further discussion. Seeing none. Are you ready for the **VOTE**?  
The **VOTE** is on:

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28 allowing the maximum veterans' tax credit in the amount of \$500.

As many as are in favor of the adoption of the Article as written, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Look around. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised.

The **AYES** have it.  
Article number 18 is **ADOPTED**.

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### ARTICLE 19

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To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 allowing the maximum veterans' tax credit for service-connected total disability to the amount of \$2,000.

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, Joseph Stone:** I would **MOVE** the Article as written.

**Selectman, Frances Menard:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to **ADOPT** Article 19 as written.  
The Article is now Open for Discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Selectman Stone explained that in 2004, the legislature passed a law to raise the exemption to a veteran who is totally disabled from \$1,400 to \$2,000. Deerfield presently had the benefit of \$1,400. At that time, Deerfield had five residents who received this credit and Selectman Stone felt that anyone who served in harms way and became total disabled as a result that deserves to receive the amount of \$2,400. He then urged the body to vote for it.

**The Chair Recognized Walter Hooker, 1 Blue Heron Lane**

Mr. Hooker made a Point of Information that the exemption was for \$2,000 not \$2,400.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Frances Menard**

Mrs. Menard wanted to comment that the Board has always recommended that the Town allow the maximum exemptions allowed by the RSAs whether it was for veterans or not.

**Moderator:** Is there any further discussion on Article 19. Are you ready for the **VOTE**?  
The **VOTE** is on the adoption of Article 19 as printed:

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 allowing the maximum veterans' tax credit for service-connected total disability to the amount of \$2,000. All those in favor of the adoption of the Article as written, please signify by raising your voting cards. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

The **Ayes** have it. It is unanimous.  
Article number 19 is **ADOPTED** as printed.

**The Chair Recognized George Keech, 12 Perkins Road**

Mr. Keech wanted to say on behalf of all the Veterans in Deerfield, thank you very much.

*The Moderator announced the results on Article 4; Yes 130, No 180. The Article was DEFEATED.*

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**MOTIONS TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION**

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**MOTION TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION ON ARTICLES 3&4:** Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

**MOTION SECONDED:** Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

**Moderator:** We have a **MOTION** to Restrict Reconsideration on Article 4. This **MOTION** would defer any Reconsideration of this Article for seven days. Are you ready for the Question?

**Moderator:** The Question is on the Adoption of a Restriction of Reconsideration of our **VOTE** to **DEFEAT** Article 4. All those in favor of the Restriction of Reconsideration, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you. Cards down. Those opposed to Restricting Reconsideration, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you. Cards down.

The **MOTION** to Restrict Reconsideration is **ADOPTED** on Article 4.

**Moderator:** We have a further **MOTION** to Restrict Reconsideration on Article 3. Is there a **SECOND**?

**MOTION SECONDED:** Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 3. Is there any discussion on this? Are you ready for the Question?

The Question is on the Adoption of a Restriction of Reconsideration on Article 3. Should we Restrict Reconsideration of our negative **VOTE** on Article 3? As many are in favor of restricting, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you, Cards down. Those opposed to Restricting Reconsideration, please signify by raising your voting cards.

The **AYES** have it.

The **ADOPTION** of Restricted Reconsideration of the Vote on Article 3.

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**MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES**

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**The Chair Recognized Donald Smith, 17 Penn Ave**

Mr. Smith made a **MOTION** to Restrict the Rules (Suspend the Rules) and take Article 21 out of order.

**MOTION SECONDED:** Philip Bilodeau, 140 Nottingham Road

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to take Article 21 out of order at this time. Mr. Bilodeau, could you explain your reasons.

**The Chair Recognized Donald Smith, 17 Penn Ave**

Mr. Bilodeau believed that **DEBATE** on this Article 21 would be lengthy and he wanted to begin discussion on it while there were still a lot of the members of the meeting present.

**Moderator:** Is there any further discussion on this MOTION? Are you ready for the VOTE? The Vote is on the MOTION to Suspend the Rules and take Article 21 out of order. As many are in favor of the adoption Article (MOTION) and moving immediately to Article, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

They **AYES** have it.  
The **MOTION** to Suspend the Rules is **CARRIED**.

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**ARTICLE 21 (By Petition)**

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**Article 21 (By Petition)** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$270,000) for the purpose of purchasing a conservation easement on approximately 80 acres of open space land from Sylvia Clifford, Trustee, John Silver Real Estate Trust, on Mount Delight Road, (Tax Map 410, Lot 8 and Tax Map 414 Lot 112). The total value of the conservation easement is Five Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$575,000). Sylvia Clifford has agreed to donate Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) of the value to the Town and sell the Conservation easement for Five Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$520,000). Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) is to be paid from the Town Conservation Fund. The Conservation Commission will attempt to reduce the cost to the Town by applying for matching funding from private, state, and/or federal sources. Likely sources include, but are not limited to, the U. S. Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program grant or similar sources. This is a petitioned Warrant Article.

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**The Chair Recognized Brenda Eaves, Conservation Commission Chairman**

Ms. Eaves **MOVED** the Article as read.

**MOTION SECONDED:** Philip Bilodeau, 140 Nottingham Road

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to **ADOPT** Article 21 as written. The Article is now Open for Discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Brenda Eaves, 280 North Road**

*Ms. Eaves DEFERRED to Erick Berglund.*

**The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member**

Mr. Berglund stated that the Conservation Commission and the Open Space Committee came to the Town a year ago to request an Open Space bond. The Commission and Committee had been working on the protection of Open Space. They sought funding through bonding which did not succeed. However, the strong message that came to

Members of Open Space was that the Town wanted to be more involved in these types of decisions. Mr. Berglund explained that the Open Space Commission gathered from Town Meeting that the body wanted specific projects brought to them with a specific amount of money. The Town also wanted to be part of the decision regarding projects.

Mr. Berglund claimed that was the reason the Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee were there, because they now had a specific project. There were fliers on the proposed project were at the door and they were also mailed to residents. The Article was brought forward to preserve conservation values and what is part of Deerfield.

Mr. Berglund gave an overview from the handout. The project was to purchase a conservation easement. He explained that a conservation easement does not purchase the land. The landholder still owns the land, but a conservation easement permanently restricts development for residential purposes on the land. It can be used for agricultural and forestry purposes.

The property referred to in the Article was located on Mount Delight Road just near the four corners of Mount Delight, Meetinghouse Hill, and Old Center Road. It included 3,727 feet of road frontage and it had about 41 acres of prime agricultural soil. The 41 acres represented almost 3% of the Town's prime agricultural soil. The specifics around the cost involved of Article 21 the request of \$271,000 from the Town to be supported through taxation. The total price of the conservation easement was \$575,000. The owner, Sylvia Clifford, had donated \$55,000 of that value, so the Conservation Commission was looking at a price of \$520,000.

Mr. Berglund went on to explain that, the conservation fund which was administered by the Conservation Commission had put up more than half of the value of that fund, \$250,000 which together with the amount requested from the Town would meet the price.

The Commission was also seeking grant money from the Federal Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program and Mr. Berglund referred to LCHIP which had been in the news. Assuming that LCHIP is restored, the Commission would seek whatever they could from the program. Mr. Berglund asked that the members of the meeting please listen carefully to what the Commission was going to present and share concerns. He urged the body to support Article 21.

#### **The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road**

Mr. Broad asked if the owner of the property would still own the property and if she would get a tax break if this Article was passed.

#### **The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member**

Mr. Berglund explained that the nature of a conservation easement would be that the property owner would still own the land, but the development rights are restricted. But in this case, the land was in current use, so the taxation would be the same regardless of the conservation easement.

#### **The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road**

Mr. Broad was concerned with whether with a conservation easement, the landowner could post the land preventing people from hunting or fishing on the property.

**The Chair Recognized Katherine Hartnett, Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee Member**

Ms. Hartnett referred to a tan handout given out at the meeting that answered Mr. Broad's question. She went on to say that the Commission had spoken with the owners, the Cliffords, and they recognized that public access was essential and had provided a mix of land. There would be some will posted "No Trespassing" around their house and the fields immediately around their house, but they would allow public access in some areas and hunting by permission.

**The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road**

Mr. Broad felt that the hunting and fishing were still restricted because it was only with the landowner's permission, which he felt could be bias. He asked if it was true that the land was currently posted as "No Hunting. No Fishing. No Trespassing."

**The Chair Recognized Katherine Hartnett**

Ms. Hartnett claimed that the land was currently posted, but the signs would come down if the Town agreed to the Article and the owners would follow the language described on the handout.

**The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road**

Mr. Broad asked if there was a clause that insured that the agreement could not be broken no matter who the land was left to or dedded to.

**The Chair Recognized Katherine Hartnett**

Ms. Hartnett explained that the nature of the Conservation Easement would be that the land would be in effect forever, regardless of ownership.

**The Chair Recognized Carmella Davitt, 40 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Davitt stated that she was not a conservationist, but a taxpayer who was looking for tax breaks. She claimed when she sent her children to the school system her tax bill did not cover the cost of their tuition. That difference was made up by other residents. She claimed that members of the Conservation Commission had foresight. If twenty buildings were put on the lot in Article 21, no one would be hunting or fishing on that lot. Mrs. Davitt would not be able to ride her horse on the lot. She claimed that this was a gift to the Town of future planning and if people wanted lower taxes they should support the Article.

**The Chair Recognized Karla Hatem, 107 Mount Delight Road**

Ms. Hatem stood in support of the Article despite the fact that she wouldn't want to add twenty cents to her taxes, because she believed that once the land went up for sale there were going to be more houses. She believed this was beautiful piece of property and she supported the Article.

**The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road**

Mr. Davitt claimed that the residents attending the School District Meeting heard that people could not afford higher taxes. The Federal Government has cut back on what they give for school funding yet they mandate more rules. The State has not returned as much money to fund Town and School things with the taxpayers at the bottom of the pyramid in both cases footing the bill.

Mr. Davitt claimed that this was the taxpayers' chance to permanently keep the tax rate at a lower rate than it would be. The land was prime land and twenty plus houses and depending on who moved in, if it is figured that it costs about \$7,000 per elementary student and \$10,000 per high school student could effect the tax rate between one and three dollars more just for those houses. He claimed it was a way for residents to take control of their property tax as other Towns in New Hampshire were doing.

He felt that the Conservation Commission listened to what residents said in the Town Meeting last year and came forward with a specific property. He urged others to support this with the immanent development of Interstate 93 to widen to eight lanes, there would just be more development pressure.

**The Chair Recognized Jonathan Barry, 27 Lang Road**

Mr. Barry asked who the money was being paid to for the conservation easement.

**The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member**

Mr. Berglund explained that the money would be paid to the landowner.

**The Chair Recognized Jonathan Barry, 27 Lang Road**

Mr. Barry stated that he had heard of people wanting to protect their land putting it into trusts. He wanted to know if that was an option in this case because he knew there were other pieces of conservation land in Town and he did not recall something like this happening before.

**The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member**

Mr. Berglund explained that the property was currently in a trust.

**The Chair Recognized Katherine Hartnett, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member**

Ms. Hartnett claimed that conservation easements had been paid in the past, but not for the amount that was being proposed. She wanted to clarify that the landowner would receive the money, but thereafter, the land would never be developed in any way. She explained that the Commission was also seeking Federal, State and Local funds to support the Article which they hoped would substantially reduce the impact of ninety-five cents on the tax bill. However, passage of the Article would help with the Federal and State grants they were applying for.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Frances Menard**

Mrs. Menard stated that she was sure that most of the members of the meeting had seen that the Article was not recommended by the Selectmen. She wanted to make a minority report that originally when the Article came up there was some concern about the current use funds being applied to it.

Mrs. Menard felt that the Article would have more chance of passing if the Conservation Commission would reconsider increasing the amount that would be credited toward this. She realized that there were probably other projects that they were working on, but in consideration of the almost emergency situation, the price that was more than favorable when it was taken into consideration what developers would pay for developable land in Deerfield. She claimed the Old Center Road area in Deerfield was about as close as one

could get to Historic Deerfield. The location was perfect with open fields with views. If they were filled with houses there would no longer be open views.

Mrs. Menard would recommend that some adjustment be to the amount of current use money being put toward the purchase of the easement and have funds be replaced by the grants that would be received later. She did recommend passage of the Article.

#### **The Chair Recognized Wesley Golomb, 224 South Road**

Mr. Golomb claimed that he was a member of the Conservation Commission and he wanted to point out that the owner would still pay taxes on the land. He stated that statistics have found that for every dollar spent on taxes, residential development costs the Town one dollar and fifteen cents while Open Space would cost the Town thirty-five cents. He also claimed that studies have shown that towns with Open Space have lower taxes. Surveys in Deerfield have shown that residents want to retain the rural character of the Town.

Mr. Golomb explained that the Conservation Commission had worked on the project for over four years and he urged voters to support it.

#### **The Chair Recognized Walter Hooker, 1 Blue Heron Lane**

Mr. Hooker claimed that he was not completely in favor of the Article because he was not sure what the precedent of spending \$520,000 for 82 acres shows. After reviewing a handout outlying other projects with twice as much land for 15% of the money, he was not sure what kind of message that would give future landowners when they negotiate conservation easements.

#### **The Chair Recognized Katherine Hartnett, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member**

Ms. Hartnet believed that Selectman Menard addressed that issue when speaking from a real estate perspective. She claimed that land was prime development land and that a developer would pay more. She claimed that the land was a jewel in Deerfield and that they assessed other land in Deerfield but this one had the highest potential for development. The Commission believed that this land had a great Historic and Conservation value which would be an enormous deal for the Town. Ms. Hartnet believed that sentiment was reflected by the statement Selectman Menard made who is a real estate professional.

#### **The Chair Recognized Frank Mitchell, 21 Meetinghouse Hill Road**

Mr. Mitchell claimed that he worked on the project as a volunteer for Bear Paw. He saw the project as an investment in the Town's future and an opportunity that Deerfield may never have again to protect clean water, open fields, a place where wildlife can thrive and a place people can enjoy. He claimed it was protection for the long term against the cost of development as well. Mr. Mitchell hoped that the residents shared his view because they had a responsibility for future generations. He asked members of the meeting to think about things that are enjoyed today, such as roads, schools and transfer stations, those things were paid for by previous town meetings. He asked that people think about the Clifford property and what it would be like to lose it. He claimed that doing nothing would be result in accepting the cost and negative consequences of excess of growth. If people were not satisfied with the rate of growth, voting for the Article would do something about the growth today.

Mr. Mitchell acknowledged the Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee for doing a fine job of undertaking a careful, thoughtful, planning process. They encouraged public participation to collect information on what was important information and used that

criteria to select a property such as the Clifford property in order to get the greatest value for conservation expenditures on the part of the Town.

**QUESTION MOVED:** Jonathan Winslow, 11 James Road

**MOTION SECONDED:** from the floor.

*A request for secret ballot was submitted with 9 signatures to the Moderator.*

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to close previous Question which stops **DEBATE**. This requires a 2/3 majority. There are two speakers waiting.

**Moderator:** As many as are in favor of stopping **DEBATE** and moving to a **VOTE** on Article 21 as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

The **AYES** have it.  
**DEBATE** is **CLOSED** on Article 21.

**Moderator:** The Question is on Article 21 as printed which will be done by secret ballot. Does everyone have a Ballot D that they can use? If anyone does not have a ballot D we will move to another one. Seeing no objection we are using Ballot D. The boxes are shown to be empty.

The Question is on the adoption of Article 21 as printed:

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$270,000) for the purpose of purchasing a conservation easement on approximately 80 acres of open space land from Sylvia Clifford, Trustee, John Silver Real Estate Trust, on Mount Delight Road, (Tax Map 410, Lot 8 and Tax Map 414 Lot 112).

The total value of the conservation easement is Five Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$575,000). Sylvia Clifford has agreed to donate Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) of the value to the Town and sell the Conservation easement for Five Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$520,000). Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) is to be paid from the Town Conservation Fund. The Conservation Commission will attempt to reduce the cost to the Town by applying for matching funding from private, state, and/or federal sources. Likely sources include, but are not limited to, the U. S. Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program grant or similar sources. This is a petitioned Warrant Article.

As many as are in favor of this Article, please mark Yes on ballot D, those opposed, please mark No.

The Results of the **VOTE** on Article 21:

**YES 196**

**NO 122**

Article 21 is **ADOPTED**.

**Announcements by the Moderator:**

A survey has been distributed and they just want to remind people to fill it out and drop it off at the door. The [www.deerfield.nh.org](http://www.deerfield.nh.org) is a new website sponsored by the Deerfield

Heritage Commission provide internet information of historic maps and photographs. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Heritage Commission or the webmaster on the website.

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### MOTIONS TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION

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**MOTION TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION ON ARTICLE 21:** Barbara Mathews, 47 Candia Road

**MOTION SECONDED:** Wesley Golomb, 224 South Road

**Moderator:** There is a MOTION to Restrict Reconsideration on the **VOTE** of Article 21. These does not prevent us from reconsidering the **VOTE**, it only delays it from being reconsidered at the meeting. Is there any information to share with the meeting about this. Seeing none are you ready for the **VOTE**? The Vote is on the MOTION to Restrict Reconsideration on Article 21. All those in favor of Restricting Reconsideration, please signify by raising your voting card and keeping it raised. Look around, thank you, cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting card and keeping it raised.

They **AYES** have it.

We have **VOTED** to Restrict Consideration of Article 21.

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### MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

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**The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member**

Mr. Berglund **MOVED** to Suspend the Rules and take up Article 17.

**MOTION SECONDED:** Wesley Golomb, 224 South Road

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to take up Article 17 at this time. Is there any further discussion on this MOTION?

**The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member**

Mr. Berglund explained that the Article was related to the Article 21.

**Moderator:** Are we ready for the Question? As many are in favor of the MOTION to take up Article 17 out of order, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

They **AYES** have it.

Article 17 will be taken up at this time.

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## ARTICLE 17

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To see if the Town will vote to reduce the percentage of Land Use Change Tax Revenue transferred to the Deerfield Conservation Commission from 100% to 25% and cap the amount retained in the Deerfield Conservation Commission Fund at \$500,000.

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, James Alexander:** I would **MOVE** Article as read and printed.

**Selectman, Frances Menard:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Adopt Article 17 as printed. The Article is now Open for Discussion.

### **The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

Selectman Alexander explained that the purpose of the Article was not to deprive the Conservation Fund of all income and all money. Since the adoption of the action to take 100% of the current use fund to go to the Conservation Commission, four years ago, there has been a considerable amount of money which has Town has paid, approximately \$500,000, that would have come in on impact fees. He claimed many people ask why their tax bill went up, but that money would have been \$2.00 of the tax rate. Selectman Alexander stated that based on projections, if they are correct, the current use money coming in would be over \$250,000 in 2005. That equates to about a dollar on the tax rate. Selectman Alexander claimed by capping the amount of current use funds that go to the Conservation Commission at 25% per year it would assure the Conservation Commission of funds for ongoing projects they need.

### **The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III, Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee Member**

Mr. Berglund referred to the handout where on the reverse side there was a listing of projects in process. It also listed how the money in the conservation fund today would be allocated if they all the projects go through. He claimed if this Article was passed, it would severely limit actions similar to Article 21 and prevent them from doing any conservation of significance. He said they were trying to use the money in a very smart way to leverage them. The grants in Mr. Berglund's opinion, were the best way to use it and set it aside as an investment. Any of the efforts that the body just supported would be just about impossible to accomplish for some of the very important places they would like to protect in Deerfield. Mr. Berglund wished to correct Selectman Alexander's statement of \$2.00 being taken off the tax rate. That would be \$2.00 over four years. He wanted to point out that there were expenditures beyond the projects listed on the handout. He sited the Peg King Park which was donated to the Town by Roger King, but the Conservation Commission supported expenditures there at about \$25,000 to prepare the park. There were other projects that the Selectmen had asked the Conservation Commission to consider where that money had been used. Mr. Berglund wished to thank the body for the previous vote, but would ask for the full support to deny Article 21 because it would cut off what was just supported.

### **The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady wanted clarification of whether the Conservation Easement for Article 21 was going to be deeded to Bear Paws. Under the law of the State of New Hampshire, the Town can only sell or gift away land by support of the members of Town Meeting. The

Conservation Commission have asked the Selectmen to sign over Conservation Easements to Bear Paw or Rockingham Land Trust. She wanted to know if that was the intention of what was to happen with the Clifford property.

**The Chair Recognized Frank Mitchell, 21 Meetinghouse Hill Road**

Mr. Mitchell asked the Moderator for a Point of Order because Mrs. Cady's question seemed to refer to the previous Article.

**Moderator:** This Article came up because it was related to the last Article. We are talking about the amount of money available to the Conservation Commission, so it would seem to me that how they spend their money would be germane.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady asked if the Conservation Commission planned to consistently deed away easements that the Town pays for.

**The Chair Recognized Frank Mitchell, 21 Meetinghouse Hill Road**

Mr. Mitchell explained that the Town buys conservation easements which represent the value of the development rights on a property. The Town does not own the property and therefore cannot deed it to anyone. The land remains privately owned. The development rights are extinguished with the conservation easement. In the case of some easements, the responsibility of the Town is to have an executory interest with Bear Paw as holding the principal interest. Mr. Mitchell went on to explain that means that the responsibility of enforcing the easement over the long term. If Bear Paw ceased to exist, the Town would have the right to step in and take over the responsibility. He suggested that someone from the Conservation Commission could answer why the arrangement was deemed preferable. He claimed that Land Trust's business was a non-profit organization that works to conserve land with the expertise to do that professionally. He felt that they could do it in a more effective manner than volunteers working part-time on the local level. The point was that the Town would still have full control in terms of enforcing and managing the easements.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady stated that by law she is certified and practices real estate appraisal. She claimed that perhaps Mr. Mitchell was unaware that when an easement is purchased, it is part of a property. The Town owns the development rights on the easements. Mrs. Cady made a point that the deeding over that right to be managed by a third party that takes away the Town's ownership rights in what to do with the property because they can sue the Town if they feel that the property was not managed properly. Mrs. Cady stated that she want this practice to stop.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson claimed that the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee have heard of Mrs. Cady's concern previously, and have talked at length on interests, that the Board of Selectmen ultimately signs off on these deals. However, nothing has been signed off on that has not been approved by Town Counsel, James Raymond who works for Upton and Hatfield specifically in this area of expertise. Selectman Robertson pointed out that the Selectmen have been concerned with the language with the conservation deeds and have been very nitpicky about making sure they conform to the letter of the law as could be attested by the Conservation Commission or the Open

Space Committee. He wanted to set the body at ease that the Board of Selectmen were not operating illegally and that there was nothing illegal in the acceptance of the conservation easements to date.

**The Chair Recognized Christine Hatfield, 21 Candia Road**

Ms. Hatfield felt that the discussion at hand was clouding the issue of what the body was trying to accomplish by funding conservation easements. She stated that she was not related to Attorney Hatfield, so she did not know all the details about the discussion, but she felt that if the Town pays to extinguish in perpetuity development rights, the land can be preserved as Open Space forever. Ms. Hatfield felt that as long as the land was protected in perpetuity that whether the easement was vested in the Town or anything else, the goal had been accomplished

**QUESTION MOVED:** Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

**MOVE SECONDED:** George Keech, 12 Perkins Road

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to MOVE the Question on Article 17 as printed. If we adopt this motion the people waiting will not have a chance to speak and we will move directly to a **VOTE** on this Article.

As many are in favor of closing **DEBATE** on Article 17 and moving to a **VOTE** on the Question at this time, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. You can look around. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

They **Ayes** have it.

**DEBATE** is **CLOSED** on Article 17.

*A request for secret ballot was submitted with 9 signatures to the Moderator.*

**Moderator:** Now we move to our **VOTE** on Article 17. This is also going to be a secret ballot. We are going to use Ballot E if there are no objections. Seeing none:

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to reduce the percentage of Land Use Change Tax Revenue transferred to the Deerfield Conservation Commission from 100% to 25% and cap the amount retained in the Deerfield Conservation Commission Fund at \$500,000.

As many as are in favor of the adoption of this Article as printed please signify by marking, YES on Ballot E. Those opposed, please signify by marking, NO on Ballot E. For clarification, Yes means that you favor adoption of the Article as printed reducing the amount of tax revenue going to the Conservation Commission. No means you want to leave it as it is.

If anyone has not deposited his or her ballot in the ballot in the ballot box and wishes to **VOTE** on this Article, please signal me. Seeing none. The balloting is closed.

The results for Article 17 were read after the results of Article 8. The Results were:

YES **142**

NO **139**

The Article was **ADOPTED**.

*There was a vote to restrict reconsideration after the results were read.*

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## ARTICLE 5

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000) for the purpose of purchasing a municipal software package.

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, John Reagan:** So **MOVED** as printed.

**Selectman, Frances Menard:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** Article 5 has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** as printed. The Article is now open for Discussion.

### **The Chair Recognized Selectman, John Reagan**

Selectman Reagan claimed that the more accurate price for the software was \$25,278. The software would enable the operation of the Town Clerks's Office to increase accuracy in matters pertaining to everybody's property and how the reconciliation is done for the collection of property taxes. Mr. Reagan stated that there was a lack of timeliness in the ability of the Town Clerk's Office to report their activities now because of the two existing software packages. So this software would replace two existing software packages and would increase the timeliness of the reporting function of the Town Clerk. It would also reduce the reconciliation time of the office. Mr. Reagan claimed that it was news to him that the Town Clerk's Office was open from 8:00am to 2:30pm, but the staff was there until 4:00pm to reconcile things that the software should have done for them, but this package would do that. So, the residents may see increased counter time at the Town Offices. Mr. Reagan saw this as a necessary management tool for the operation of Town Administration.

### **The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady asked if the new software would be updateable as laws and rules change so that the Town will not be buying software that cannot be used in the future. By her account this was the third time in the last five years that software was purchased.

### **The Chair Recognized R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson deferred to Cynthia Heon, the Town Administrator to answer that question.

### **The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon**

Mrs. Heon said to directly answer Mrs. Cady's question the answer was yes. She claimed the Town Offices would not have brought forward a package that did not provide the Town with updates and bridges and whatever else was needed to be compatible with what was currently in house or in the future.

### **The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres**

Ms. Ruiz asked for the name of the software package that was going to be purchased.

### **The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon**

Mrs. Heon answered that the name of the package was MuniSmart and that it was a group that was an all inclusive, comprehensive government package that the Town was not going to purchase all at once. She did have a list of which items the Town was going to purchase, but the software would be expandable if there were future changes.

**The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres**

Ms. Ruiz asked what the package that was being sought for purchase included.

**The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon**

Mrs. Heon listed that the package had a systems manager, accounts payable, general ledger, budget development, purchase orders, cash receipting, payroll, property taxation which wasn't included in the beginning. Mrs. Heon stated that she would later refer to the Tax Collector for more comments on the tax portion as well as the recommendations that she received. Mrs. Heon claimed that MuniSmart was also providing the Town with a printer which will print checks on stock paper for accounts payable and payroll. There was a ten user database and annual software was included. The total cost of the package came to \$25,278.

**The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres**

Ms. Ruiz asked how long Mrs. Heon saw the program lasting for the Town and what were the future costs for updating were.

**The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon**

Mrs. Heon stated that at that point in time, the only future cost would be the maintenance support every year which would be \$5,373.00. In looking at the current support costs and taking out the support costs that would be paid to vendors who would be dismissed, MuniSmart would save the Town Offices \$2,700 in the maintenance.

**The Chair Recognized Alan O'Neal, 1 Millstone Lane**

Mr. O'Neal asked if the cost of the software cost included the cost of installation, conversion and the first year of maintenance.

**The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon**

Mrs. Heon replied that those costs were included in the price.

**Moderator:** Are there further questions? Are you ready for the question? The question is on the Adoption of Article 5 as printed:

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000) for the purpose of purchasing a municipal software package.

As many as are in favor of this Article as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Look around. Cards Down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised.

The **AYES** have it.  
Article number 5 is **ADOPTED** as printed.

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**ARTICLE 6**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for engineering, studies and development of plans for space needs for the Town of Deerfield.

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, James Alexander:** I MOVE the Article as printed and read.

**Selectman, Frances Menard:** I SECOND.

**Moderator:** It has been MOVED (and SECONDED) to Adopt Article 6 as printed. The Article is now open for Discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

Selectman Alexander stated originally the Selectmen were tempted to drop this Article. However, with the outcome of the vote for the future of the George B. White Building, the Selectmen have elected to leave the \$10,000 in there to fit in the desires of the Town because it is conceivable that architects or engineers may need to be brought in to determine some of the feasible options for that building.

**The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road**

Mrs. Wilson asked if Article 6 should be put off until a volunteer study is done of the George B. White School.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

Selectman Alexander expressed that the Board of Selectmen would do as much as they could with volunteer help. However if the Selectmen were unable to get the kind of volunteer help, that could produce a report to bring back to the body with a series of possible uses with accurate costs. The Selectmen may need to turn to professional help where money would obviously be required.

**The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road**

Mrs. Wilson commented that the study probably wouldn't start until the fall, so she asked why this Article couldn't just wait until next year.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Selectman Stone claimed he was puzzled because as he understood it, the body wanted the Selectmen to get back to them for the next Town Meeting. He wanted clarification on whether the body wanted professional advice to be sought out by the Selectmen after the current meeting or if the body wanted them to wait until the next annual meeting.

**The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road**

Mrs. Wilson responded, "Yes."

**The Chair Recognized Robert Strobel, II, 27 Lang Road**

Mr. Strobel asked for clarification of what departments this study would cover.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

Selectman Alexander explained that the money was set in the Article with the thought to study the space needs of the Town of Deerfield. That would mean all of the Departments within the Town.

**The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

Mr. Gross felt the amount of money in the proposed Article was pennies in comparison to what renovations should cost. In his mind it dove-tailed perfectly with what Article 14 where he believed that someone even mentioned adding money in for this reason.

**Moderator:** Is there any further discussion. Are you ready for the Question. The question is on the adoption of Article 6 as printed:

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for engineering, studies and development of plans for space needs for the Town of Deerfield.

As many as are in favor of this Article as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Cards Down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

The **AYES** have it.  
Article number 6 is **ADOPTED** as printed.

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### ARTICLE 7

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To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 3 year lease agreement for Six Thousand Seven Hundred Five Dollars (\$6,705) for the purpose of leasing a copier, for the Town Offices, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$2,235) for the first year's payment. The lease agreement contains an escape clause.

*The Moderator noticed that the numeric figure for the first year's payment did not match the written figure.*

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson:** I **MOVE** Article 7 as written.

**Selectman, Frances Menard:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Adopt Article 7 as written.  
Selectman Robertson, I would like to hear a motion to adjust the "35" to a "23".

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7

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**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson made a **MOTION** to adjust the "35" to a "23."

**MOTION SECONDED:** Selectman, Frances Mendard.

**Moderator:** If there is no objection, we will make that adjustment by unanimous consent. The Amendment is Adopted by unanimous consent. Now it reads \$2,223 in both places and it is open for discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson deferred to Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon.

**The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon**

Mrs. Heon said in regards to the copier purchases for the Town Offices, without making light of it she would like to defer to Walter Hooker who waited for many budget reports and the cost of going to pay to get them copied. Mrs. Heon claimed that the Town has not had good luck in purchasing copiers, but with the lease program if there were to ever be a problem like the one currently, a phone call could be made and the copier would be

replaced. The proposed annual lease payment was \$2,223 and the whole amount was within the warrant Article. The copier would produce 35 copies per minute and about 180,000 copies annually. The service agreement and the activation fee were put in the data processing budget as requested by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.

Mrs. Heon stated technology is continually changing. With a lease, if a copier turns out to be a lemon, it can be replaced. The Town researched several companies and Conway had given great service in the past unlike with the present provider. Conway Office Products quoted the Town Offices a lower price by allowing them to piggyback with the Police Department and a deferred payment for 90 days after Town Meeting if the Article were to pass.

**The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road**

Mr. Broad asked if piggybacking meant that the Town got a better price because two copiers were going to be leased; one with the Town Offices and one with the Police Department.

**The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon**

Mrs. Heon replied that that was correct.

**The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road**

Mr. Broad asked what the language of the escape clause read.

**The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon**

Mrs. Heon stated that the clause was a non-appropriation of funds clause. The bottom line was that if the Article was not passed that no vendor would be chosen.

**The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road**

Mr. Broad was under the impression from reading the Article that there was an escape clause in the lease. It was now his understanding that the escape clause was only if Town Meeting did not **VOTE** in favor of the Article.

**The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon**

Mrs. Heon explained that the Town Offices researched four vendors and presented them to the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee before selecting Conway. No lease was to be signed until after Town Meeting.

**The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road**

Mr. Broad explained that as he understood it, leases typically go two years, three years or four years and that the escape clause led him to believe that the Town could get out of the lease two years down the road if it wanted to. He wanted to know if that was the case or if the Town was locked into the lease once it was ratified.

**The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon**

Mrs. Heon deferred to Jeanette Foisy, Office Assistant/Bookkeeper.

**The Chair Recognized Jeannette Foisy, Office Assistant/Bookkeeper**

Mrs. Foisy explained that at the moment there was no contract with Conway. The Town Offices have spoken with the vendor and if the Town approved the contract with him, the Town was bound for one year. If next year, the Town comes before the meeting and it is

decided that the Town no longer wants the Conway copier, Conway will come in and take the copier and the Town Offices will be without a copier.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady understood that the Town Office's copier was piggybacked on the Police Department's copier, but she wanted to know why the copier for the Town Offices was about \$3,000 more expensive than the Police Department's copier.

**The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon**

Mrs. Heon wished to defer to the Police Chief for that answer.

**The Chair Recognized Police Chief, Robert Wunderlich**

Chief Wunderlich explained that the model for the Police Department was very basic without the bells and whistles. The Town's needs were more than the Police Department's so the Town's had more bells and whistles.

**The Chair Recognized Margo Dearbhail, 103 Mount Delight Road**

Mr. Dearbhail mentioned that last week that a 9 million dollar budget was passed with less discussion and she felt that it was an insult to the people who work at the Town Offices to be querying such items. She stated that she trusted their judgment on buying a copier because they could not do business without one. She urged the Select Board to put these types of items in the budget because they would know what model would work for them for the least amount of money. She thought that the Town Offices had proven today that they do try to save the Town money through their efforts and she appreciated it.

**QUESTION MOVED:** Mary Doane, 81 Mount Delight Road

**MOTION SECONDED:** Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

**The Chair Recognized Lawrence Lassins, 11 Meetinghouse Hill Road**

Mr. Lassins asked for a Point of Order because the number that was changed to "23" should have been "35" because if the total amount of \$6,705 divisible by three would be \$2,235.

**Moderator:** They have already made a **MOTION** to Amend the Article. The previous question has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** and seeing that there are no speakers, are we ready to **VOTE** on the question. The question on the adoption of Article 7 as Amended to \$2,223:

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 3 year lease agreement for Six Thousand Seven Hundred Five Dollars (\$6,705) for the purpose of leasing a copier, for the Town Offices, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (**\$2,223**) for the first year's payment. The lease agreement contains an escape clause.

As many as are in favor of this Article as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Look around. Cards Down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised.

The **AYES** have it.  
The Article is **ADOPTED** as printed.

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**ARTICLE 8**

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To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 3 year lease agreement for Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$3,822) for the purpose of leasing a copier, for the Police Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$1,274) for the first year's payment. The lease agreement contains an escape clause.

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson:** I **MOVE** Warrant Article 8 as written.

**Selectman, Frances Menard:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Adopt Article 8 as printed. The Article is now open for discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Roberston**

Selectman Roberston just wanted to repeat what was set for the previous warrant Article. A copier is a critical piece of equipment for the Police Department and they have done their homework. The piggyback deal as mentioned on the previous Article would give the Police Department a little better deal on the copier. He deferred questions specific to the use to the Police Chief.

**The Chair Recognized Walter Hooker, 1 Blue Heron Lane**

Mr. Hooker asked why the two copiers were warrant Articles and not included in the operating budget. He asked if it was specifically because they were contracts.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Roberston**

Selectman Robertson explained that it was because it was a lease and a lease contract for multiple years.

**Moderator:** Is there any further discussion. Are you ready for the question? The question is on the adoption of Article 8 as printed: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 3 year lease agreement for Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$3,822) for the purpose of leasing a copier, for the Police Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$1,274) for the first year's payment. The lease agreement contains an escape clause.

As many as are in favor of the adoption of this Article as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Look around. Cards Down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised.

The **AYES** have it.  
Article number 8 is **ADOPTED** as printed.

I have the results of the **VOTE** on Article 17: Yes, 142, No, 139. Article 17 is **ADOPTED**.

**The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road**

Mr. Davitt requested that Article 17 be reconsidered.

**Moderator:** Did you **VOTE** in favor of the Article? If you did not you cannot motion that it be reconsidered. Only people that voted on the prevailing side can **MOVE** for reconsideration. Reconsideration is only in order if new information has come to our attention that would suggest that the outcome would be different. It is not to have a second chance.

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**MOTION TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION**

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**MOTION TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION ON ARTICLE 17:** Walter Hooker, 1 Blue Heron Lane.

**MOTION SECONDED:** Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

**Moderator:** Is there any discussion to restrict consideration on Article 17.

**The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III**

Mr. Berglund felt that there was confusion on that vote. Several people came to him after the box was traveling around on whether it was a yes or a no. He did ask to have it clarified, but things were already going. He did not vote on the prevailing side. So, he is asking to defeat this motion and if someone who voted on the prevailing side could come forward it could be done.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady asked which side prevailed, Yes or No. To clarify she asked those who wanted to take up reconsideration today, to vote no on this motion.

**Moderator:**

The Moderator indicated that Mrs. Cady's statement was true.

**The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road**

Mr. Davitt urged the body to vote no on the restrictive reconsideration because people were confused on whether a no meant yes or a yes meant no. Also, he believed that many people did not understand where the funds came from.

**The Chair Recognized Donald Gorman, 158 Mountain Road**

Mr. Gorman urged the body to vote against the restriction because two of the ballots cast on Article 17 were not counted because people voted yes and no on the ballot. By his recollection, at that point the count was 140 versus 140. Mr. Gorman asked to recount the vote so that it wasn't such a razor thin margin.

**The Chair Recognized Alan O'Neal, 1 Millstone Lane**

Mr. O'Neal asked if the vote to restrict reconsideration would be by secret ballot since the original Article was taken as a secret ballot.

**Moderator:** No, the vote would not be by secret ballot unless someone asked for it.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady stated that she would urge people to vote yes to Restrict Consideration.

**Moderator:** Are we ready for the Question. The question is whether to **VOTE** on the MOTION to restrict reconsideration on Article 17 delaying taking up reconsideration. All those in favor of restricting consideration of Article 17, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. I think that is a vote in the affirmative, but this vote should be counted.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady proposed that a secret ballot vote be taken for the MOTION to restrict reconsideration.

**Moderator:** Do we have seven people who will stand up and request a secret ballot? We have a secret ballot.

*There was considerable confusion on what people were voting for during the Question on whether or not to Adopt a MOTION to Restriction of Reconsideration on Article 17.*

**Moderator:** Now, we have a **VOTE** on Article 17. Reconsideration would cause us to say that “we never voted on that and we’re going to take it up again,” that is what Reconsideration does. We are voting now to say, “if we vote to reconsider, if we vote to throw out that vote we will take up that business.” If we **VOTE** yes now, and then later we **VOTE** to reconsider the **VOTE**, we will meet again to take up Reconsideration. We are not allowed to do it today by law. So if you **VOTE** yes, you are saying, if this is reconsidered, don’t do it today. If you **VOTE** no, you are saying if this reconsidered we want to do it in this meeting. That is all that we’re voting on now. We are not voting whether or not to reconsider, only when we would take up the **VOTE** if we decided to reconsider. Ballot F, does everyone have a Ballot F?

If you have trouble with your ballot and you make it so that our counters can understand your intent, they will count it. Our job in counting ballots is to try and understand your intent. If we’re confident that we understand what you mean, we don’t say, “oh it’s not inside the box.” That does not happen ever when counting ballots by hand. You want to use the ballot if you can understand the voters intent. You make the ballot clear and we will count it. So if you mark something and realize that you didn’t mean to do that, you can write on the ballot that you made a mistake. Write it out and for example, “I want to vote NO.” I hope you can just check it, but if you can’t make it clear. It must be on Ballot F.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Selectman Stone asked how he would need to vote on Ballot F if he just wanted to leave the vote alone.

**Moderator:** We are not deciding that right now. All we are voting is if we do reconsider, will we do it today or would we do it in a week. If you **VOTE** NO, and if we later **VOTE** to reconsider, we would take up this Article right now. You can only decide now that if we do take this up, would we prefer to do it today or in the future.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Selectman Stone thought that the intent of the restriction was that once a vote was taken, people who left would not get home and find out that the body had reconsidered the vote and voted again. Selectman Stone was asking why the body could not address why they may

or may not want to leave the vote the way it was at the present time without worrying about next week.

**Moderator:** If you think that the people on your side of the vote are more likely to leave than the other people, then you would want to Restrict Reconsideration. If you thought the opposite you would not want to Restrict Reconsideration. This is the law and I'm doing my best to read you the law, but I don't think that is going to make it any clearer. We've adopted this for many other Articles, maybe we slow down take a couple of minutes here to discuss what reconsideration means.

When you **VOTE** to reconsider, we're not talking about restrict because you have to understand what reconsideration means to under what Restricting Reconsideration means. Reconsideration is the ability of the body when new information is uncovered to say, "this **VOTE** we took earlier, just forget that we ever took it. Set it aside and we want the Article to be opened again for discussion and for voting. The old **VOTE** is gone." That is what you do when you **VOTE** to reconsider. Now let that settle in.

The purpose of this **VOTE** is to say if this body should decide to reconsider for the **VOTE** we made on Article 17, if it should, when would we take up the Article. When could we concern ourselves with the Article in this meeting. When could it come to the floor. If you **VOTE** yes, it would not come to the floor again for seven days. We would have to meet again next Saturday or later. If you **VOTE** no, we'd be able to take it up right now.

**The Chair Recognized Mary County, 34 Meetinghouse Hill Road**

Mrs. County offered a point of information that she thought the original vote that we just took was to vote for reconstructing reconsideration.

**Moderator:** That is what we are trying to do, but I could not judge it by the hands. A secret ballot was asked for. We are voting for restricting reconsideration. There was no announced outcome for that **VOTE** because it was too close for me to feel comfortable calling it. Yes means seven days later if we do it. No means today if we do it. Are we ready.

**The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres**

Ms. Ruiz asked if a motion needed to be made for reconsideration immediately after this vote if the body does not vote to restrict reconsideration.

**Moderator:** Whether or not this Article passes, people can **MOVE** for reconsideration.

**The Chair Recognized George Keech, 12 Perkins Road**

Mr. Keech stated that he was a little confused himself. The motion was to restrict reconsideration at this meeting, but he wanted to know if a **YES** vote would restrict consideration at the current meeting.

**Moderator:** YES. It would defer it to a future meeting. Are we ready for the **VOTE**? The **VOTE** is on whether to restrict reconsideration on Article 17. If you wish to restrict reconsideration, to not take up the Article again today, should we reconsider it, **VOTE YES**. If you would like to take up the Article today if we reconsider it, **VOTE NO**. Please pass the ballot boxes around.

Is every ballot in the ballot box. Okay it looks like they all are.

The results of the **VOTE** to restrict reconsideration of  
Article 17 were read after the **VOTE** on Article 11.

YES 74

NO 190

The Vote to Restrict Reconsideration was **DEFEATED**.

The balloting is closed and we can move onto Article 9.

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### ARTICLE 9

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars (\$18,769) for the purpose of Town employee raises for salaries and wages. (This represents a 2.7% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase for all part time and full time Town employees.)

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson:** I **MOVE** Warrant the Article as written.

**Selectman, Frances Menard:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Adopt Article 9 as printed. The Article is now open for discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson stated that the Selectmen put the cost of living adjustment increase or decrease should there be one in as a warrant Article for approval by the Town. The Selectmen wrestled with what number to use this year or even if there should be a COLA at all according to Selectman Robertson. After reviewing an number of indexes, it was decided to use the 2.7%. The Selectmen highly value their employees and Municipal Salaries are not necessarily on the top of the payroll scale. This was how the Selectmen thought they could show that they appreciated them.

**The Chair Recognized Debora Wyman, 114 Nottingham Road**

Ms. Wyman stated that everyone deserves a raise every year. She claimed that as a State employee she had not had a raise in two years and with the impending budget cuts it still does not look good. She could not afford to give the raise that the teachers received at the School District Meeting plus the Town Employees. She thought that people really need to start looking.

**Moderator:** Is there any further discussion on Article 9? Seeing none are you ready for the Question. The question is on the adoption of Article 9 as printed: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars (\$18,769) for the purpose of Town employee raises for salaries and wages. (This represents a 2.7% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase for all part time and full time Town employees.)

As many are in favor of the Adoption of the Article as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

The **AYES** have it.  
The Article is **ADOPTED** as printed

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#### ARTICLE 10

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purchase of one trash containment unit, previously rented, to be housed at the Transfer Station. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the MBC.

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson:** I **MOVE** Article 10 as written.

**Selectman, Frances Menard:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Adopt Article 10 as printed. The Article is now Open for Discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson deferred to the Transfer Station Manager, Eugene Edwards for more detail in regard to the Article.

**The Chair Recognized Eugene Edwards, Transfer Station Manager**

Mr. Edwards explained that the Article was just a continuation of replacing rented units with units that the Town owns. It has been discussed in prior years that for the amount of money spent to rent dumpsters, they could have been owned by the Town.

**The Chair Recognized David O'Neal, 10 Meetinghouse Hill Road**

Mr. O'Neal asked if Mr. Edwards could share how much money was paid on rentals.

**The Chair Recognized Eugene Edwards, Transfer Station Manager**

Mr. Edwards stated that the Town pays roughly \$40 per month for a rental and the Station has been open close to ten years.

**The Chair Recognized Donald Gorman, 158 Mountain Road**

It had come to Mr. Gorman's attention that there is a Town Ordinance not to allow anyone to do any politicking or passing out of fliers at the Town Transfer Station.

**POINT OF ORDER**

**Moderator:** Mr. Gorman, your point is taken, but we need to talk about a trash

containment unit here and whether we favor it or not. You could bring that up under the final Article of the warrant for other items. But that topic is not about trash containment. Is there anyone else that would like to speak about the trash containment unit?

**Moderator:** The Question is on Article 10 as printed:

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purchase of one trash containment unit, previously rented, to be housed at the Transfer Station.

All those in favor of Adoption of the Article as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised.

The **AYES** have it.

The Article is **ADOPTED** as printed.

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### ARTICLE 11

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,950) for the purpose of funding Targeted Traffic Enforcement Patrols to be conducted by the Deerfield Police Department and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,950) in offsetting funds.

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson:** I **MOVE** Warrant Article 11 as written.

**Selectman, Frances Menard:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Adopt Article 11 as printed. The Article is now open for discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson deferred to Sergeant Stephen Turner to discuss the specifics of the grants.

**The Chair Recognized Sergeant Stephen Turner**

Sergeant Turner joked that there was no motorcycle on the warrant this year. According to Sergeant Turner, the patrols in the warrant Article were the same ones that had been requested over the past 10 years. The targeted controls were a continuation of a program that Chief Wunderlich started last spring where during each week the Police Department picks a road in Town and works the neighborhood for one hour each shift. That equates to three hours a week on one particular road. Mr. Turner claimed that the Police Department have had more popular response to this program than any other in the fifteen years he had been there. The people are glad to see the patrol cars. They are a deterrent to speeders and criminals because they know the police are in the neighborhood. The patrols are funded by a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Counsel from the Federal Government. Grants for the Town of Deerfield have already been approved. Sergeant Turner claimed that Concord was just waiting for the body to take action. This was a wash item because everything that was spent on this was fully reimbursable by the Highway Safety Agency.

**The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road**

Mrs. Wilson asked if the Town voted on the Articles if the Town would be fully reimbursed or only by 50%.

**The Chair Recognized Sergeant Stephen Turner**

Mr. Turner answered that the expenditures will be reimbursed 100%.

**Moderator:** Is there any further discussion on Article 11? Seeing none are you ready for the Question? The Question is on the adoption of Article 11 as printed:

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,950) for the purpose of funding Targeted Traffic Enforcement Patrols to be conducted by the Deerfield Police Department and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,950) in offsetting funds.

As many of those who are in favor of **ADOPTION** of the Article as printed, please raise your voting cards and keep them raised. Thank you. Cards down. Those opposed, please raise your voting cards and keep them raised.

The **AYES** have it.  
Article 11 is **ADOPTED** as printed.

I have the results of the **VOTE** to restrict reconsideration of Article 17. YES 74, NO 190. That just means that if we do take it up it will be today unless we decide to adjourn the meeting and take it up at another time.

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**MOTION TO RECONSIDER**

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**The Chair Recognized Richard Boisvert, 68 Old Center Road**

Mr. Boisvert claimed that he voted with the prevailing side because he was not thinking carefully. There were others that could verify that he did make that mistake before the votes were counted. So, on that basis, Mr. Boisvert wanted to make a **MOTION** to Reconsider the vote on Article 17.

**MOTION SECONDED:** Bob Davitt, 40 Old Center Road

**Moderator:** It is **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to reconsider our **VOTE** on Article 17. Where an Article is debatable, reconsideration is also debatable on the merits of the Article. So, a reconsideration of Article 17 is open for discussion. So we are debating formally whether or not to cast aside our **VOTE** and take a new **VOTE** on Article 17, but the merits of Article 17 are also germane according to Robert's Rules to this discussion. Is there further discussion on the reconsideration of Article 17?

**The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road**

Mr. Davitt thought there was some confusion on where the money from Article 17 came from. He claimed that he was Chairman of the Conservation Commission in Pelham for five years. He gave as an example, if someone owned 50 acres of land, it could be put in current use. That would mean that individual would be taxed at a lower rate because it would be taxed as farmland or woodland not as if it had the potential to be a housing

development. That would mean that landowners could not be forced to sell the land because they could not pay the property tax on it. However, according to Mr. Davitt, in order to develop this land it then would have to be taken out of current use. At that time, a penalty fee would be paid to the Town and that is where the money in Article 17 comes from.

He urged the body to think about it. The Town would only get money from these penalties for so long. Once the large tracks of land are gone, the money will dry up that comes into this fund. The Legislature passed a law that would allow the Townspeople to vote to take the penalty money and put it in a Conservation fund which then that money could be used to protect open land from development which was done with Article 21 today.

Currently, 100% of the money from the penalty goes to the Conservation fund which was supposed to be used to preserve open land. Mr. Davitt claimed that if the body voted yes on Article 17 to cut it down to 25%, the body would be voting to cut the money that would go toward the preservation of open land. He stated that the body would be basically raising their taxes permanently. If it was to shrink the fund today, Mr. Davitt claimed that it may cut a dollar off the tax rate, but it would be the cost of \$3 or more on the tax rate in Deerfield's future. Land that could have been prevented from being developed will be developed. He claimed that kids were going to come into the schools.

Mr. Davitt thought the Selectmen were being short sighted in saying that Article 17 would save the taxpayers money. He thought the body had seen today that the Selectmen were not looking into the future enough. That looking into the future would save the Town the most money. Cutting the Conservation Commission back to 25% would be a band-aid solution.

#### **The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady had a concern that the body was taking up an Article when about a third of the people who originally voted were gone. Those are the people who complain that the process is not fair. In her opinion, that is why Deerfield will be an SB2 Town in the future. The people that asked for reconsideration today may win, she felt that an Article on the ballot would allow people to vote no. In Mrs. Cady's opinion, good consideration would say that they would accept the 25% that was voted for them and walk away glad because she guaranteed that next year the petitioned warrant Article would be that the Commission get nothing. The amount of taxes will be reduce with the amount of money that is paid back in current use.

According to Mrs. Cady, the penalty for current use was meant to reward those who made up the taxes for those who had current use land. It was not meant to go buy up more land. One thing that stressed Mrs. Cady was that her grandchildren could not live in Deerfield. She knew they couldn't afford a house lot. That has been done by putting government in competition with private sale of property. When government will pay more for it than the private person can afford to pay, the government will always win. I urge you to vote NO on the MOTION for reconsideration.

#### **The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

Mr. Gross wanted to urge people to vote YES regarding reconsideration on Article 17 because the body took about 10 minutes discussing the issue. He believed about 7 minutes was used talking about an issue that was not germane to the Article. Mr. Gross believed that there needed to be more **DEBATE**.

#### **The Chair Recognized Douglas Leavitt, 159 Middle Road**

Mr. Leavitt thought it was a good idea to revote on Article 17 because a huge majority voted

for Article 21, but then Article 17 failed. He claimed that if people voted YES on Article 21 they would have to be crazy to vote YES to Article 17. Many people did that and Mr. Leavit believed that it was totally contradictory. He wanted to look at it again and make sure people knew what it meant. He thought Open Space funded by current use made sense. The more current use penalties get paid the more development is going to happen. In his mind it was a perfect balance. So, he thought that the body should VOTE YES on this MOTION for reconsideration and when it is reconsidered, the body should VOTE NO so the Conservation Commission could be funded adequately to protect open space.

**The Chair Recognized Alan O'Neal, 1 Millstone Lane**

Mr. O'Neal claimed that he voted in favor of this reduction and his main concern was that there is a very small group that controls this money that does not come back to the community to decide where to expend it. He thought that was what need work.

**The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road**

Mrs. Wilson claimed that the people who did not own 10 acres or more were subsidizing the people who get the tax break. She thought that the money should come back to the taxpayers.

**The Chair Recognized Carmella Davitt, 40 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Davitt claimed that her husband was the conservationist but she was not. She heard Harriet Cady say that her grandchildren could not afford to live in Deerfield, but Mrs. Davitt claimed that she could not afford the taxes today. She has lived for four years alone on her salary and she didn't go to the Town to ask for assistance, she picked up other jobs. She felt she was approaching the Article as a physically responsible person who wants to live in Deerfield and stay in Deerfield with her taxes lowered permanently. That was why she supported the Conservation Commission.

**The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road**

Mr. Broad wanted clarification. If someone had land in current use and fifteen years later decided to develop that land, they would pay a penalty to the Town and that money used to go into the tax base as revenue to the Town. He asked if what the Conservation Commission wanted the entire amount to go to their Commission and be kept that way.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained that what was currently happening was that that 100% of the change use tax money goes to the Conservation fund. This warrant Article was seeking to put a cap on the what that fund could grow and limit the percentage of the land use change money that goes to the Conservation fund. For lack of a better term, Selectman Robertson explained, that money is deferred taxes. When land is put into current use the owner gets a discounted tax rate for keeping it as open space. The current use penalty attempts to collect some of those defrayed costs back.

Selectman Robertson stated that it was up to the body as to whether they wanted to use it for Conservation or apply it to the bottom line.

**The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road**

Mr. Broad thought it should be applied to bottom line for town spending.

**The Chair Recognized Sara Callaghan, 76 Nottingham Road**

Ms. Callaghan had a couple of points to make. She referenced the Conservation Commission handbook as a point of reference for the purpose of the current use assessment. According to the handbook, the reason “the purpose of current use is to encourage the preservation of open space land by assessing a qualifying parcel by its value for its current use rather than its highest and best use value.”

Ms. Callaghan wanted to address another concern that homeowners who own a home are subsidizing people who had open space. She believed that it had been mentioned that it costs the Town less money to maintain open space than the money the Town makes off of that land. Open space pays more than enough money as open land.

According to Ms. Callaghan, the current use money has only two options. It could either go into the Conservation fund or be set aside. According to the RSAs, any surplus remaining in the land use change tax shall not be applied to the general fund until such time as the legislative body shall have the opportunity to vote to appropriate a specific amount for that land use change tax.

Ms. Callaghan found there to be a direct correlation between current use taxation and conservation of open land. When money is taken out of current use it is removed from open space. So there would be direct relation between that removal or inability for that land to be open space and for the money to go to the Conservation Commission and for the Commission to protect open space somewhere else. There was a reason why that funding was there and that was why that money was appropriated to the Conservation Fund four years ago.

### **The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member**

Mr. Berglund wanted to make a correction to a previous statement that the money from current use penalty went to a small group which controls the funds. It was correct that the Conservation Commission has oversight and controls the spending because that is how it was set up by the legislature under the RSAs. However, as Mr. Berglund pointed out, the Conservation Commission cannot go and purchase land, conservation easements or development rights without approval of the Board of Selectmen. There is a system of balance of control.

Mr. Berglund wanted to clarify that current use taxation is when land is taken out of open space and converted to development. Mr. Berglund went on to read from Title V Chapter 79A:1 Declaration of Public Interest. “It is hereby declared to be in the public interest to encourage the preservation of open space, thus providing a healthful and attractive outdoor environment for work and recreation of the state's citizens, maintaining the character of the state's landscape, and conserving the land, water, forest, agricultural and wildlife resources. It is further declared to be in the public interest to prevent the loss of open space due to property taxation at values incompatible with open space usage. Open space land imposes few if any costs on local government and is therefore an economic benefit to its citizens. The means for encouraging preservation of open space authorized by this chapter is the assessment of land value for property taxation on the basis of current use. It is the intent of this chapter to encourage but not to require management practices on open space lands under current use assessment.”

Therefore, Mr. Berglund felt it followed that if land is taken out of current use which is how the funds come to the Town, it would make sense to put that money into a fund that would return that open space to the town where the net loss is zero.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander**

Selectman Alexander pointed out that all the **DEBATE** coming from the floor was on merits of the Article. The **MOTION** on the floor was reconsideration. He did not think it was proper to discuss the merits or lack of merits of the Article until it was determined if it would be reconsidered or not.

**Moderator:** Under Robert's Rules it is appropriate to discuss the merits of the Article during reconsideration.

**The Chair Recognized Maryann Clark, 3 Old center Road**

Ms. Clark wanted to point out that if the Town didn't protect this land now, it won't be grandchildren of residents that are going to buy it. It will be people from Massachusetts that would be willing to pay the price for it.

**The Chair Recognized Katherine Hartnett, Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee Member**

Ms. Hartnett wanted to make the point that the Conservation Commission is comprised entirely of taxpayers in Deerfield. They are fully aware that they are asking people for money. They are not trying to expend money in any way except in the most efficient expenditure of Town funds. That was the reason they had put together the handout for residents to review. She thought what was important to realize that State Government spends \$23.00 per person a year in New Jersey on Open Space protection because they didn't do it in time; Vermont \$8.00, Maine \$7.66, New Hampshire \$1.21 per person. Ms. Hartnett believed that meant that the State of New Hampshire has decided that individual towns have to make that decision. Ms. Eaves explained that this was why they were before they body. If there is money in the Conservation fund that puts the Commission in a better position to try to leverage the position and try to get more State dollars back. She claimed the Commission completely understood the concern about taxes and that they were trying to get the most value for the dollars.

**QUESTION MOVED:** Alan O'Neal, 1 Millstone Lane

**MOTION SECONDED:** Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

**Moderator:** The previous Question has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED**. This motion would move immediately to a **VOTE** on whether to reconsider our **VOTE** on Article 17. As many who are in favor of closing **DEBATE** now and moving directly to a **VOTE** on reconsideration, please indicate now by raising your voting cards and keeping them up. Cards down. Those opposed to closing **DEBATE** please indicate by raising your voting cards and keeping them up.

The **Ayes** have it. It looks unanimous.  
We have closed **DEBATE** on the reconsideration.

**Moderator:** Now were are voting on reconsideration. If you **VOTE** yes, our previous **VOTE** adopting Article 17 will be set aside as though we never made it and the Article will be open again for discussion. I will move directly to the Article. I will open the Article take a motion. We will start like we never did anything with it. If we **VOTE** no, the previous **VOTE** would be adopting Article 17 will be sealed. You cannot make a second motion to

reconsider under Robert's Rules. Is that clear? Yes means forget that old **VOTE** we're starting over. No means we voted yes. We mean yes. Keep the Article like it is. Restrict the amount of money that goes to the conservation commission and limit it. Is that clear now how we **VOTE**?

All those in favor of the reconsideration of Article 17 please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Cards down. Those opposed to reconsideration of Article 17. We have to count them because I can't call that.

*A request for a secret ballot was heard from the floor and seven members of the meeting stood in favor of it.*

We are going to use Ballot G. Let's show that the ballot boxes are empty. If you favor casting aside our earlier **VOTE** on Article 17 and opening it in **DEBATE** for all of us in a new **VOTE**, then **VOTE YES**. If you choose to seal our previous **VOTE**, **VOTE NO**. Does everyone have a Ballot G to use? Then mark your ballots and we will collect them.

The results for the Motion to Reconsider Article 17 were read during an Amendment on Article 13. They were as follows:

YES 128

NO 129

The **MOTION** was **DEFEATED**.

We can **MOVE** onto Article 12 while the reconsideration **VOTE** is counted.

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### ARTICLE 12

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,950) for the purpose of funding DWI/Impaired Driver Patrols to be conducted by the Deerfield Police Department and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,950) in offsetting funds.

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson:** I **MOVE** Warrant Article 12 as written.

**Selectman, Frances Menard:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** The Article has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED**. The Article is now Open for Discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson stated that this Article was similar to Article 11. It is 100% offset by federal grant money. If there were specific questions he would refer to Sergeant Turner.

**The Chair Recognized Ronald Charland, 51 Old Center Road**

Mr. Charland asked if this Article was a one year commitment or if it was an annual commitment.

**The Chair Recognized Sergeant Stephen Turner**

Sergeant Turner responded that the Article was a one year commitment. Basically it was a 60 hour patrol per year where they gave 60 hours worth of funding

**The Chair Recognized Ronald Charland, 51 Old Center Road**

Mr. Charland asked if the money would be refunded in future years and whether the money would be taken from the taxes if the funds were not available from the State.

**The Chair Recognized Sergeant Stephen Turner**

Sergeant Turner explained that as long as the State funds were available he would apply for the grant. However, if there were not available he would not ask the Town for the funds.

**Moderator:** Is there any further discussion? Are you ready for the **VOTE**? The **VOTE** is on the adoption of Article 12 as printed:

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,950) for the purpose of funding DWI/Impaired Driver Patrols to be conducted by the Deerfield Police Department and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,950) in offsetting funds.

As many as are in favor of adopting this Article as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards. Look around Hands down please. Those opposed, signify by raising your voting cards.

The **AYES** have it.

Article number 12 is **ADOPTED** as printed.

We are now ready to take up Article 13 and we would like to invite the Members of the Municipal Budget Committee to come to the stage because we will be working with their budget.

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**ARTICLE 13**

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Municipal Budget Committee sum of Two Million Nine Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars (\$2,966,569) for general municipal operations; The Selectmen recommend Two Million Nine Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars (\$2,966,569). This Article does not include appropriations voted in other Warrant Articles.

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**MBC Chairman, Walter Hooker:** I **MOVE** the Article as written.

**Budget Assistant, Stephen Barry:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Adopt Article 13 in the amount written. The Article is now open for discussion.

**The Chair Recognized MBC Chairman, Walter Hooker**

Mr. Hooker hoped that the members of the meeting had the opportunity to review the budget earlier in the day. The details were on the table as people came in. Mr. Hooker stated that the Municipal Budget Committee would take questions on the budget, but if there were not, they would just move the bottom line.

**The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road**

Mrs. Wilson asked if the budget was accepted if it would automatically increase the tax rate by \$3.08.

**The Chair Recognized MBC Chairman, Walter Hooker**

Mr. Hooker claimed that the tax rate could not be predicted precisely because there are other factors between now and when the Department of Revenue Administration sets the tax rate. However, by his estimate, for the Town portion that had already been voted with warrant Articles and the operating budget as stated, for the Town which would not include the School or County it would be about \$7.45 which would be about \$1.50 more than last year.

**The Chair Recognized Warren Billings, 37 Reservation Road**

Mr. Billings claimed that he found \$15,000 in line item 01-4153.10-320 set aside for legal fees. He asked if that was contained elsewhere per department.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained that there would be a few other places where legal fees could be found; the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Building/Code Enforcement Department.

**The Chair Recognized Warren Billings, 37 Reservation Road**

Mr. Billings asked hypothetically if an employee left the Town and there was litigation in the settlement where would that money come from. He asked if those the legal fees were in line item 01-4153.10-320 or if they were set aside elsewhere.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson stated that depending on what the action would be, the legal fees would pay for cost of defense, prosecution or enforcement. If settlement was reached, typically the liability insurance would pay for the settlement. He claimed that the Town participates in the Local Government Liability Trust which is comprehensive liability insurance.

**The Chair Recognized Warren Billings, 37 Reservation Road**

Mr. Billings asked the Select Board if they felt comfortable with this number set aside because if they felt that more money was needed, Mr. Billings would like to set more money aside.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson stated as Chairman for the Selectmen he was comfortable. He couldn't speak to the rest of the Board.

**The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

Mr. Gross asked if there were additional personnel slated in the coming year and if so, what were the positions and justifications.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson stated that under Town Administration they were anticipating a part-time employee to be spread between departments. There were a number of reasons that additional help was needed, for example someone to update the website which was

requested of folks in Town. They were looking for assistance to Town Administration. The part-time person would be shared with Parks and Recreation as well. He noted that the position for a part-time assistant for the Building/Code Enforcement Officer was not filled immediately which had been budgeted previously. The primary addition would be for part-time assistance to Town Administration.

**The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

Mr. Gross asked why there was about a 25% increase to the Police Budget.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained that there were two police cruisers included in the Police Department budget line. They had initially budgeted for one cruiser, however after hearing from the Police Chief it was clear that there was need for a second cruiser. To illustrate, Selectman Robertson described an incident where an officer driving one of the cruiser ended up with the steering wheel coming off in his hand while the car was moving and running. That helped convince the Selectman that a second cruiser was needed. There was also an additional full-time police officer which did increase the salary line.

**The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

The other department that Mr. Gross noted had a sizable increase was Parks and Recreation and he wanted to know if someone could explain that increase.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained that essentially there has been a marked increase in programming under the direction of Mr. Manzi which has been well received by the Board of Selectman and the community at large. He also pointed out that a lot of his fees are met by Mr. Manzi's offsetting revenue. He deferred to Joe Manzi for more detail.

**The Chair Recognized Director of Parks and Recreation, Joe Manzi**

Mr. Manzi explained that the biggest budget increases were in the areas where Parks and Recreation hoped would increase the revenue. For example, the greatest increases were in the part-time help line item and the youth program services. The revenues this year were up about 30% for Parks and Recreation from the year before. He asked that people look at it in terms of the gross and net.

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**1st PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 13**

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**The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road**

Mr. Davitt made a MOTION to make a line item amendment to 01-4323.10-420, Transfer Station Disposal of Solid Waste, to be reduced \$120,000.

**MOTION SECONDED:** Charles Reese, 260 North Road

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to reduce the amount on line 01-4323.10-420, Disposal of Solid Waste by \$10,000 to \$120,000. Now the amendment is open for discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road**

Mr. Davitt stated that the intent with the amendment was to send a message to Selectmen.

When he had attended Candidate's Night, he brought up a question about recycling and the Selectmen did not seem interested in pursuing anything. Mr. Davitt claimed that the Town's taxes have gone up a lot and that this was an area where the Town could save. It costs about \$100 per ton to get rid of things that are not recycled. If cardboard or plastic is recycled it costs about \$50 per ton to get rid of.

Mr. Davitt claimed that he hadn't reduced the line item by much. In order to make the ends meet he claimed all that needed to be done would be to recycle two hundred more tons. He urged the body to vote YES on this amendment and send a signal to the Selectmen that the Town wants the Selectmen to encourage recycling. He claimed he was tired of people who do not recycle. He suggested that the Selectmen be creative and think about how they can encourage recycling whether it be by paying per bag or making recycling mandatory etc.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson stated that if people would like to see increased recycling, he would far prefer that a motion be made to have mandatory recycling that the Town could vote on rather than reduce this amount. The Town is growing and the money that is received for recyclable materials fluctuates up and down. It can actually cost more money to recycle materials and cited an incident in the past where it had happened because they were doing too good a job of recycling. Selectman Robertson stated that if people wanted to move more toward recycling, he urged that they make a motion to have recycling made mandatory but not to tamper with the numbers of the budget.

**The Chair Recognized Transfer Station Manager, Eugene Edwards**

Mr. Edwards appreciated Mr. Davitt's amendment, but he claimed that it would just penalize the Solid Waste Department. Mr. Edwards explained that the cost of running the Transfer Station was what it was. He suggested that if people want to do more with recycling that maybe at this time next year something could be put into place. In Mr. Edwards' opinion there was nothing that was going to happen tomorrow morning that would make people start recycling more. He stated that he would not be in favor of the amendment.

**The Chair Recognized Patrice Kilham, 1 Ridge Road**

Mrs. Kilham asked the cost of the expense of moving the solid waste. As she understood it, the items that are put in the Transfer Station's Swap Shop are scooped up every Saturday morning and just dumped into the hopper. If there was concern on the cost of bulk materials she wanted to know why these big items were just being thrown into the hopper rather than being recycled in the Swap Shop. She asked what the cost were of all the extra bulk come to.

Mrs. Kilham proposed that more room should be given for recycling of large items and that there should be a grass roots campaign to encourage people to recycle their items rather than pitching them into the hopper. She thought that encouragement from the employees at the Transfer Station would keep people from throwing so much into the hopper and more items could be recycled.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Mr. Robertson claimed that there was not any definitive data on what it cost to dispose of Articles in the Swap Shop. He explained that there was a certain amount of encouragement to recycle by the employees, but people complain that they do not want to hear from the employees that they should recycle.

**The Chair Recognized Transfer Station Manager, Eugene Edwards**

Mr. Edwards shared that the Town pays by the ton by the trip. So, the more weight that can be put in the dumpster can actually save the Town money. They would rather send one dumpster out full than two dumpsters half full. That is why the Transfer Station tries to make sure the dumpster is full.

**Moderator:** Are you ready for the **VOTE** on the Amendment? The **VOTE** is on the Amendment to Article 13 to change the amount of line 01-4323.10-420 Disposal Solid Waste from the MBC recommended amount of \$130,000 to \$120,000. As many as are in favor of amending this line item to reduce it by \$10,000, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Cards down. Those opposed to the amendment, please signify.

The **NAYS** have it.  
The **AMENDMENT** is **REJECTED**.

**The Chair Recognized Leo Roy, Tandy Road**

Mr. Roy asked if out of the total budget if there was an amount the Town was locked in to pay for or if there were any items that the body could vote to change.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Mr. Robertson explained that the operating budget that the Board of Selectmen had presented to the Town was the budget that was needed. They have heard long and loud that the Selectmen had to keep on spending because of the prior year's tax increase. Items that the Selectmen felt that could go either way, they put as warrant Articles for the Town to vote on. Items that the Selectmen felt were necessary to operate the Town safely and securely were included in the operating budget.

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**2nd PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 13**

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**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Selectman Stone made a **MOTION** to amend the Highway budget by raising the figure of \$701,765 to \$733,265 by \$31,500.

**MOTION SECONDED:** Margo Dearbhail, 103 Mount Delight Road

**Moderator:** Now the amendment is open for discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Selectman Stone explained that Winter Maintenance needed to be increased by \$25,000 and the breakdown was as follows:

The Winter Contractor's line was in the negative for \$12,000

The Cutting Edge Line was in the negative for \$1,800

The Salt Line had only \$9,500 left in it.

The Overtime line was down to \$900.

The year is broken into two parts, Winter from November-April and Summer from April to October.

Between the Winter Contractor's line and the Cutting Edge line, the Highway Budget was in the negative \$13,800. The Salt line had only \$9,500 left and the months of April, November and December were still left. Also there was only \$900 in there.

Selectman Stone explained that Winter had taken it's toll on the 2005 Winter budget already. Under the Summer budget, Selectman Stone wanted to increase that by \$6,500 and the rationale for that was that \$7,200 had already been expended on repairs and there was a balance of \$4,800. With the expense in repairs on the truck that the Highway Department wished to replace, there was a clear indication that there could be more costly repairs in 2005. Selectman Stone wished to increase the Summer Repair line by \$5,000 and the Summer Parts line by \$1,500. In total, Selectman Stone wanted the Highway Budget to be increased by \$31,500 which would increase the bottom line on the Highway Budget from \$701,765 to \$733,265.

**Moderator:** Is there any further discussion on the amendment to increase the Road Budget by \$31,500 to pay costs of Winter Maintenance?

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady wanted to know why the Highway Budget increased about \$65,000 from last year to this year before the amendment of \$31,500. She asked what went into that increase.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained that a chunk of the increase was the new Highway position that was created and also some raises. He deferred to Alex.

**The Chair Recognized Highway Agent, Alex Cote**

Mr. Cote explained that there were two new reconstruction projects slated for 2005. Also, the increased prices of oil based materials went up for example the cost of hot top, fuel, oil and electricity. The overall expenses had gone up this year. The original increase had been only 2.9% but the Article had added to that according to Mr. Cote because the winters cannot be predicted.

**Moderator:** Are you ready for the **VOTE**? The Vote is on the amendment on the budget to increase the total for Highways and Streets from \$701,765 to \$733,265 to pay for Winter Maintenance. As many are in favor the adoption of this amendment, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Look around. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. It looks like the Ayes have it.

*The body asked for a division. The counters were asked to recount the hand cards.*

When we do this it is important that you keep that card up and face it toward the counter. There will be a counter and a verifier. Please keep them up. The Vote is on the Amendment on the budget to increase the amount for Highways and Streets by the amount of \$31,500 for cost of Winter Maintenance. If you are in favor that increase, please raise your voting card and keep it raised. Keep them up. If you are opposed to increasing this budget for \$31,500, please raise your voting cards and keep them raised.

The result of the hand count is:

YES 107

NO 106

The Amendment is **ADOPTED**.

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**3rd PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 13**

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**The Chair Recognized Sergeant Stephen Turner**

Sergeant Stephen Turner made a MOTION for HS Grant line item, 01-4250.10-354 to be reduced to \$1.00 and change HS Equipment line, 01-4250.10-740 to \$2,499.

**MOTION SECONDED:** Stephen Barry, 178 North Road

**Moderator:** Any discussion on this Amendment? The **VOTE** is on the Amendment to MOVE \$2,499 from line HS Grant to line HS Equipment on page 21. If there is no objection we will do that by unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, it is done.

The Amendment is **ADOPTED**.

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**4th PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 13**

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**The Chair Recognized Eric Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member**

Mr. Berglund made a MOTION to increase line item 01-4619.10-709, CC Open Space Committee from \$398 to \$800 which would be an increase of \$402. The Open Space Committee is a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission and Mr. Berglund claimed that they hired someone to do the minutes of the meeting and postings etc. last year, but that the \$398 would not be enough.

**MOTION SECONDED:** Barbara Mathews, 47 Candia Road

**Moderator:** It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to increase the amount on page 33, line 01-4619.10-709 from \$398 to \$800. An increase of \$402. And the amendment is now open for discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Eric Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member**

Mr. Berglund wanted to make it clear that funds could not be taken from the Conservation Fund to increase this line item because that money was set aside for open space protection.

**Moderator:** Is there any further discussion on the amendment? Are we ready for the **VOTE**? The **VOTE** is on the amendment to the budget to increase the amount for the Open Space Committee by \$402. As many as wish to adopt this amendment and increase that amount, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. I believe the NAYS have it and the amendment is defeated.

*The body asked for a division. The counters were asked to recount the hand cards.*

All those in favor of adoption of the amendment to increase the Open Space Committee's budget by \$402 signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Make sure you keep your cards raised and two people will be counting you. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised.

The results on the hand count on the amendment were:

YES: **86**

NO: **117**

The Amendment is **DEFEATED**.

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**5th PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 13**

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**The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres**

Ms. Ruiz made a MOTION to amend Article 13 to change the amount of the total funds for the general municipal operations to \$2,778,774. Which would reduce it by \$178,795 if she did her math correctly. She could speak generally on what she proposed to cut:

The Police Line: to read \$121,222

Pest Control: reduced by \$3,269

Administrative and Direct Assistant Cost: reduced by \$19,762

Parks and Recreation: reduced by \$33,542

She believed that if her math was correct, the total would be \$187,795.

**Moderator:** This would be an amendment that would reduce the total of the budget by \$187,795 to be distributed Police, \$121,222 reduction; Pest Control \$3,269 reduction; Admin and Direct Assistant, \$19,762 reduction; Parks and Recreation, \$33,542. Do we have a SECOND for this amendment.

**MOTION SECONDED:** Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

**Moderator:** This amendment has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** as I said and now it is open for discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres**

Ms. Ruiz had worked to be fiscally responsible, but the budget was a huge increase and there have been large increases in the taxes over the past few years.

Specifically she chose those items based on the amount of increase that was asked for because it ranged from 15% to 150%. In the area of Parks and Recreation she asked why there was a need to increase the budget if there was a 30% increase in revenue.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Mr. Stone felt that these were flat figure cuts from the budgets and he wanted to know where Ms. Ruiz wanted to make specific cuts in the Police budget.

**The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres**

Ms. Ruiz stated that she did not look at specific line items and that her point of reducing the overall line items of the budget was to make a statement and that the Selectmen needed to make decisions of what the Town could live with. She was not comfortable going line by line because she was giving general areas that she felt should be looked at to reduce the overall tax impact.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Selectman Robertson stated that she wasn't sure what Ms. Ruiz wanted to do other than slash the budget. He claimed that the Town voted a number of years ago to have 24 hour police protection and that slashing the police budget that drastically could eliminate that. He claimed that slashing the bottom line of the budget did not demonstrate to him fiscal responsibility because a lot of thought and cost cutting goes into the budget.

**MODERATOR:** The people adding up numbers up here came up with two different results. If I add the specific items that you listed I come up with \$177,795. You were giving us \$187,795 so that would be \$10k more than specific items you mentioned.

**The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres**

Ms. Ruiz confirmed that she wished to use her overall number of \$187,795, not the amount that the line items came up to. She claimed that she understood that the Board had taken great consideration on the budget and she was not making the assumption that that had not been done. She was simply stating that the taxpayers in the Community were having a hard time swallowing the amount of money that was being asked for.

**The Chair Recognized Stephen Turner, 3 North Road**

Mr. Turner indicated that to cut for the sake of cutting was fiscally irresponsible. The Chief has turned the Police Department from a part-time Police Force to a full-time Police Department that handles everything from attempted murder to rapes and assaults. If that money was cut out of the budget the Police would lose the ability to serve the Community. Mr. Turner stated that Joe Manzi's programs were put together to serve every kid in Town and not one is turned away, yet \$30,000 was being proposed to be slashed from him for the sake of cutting. Mr. Turner claimed that the Town employees and Boards work hard to come up with a budget for Deerfield through the budget hearing process.

Mr. Turner pointed out that residents not only need to take care of their children, but the Town itself. Wholesale cuts would take this Town backwards 20 or 30 years. He urged the body not to vote for this amendment.

**The Chair Recognized Carolyn Emmerson, 75 Raymond Road**

Ms. Emmerson believed that Ms. Ruiz was not required to state where she wanted her total amount cut from because the Selectman would have the authority to do that. It could be done in other ways in Ms. Emmerson's opinion.

Ms. Emmerson also wanted to know what the bottom line increase for the operating budget versus what was approved last year.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson confirmed that the Selectman could take money from other lines and departments and move it around but they did not feel it was responsible it was not a warrant Article. Selectman Robertson claimed that asking for specific areas was not a personal attack, but with a cut that size, the Selectmen would need guidance so that they could respond.

By Selectman Robertson's calculation, he thought that the budget was up \$259,129 prior to any amendments over the previous year.

**The Chair Recognized Carolyn Emmerson, 75 Raymond Road**

Ms. Emmerson asked if that included the amendment that was just approved for \$31,500. She also asked what the Fund balance was at the moment.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson responded that that figure would need to be added to the \$259,129. Also, the audit had not been returned from Plodzik and Sanderson so he was not sure what the amount of the Fund balance was exactly at that time.

**The Chair Recognized Carolyn Emmerson, 75 Raymond Road**

Ms. Emmerson asked for the unaudited number.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson stated that at the time the tax rate was set, the fund balance was \$825,521.

**The Chair Recognized Carolyn Emmerson, 75 Raymond Road**

Ms. Emmerson asked if the amendment was passed if the Selectmen would use part of that fund to help offset the taxes?

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Mr. Robertson stated that as long as he had been a Selectman, the Selectmen had always used a portion of the Fund balance to offset taxes.

**The Chair Recognized Carolyn Emmerson, 75 Raymond Road**

Ms. Emmerson asked if that amount was used last year.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson tried to explain how the tax rate was set by the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) and how they recommend a Fund Balance.

*Ms. Emmerson interrupted Selectman Robertson's response and was RULED OUT OF ORDER and threatened to be removed from the hall.*

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained again that the DRA sets the tax rate, the Fund balance is used to offset the tax rate and the Town does hold the recommended amount by the DRA.

**The Chair Recognized Carolyn Emmerson, 75 Raymond Road**

Ms. Emmerson claimed that she was familiar with Selectman Robertson's explanation because she worked at a Town Office. She felt that considering that there was such a large increase that the Selectmen use a little more of the Fund balance to help offset the taxes.

**The Chair Recognized Donald Gorman, 158 Mountain Road**

Mr. Gorman claimed he would vote against this Amendment. He felt that the Police Department had been pounded pretty hard today. He reminded the body that the Police Department's budget contained money for two cruisers they needed desperately to be replaced. He felt it would be a shame if the grant money that was approved for patrols could not be used because of the lack of equipment.

**The Chair Recognized George Keech, 12 Perkins Road**

Mr. Keech asked what the current tax rates were and which percentages go first.

**The Chair Recognized MBC Chairman, Walter Hooker**

Mr. Hooker listed the rates as follows:

Local	\$20.86
State	4.30
Town Municipal Rate	5.95
County	1.46
The total rate was	\$32.57

**The Chair Recognized George Keech, 12 Perkins Road**

Mr. Keech asked if it would be accurate that about 80% of the tax dollar goes to the school and if that was the case, he asked why the body was nickel and diming the Road Agent to death.

**The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

Mr. Gross asked the Moderator if he could read the results from the **MOTION** for Reconsideration on Article 17 because he believed it might have an impact on the amendment at hand.

**Moderator:** It does not really fit into Robert's Rules but it has taken a long time to get through this. The Vote for Reconsideration Results are as follows: Yes 128, No 129, to the motion for Reconsideration was DEFEATED.

**The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

Mr. Gross stated that he would urge the defeat of the amendment in lieu of the results of reconsideration on Article 17 because the impact would be beneficial to the taxes going forward.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady said looking at the bottom lines of the budget for 2004 and 2005, she noted a \$720,000 increase over actual expenditures. Then she noticed that \$166,000 was encumbered last year for expenditures for 2005. She wanted to know what those were. Mrs. Cady also explained that at the Special Town Meeting in December, the Selectmen stated that they do not put any of the Fund account back into the reduction of taxes. That they were at the high end of what the DRA recommended. As a taxpayer, she would opt that the Selectmen go at the low end of the recommended amount and use some of the Fund account to offset taxes.

**The Chair Recognized MBC Chair, Walter Hooker**

Mr. Hooker stated that the numbers Mrs. Cady was looking at included that warrant articles and asked her to look at figures of just the operating budget for each year. He claimed in 2004 the budget was about 2.7 million dollars and the proposed budget for 2005 was about 2.9 million dollars.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady asked if Mr. Hooker took out all of the one time expenditures from his figures because if he had not she felt his number was inaccurate.

**The Chair Recognized MBC Chair, Walter Hooker**

Mr. Hooker confirmed that the operating budgets from 2004 and 2005 included one-time expenditures.

**The Chair Recognized Christine Hatfield, 107 Mt. Delight Road**

Ms. Hatfield opposed the **MOTION** to make a cut from the bottom line. She claimed that the Select Board and MBC go hours and hours over these budgets with a fine toothcomb. She thought to adopt the amendment without putting in amount of time that the Selectmen had put in would be a reckless kind of cutting. Ms. Hatfield stated that taxes residents pay were the price they paid for living in the kind of town they want to live in. She realized that

the tax bills were painful, but they are the method that the State of New Hampshire has chosen. She believed that this budget was carefully and tightly crafted.

**The Chair Recognized Josef Scheschareg, 237 North Road**

Mr. Scheschareg asked how much a cop made per hour with benefits, holidays, pensions and insurance per hours.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson claimed that each officer made a different salary based on tenure and rank.

**The Chair Recognized Police Chief Robert Wunderlich**

Chief Wunderlich stated that the salaries ranged from \$13.94 to \$24.87 per hour.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Selectman Stone stated that the amount paid for each officer was listed on page 75 of the annual report.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Mr. Robertson read the officers' gross wages. In total over the course of a year to total paid out was \$ 296,212.80 and listed other amounts for insurance and so forth.

**The Chair Recognized Josef Scheschareg, 237 North Road**

Mr. Scheschareg stated that the cops live well. He asked why they could not live off of the salary from last year.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson stated that he had no answer to this question.

**The Chair Recognized Sergeant Stephen Turner:**

Sergeant Turner answered that there are eight officers that work full-time and six of the officers cannot even afford to live in the town they work in at the salary they are paid.

**QUESTION MOVED:** Jonathan Winslow, 11 James Road

**MOTION SECONDED:** Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

**Moderator:** The Question has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** which closes **DEBATE** with a 2/3 majority. All those in favor of closing **DEBATE** now and moving immediately to a **VOTE** on the Amendment to reduce the budget by \$187,795 please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Cards down. All those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised.

The **AYES** have it.  
**DEBATE is CLOSED.**

*The Moderator received a written request prior to the vote with seven signatures or more requesting a secret ballot vote on Article 13.*

**Moderator:** We are now ready to VOTE on the Amendment. This Vote will be by secret ballot. We will use Ballot H. We'll show those ballot boxes empty and I'll be ready to announce it.

Only ballots that say H will be counted and there is one ballot per voter. No retained sheets from people who have left should be used. If you **VOTE YES** you are voting to reduce the budget by \$187,795 to be taken from Police, Pest Control, Admin and Direct Assistant and Parks and Recreation. If you **VOTE NO** you are voting to DEFEAT that amendment to reduce the amount of the budget and we stay with the number we had prior to the Amendment. Please mark your ballots and please collect the ballots.

*There was an announcement from the floor that a member of the meeting did not have a Ballot H.*

This is late to be doing this, but lets back up and show the boxes empty again. Ballot H is no good. If we run out of ballots it will be a lot more painful. Ballot I. Only Ballot I will be used for this **VOTE**.

**Moderator:** This is an amendment reducing the budget by \$187,795. All those in favor of the Amendment signify by marking Ballot I YES. Those opposed to reducing the budget by \$187,795 signify by marking the ballot NO. Collect the ballots please.

Balloting is closed on the Amendment.

The Results for Proposed Amendment Number 5 were given after the Results for Proposed Amendment Number 6. They were as follows:

YES 94

NO 134

The Amendment was **DEFEATED**.

**Moderator:** Is there anyone who wishes to discuss Article 13 or any other business on Article 13?

**The Chair Recognized Charles Reese, 260 North Road**

Mr. Reese asked why the budget was going up a little over \$20,000 on the services of contract assessment which should be consistent from year to year.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson explained that the Town was in three year contract for assessment. The Selectmen found that the Town was becoming drastically undervalued. So, they spoke with the assessors, Avitar, and expedited the contract and essentially put two years into one. Selectman Robertson stated that the Selectmen did not want to fall too far behind and they did not want to have the Town fall to 50% of assessed value which would be a possibility if the processed was not sped up.

**The Chair Recognized Charles Reese, 260 North Road**

Mr. Reese asked Selectman Robertson if the Selectmen were considering statistical updates for 2005.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson reviewed the general assessing contract and explained that in regard to the general assessing and contract work that the Selectmen have elected to reevaluate the Town in 2005 rather than 2006, but that the bulk of the cost was put in 2006. He expected the statistical updates to be done in 2006.

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**6th PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 13**

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**The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

Mr. Gross made a MOTION to Amend budget item 01-4130.20-620, TA Printing Service/Newsletter. He wanted it to be increased by \$5,000 so that the Deerfield residents could be informed in the new era of SB2 and keep up do date on a monthly basis in the absence of these forums.

**MOTION SECONDED:** Nancy Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

**Moderator:** Now the Amendment is Open for Discussion.

**The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road**

Mr. Gross explained that it will be really important in this era that the Town is moving into to keep informed with SB2 to make good decision and vote properly. He claimed residents would need much more information. He acknowledged that the website is improving, the newsletter were great, but there will need to be more ways to get the information.

**Moderator:** Are you ready for the Question. The Question in on the Amendment to increase the budget to increase the amount for Printing Service/Newsletter from \$5,000 to \$10,000. All those in favor of increasing that line item by \$5,000 please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised.

The **NAYES** have it.  
The Amendment is **DEFEATED**.

**Moderator:** Further discussion on the budget?

**The Chair Recognized David Gattuso, 261 North Road**

Mr. Gattuso stated the tax rate increased 3% per year from 1999 to 2003. On the new annual growth of the municipal budget he noted 53.2% in 2004 and in 43.4% in 2005. He asked why there was a spike 2004 & 2005.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Mr. Robertson stated that Mr. Gattuso was referring to Walter Hooker's spreadsheet and he deferred to Walter Hooker.

**The Chair Recognized MBC Chair, Walter Hooker**

Mr. Hooker explained that when he created the sheet he went back to the DRA and pulled up the MS forms that these numbers came from. To get at the tax rate, you start with those appropriations from Town and School Meeting and that give the gross appropriations.

There are tax credits taken away from revenues which are for example, auto registrations etc. Also, things previously came from the fund balance. The reason for the 53% last year and part of the big reason the taxes went up so much was that there was nothing in the reserve fund balance to offset taxes. Also, the State grant for education was much smaller than the prior year. Between those two items those made up about half of the tax rate last year. Mr. Hooker claimed it had nothing to do with appropriations. It was the loss of revenue.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Mr. Robertson wanted to point out that the Fund balance had been bounced around and there was question as to the level of retention. The DRA gives a wide range for a Fund balance recommendation between 8% and 17%. The Selectmen chose \$825,000 which put Deerfield at about exactly 8% which was at the low end of the range that it was suggested that the Town appropriate for Fund balance.

**Moderator:** The Results on the Amendment for the bottom line was: YES, 94 ; NO, 134. So the Amendment to cut the bottom line by \$187,000 is DEFEATED.

**The Chair Recognized Bernadette Cameron, 91 Mountain View Road**

Ms. Cameron made a MOTION to MOVE the bottom line of the budget.

**Moderator:** We have no speakers so we can just do this. Are you ready for the Question? This will be by secret ballot. We must adopt a budget before the end of this meeting. If it is in the negative the Article continues to be open. How are we with ballots. Is there anyone in the hall who cannot use Ballot J. We are using Ballot J.

We're looking at an amount of \$2,998,069 with the amendments that we voted in the affirmative in the meeting.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady asked if that amount included the amount for warrant Article that passed. If not she wanted that number as well.

**Moderator:** That figure is \$3,335,235.00. This is for your consideration if you have another figure we'll add it again. We want the number right on.

**Moderator:** This is to VOTE on Article 13. It will be done on Ballot J.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Municipal Budget Committee sum of Two Million Nine Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Sixty Nine Dollars (\$2,998,069) for general municipal operations.

All in favor, signify by marking YES on Ballot J. All those opposed signify by marking NO on ballot J. This amount does not include the amount voted on other warrant Articles.

The Results were read after moving onto Article 22, but before any other business was taken up. The results were:

YES 142

NO 77

Article 13 is **ADOPTED**.

Is there anyone else who has not voted who wishes to do so? The balloting is closed and we will count those.

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### ARTICLE 15

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To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Chief to send fire apparatus out of Town and receive fire apparatus from other towns on a donated basis in accordance with the provisions of RSA Chapter 154.

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson:** I **MOVE** Warrant Article 15 as written and defer to the Fire Chief.

**Budget Assistant, Stephen Barry:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** The Article has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED**. The Article is now open for discussion.

#### **The Chair Recognized Fire Chief, Mark Tibbetts**

Chief Tibbetts explained that many years ago Deerfield joined the Interstate Emergency Unit. In the last few years, towns that participated were asked to renew their mutual aid agreements so that they could make a mutual aid district which was authorize by the Fire Marshall's Office. Chief Tibbetts explained that this Article would give him permission to give and receive mutual aid to area towns. He claimed that no town can do this by themselves and asked the body to vote the Article in.

**Moderator:** Is there any further discussion on this Article? Are you ready to Vote?

**Moderator:** The Vote is on the adoption of Article 15 as written:

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Chief to send fire apparatus out of Town and receive fire apparatus from other towns on a donated basis in accordance with the provisions of RSA Chapter 154.

As many are in favor of adoption of the Article as written, please signify by raising your voting cards. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards. It looks unanimous.

The **AYES** have it.  
Article number 15 is **ADOPTED**.

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### ARTICLE 16

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To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Overseer of the Welfare from an elected position to an appointed position by the Selectmen. (If a majority vote in favor of this Article, the Selectmen elected at the next annual meeting shall appoint the Overseer of the Welfare.)

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson:** I **MOVE** Warrant Article 16 as written.

**Budget Assistant, Stephen Barry:** I **SECOND**.

**Moderator:** The Article has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED**. The Article is now open for discussion.

### **The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson stated that the Selectmen felt that this was an important change to be made. According to Selectman Robertson had to cajole Colleen Guardia take the position. It has been an uncontested position over the years. It requires a certain person who has certain talents and skills to be sure the obligation is met. If people were not going to run for the Office, the Selectmen would like to be able to appoint people to the position and felt it was necessary to take that step to insure that the obligation was met in the Municipality.

### **The Chair Recognized Overseer of Welfare, Colleen Guardia**

Mrs. Guardia strongly urged the body to vote YES on this Article to make the Overseer of Welfare an appointed position. She explained that in March of 2003, Mr. Rod Swanson ran for the position because he felt the Town needed to have an honest, caring and respectful candidate in that Office. He worked hard to make sure that the requirements of the law were met as well as the Deerfield residents in need. Sadly, in fall of 2003 he passed away. Mrs. Guardia explained that she was asked to fill-in until the next election. In 2004, no one ran and she continued to serve. A few weeks ago in the 2005 election, no one ran, so she was still trying to serve as the Overseer of Welfare.

In 2003, the Office of General Assistance served approximately 7 families in Deerfield. In 2004, approximately 24 families were served. Also, in 2004, the Food Pantry served 40 families each month. In 2005, before the end of March, the Overseer of Welfare had served 13 families. Mrs. Guardia had no numbers prior to 2003 because the records from 2002 and prior were sealed. However, the numbers listed were the numbers of families that had actually come to the office and filled out applications for services such as fuel/heating assistance and help when families were about to be evicted or foreclosed on. There were families that were working that may have been on working disability or unemployment. She had made referrals to families to go to homeless shelters in the last year. That often involved putting a family up in a hotel for a few nights until a vacancy could be found. It could be difficult to find a shelter and there is not a hotel in Town so that complicated things. There was also advocacy and support counseling that went on in the Office of General Assistance. The numbers did not reflect the numbers of people that contacted the Office for referrals, or assistance in applying for Medicaid or how to get help from the food pantry. The numbers were strictly for the people who had gone all the way through the process.

Mrs. Guardia indicated that the Town had no records up to this date on other contacts that had been served. The needs and laws of surrounding Welfare are getting increasingly complex. She believed that it was very important that there be a candidate that has the knowledge skills and abilities to fill the position and run the Department for Deerfield and that they would have a fiscal accountability to the Selectmen and to the Town. As an elected position, it only allows for a small pool of citizens in our Town to be considered for the position. The Selectmen could not look outside the Town. She urged the body to support this Article.

### **The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road**

Mrs. Wilson urged the body to vote NO because it would be taking one more right away.

### **The Chair Recognized Maureen Mann, 52 Stage Road**

Mrs. Mann stated that she was not sure how that was taking rights away. She claimed that she wish that she knew that Deerfield had an overseer of Welfare in the past. There are

people who need help that do not know help is available. Mrs. Mann said that Town is legally obligated to offer this assistance.

**QUESTION MOVED:** Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

**MOTION SECONDED:** George Keech, 12 Perkins Road

**Moderator:** We have one more speaker at the microphone and this MOTION would close DEBATE. This requires a 2/3 VOTE, all those in favor of closing DEBATE at this time and moving to a VOTE on Article 16, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

The **AYES** have it.  
**DEBATE is CLOSED.**

**Moderator:** And now we VOTE on Article 16:

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Overseer of the Welfare from an elected position to an appointed position by the Selectmen. (If a majority vote in favor of this Article, the Selectmen elected at the next annual meeting shall appoint the Overseer of the Welfare.)

As many are in favor of adoption of the Article, please signify by raising your voting cards. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

Ayes have it the Article is **ADOPTED.**

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#### ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Highway Agent from an elected official to a position appointed by the Selectmen under the provisions of RSA 231:62. (If a majority vote in favor of this Article, the Selectmen elected at the next annual meeting shall appoint a Highway Agent.)

**Moderator:** What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

**Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson:** Mr. Moderator I would like to withdraw this Article. No action will be taken on this Article.

**Moderator:** The Selectmen will take no action. However, the Article is on the warrant so if someone else chooses to take up the Article we will take it up. If no one chooses to move it, we will just move on. Seeing none, we just move on.

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#### ARTICLE 22

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

**Moderator:** Is there any further business? Oh, yes. The main budget Article, Article 13 on \$2,998,069 the results were: YES, 142; NO, 77. So Article 13 is **ADOPTED.**

**The Chair Recognized Donald Gorman, 158 Mountain Road**

Mr. Gorman wished to make a MOTION that body give a Sense of the Meeting to the Selectman that they would like to allow candidates to communicate with citizens of Deerfield and conduct politicking at landfill especially with SB2 coming up.

**Moderator:** We have a MOTION to get a sense of the Meeting about people being able to politick at the landfill. Do we have a second.

**MOTION SECONDED:** David Gattuso, 261 North Road

**Moderator:** It has been MOVED and SECONDED that we Take a Sense of the Meeting on allowing people to politic at the landfill. Is there discussion on this Article as to why we should not allow it?

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson stated that none of the Selectmen recalled passing any such regulations. However, there had been complaints of the speed of which they could dispose of their refuse without it being impeded by various candidates. Selectman Roberts deferred to Transfer Station Manager, Eugene Edwards on this topic.

**The Chair Recognized Transfer Station Manager, Eugene Edwards**

Mr. Edwards stated in the employee manual, which is issued to all Town employees, it specifically states that they are not to allow any political activities on Town property.

**Moderator:** Then what are we doing here?

**The Chair Recognized Donald Gorman, 158 Mountain Road**

Mr. Gorman claimed that there were two gentlemen on the stage that were booted out of the dump for politicking this year. Whether it was a miscommunication or whatever, Mr. Gorman stated that people needed to be able to communicate at the dump behind the Swap Shop.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson**

Selectman Robertson stated that the message was heard and that the Selectmen would take the issue up at a Selectman's meeting.

**The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Cady believed that if the Selectman had passed an ordinance to say that politicking could not take place in certain areas it would be understood, however to say that to petition or politic would not be allowed on Town property, that would be against a Supreme Court decision. The decision said that citizens had the right of the use of public property.

**Moderator:** Are we ready for the MOTION? The MOTION is to advise the Selectmen that we would like to allow people to politic at the landfill. All those in favor at the meeting please say, AYE. *A crowd stated AYE.* All of those opposed, please state, NO. *Laughter from the room.*

I think that's clear.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**The Chair Recognized Katherine Hartnett, 40 Thurston Pond Road**

Ms. Hartnett wanted to thank the Boy Scouts of Deerfield for taking time to mount the maps that were posted at the meeting. She want to recognize them for making the efforts to do so.

**The Chair Recognized Rebecca Hutchinson, 30 Lang Road**

Mrs. Hutchinson stated that she might be a little biased, but she wanted to thank the Moderator, Jonathan "Jack" Hutchinson for doing a great job. And she just wanted to say, that she thought his mentor, Jim McIntyre and all the other Town Moderators before him were looking down on him saying, "Bravo."

**The Chair Recognized George Keech, 12 Perkins Road**

Mr. Keech wanted to make two announcements that were germane to the Deerfield Veterans, on April 2, 2005 there was going to be a supper at the Legion Hall and April 6, 2005 they were having a special meeting trying to get the post back on track.

**The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone**

Selectman Stone asked the body to give a tremendous hand for Colleen Guardia for all the work that she had done as Overseer of Welfare for Deerfield.

**The Chair Recognized Sergeant, Stephen Turner**

On behalf of the Police Department, Sergeant Turner wanted to recognize all the work Chief Robert Wunderlich had done for the Town because this was his last meeting as Chief. Sergeant Turner claimed that Chief Wunderlich dedicated 19 years to Deerfield and turned the Department into the one of the best in the State.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Stephen Barry, 178 North Road

**MOTION SECONDED:** Marianne Taylor, 158 Mountain Road

**Moderator:** All those in favor of ADJOURNING this Meeting, please say, *AYE. Shouts from the crowds, AYE.* Those Opposed, NO.

The MEETING stands ADJOURNED. Please help us collect the chairs.

The March 26, 2005 Business Portion of Deerfield's Town Meeting was ADJOURNED at 5:12pm.

A True Record,

Attest:



Melissa J. Buckner

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**Note:**

Number of Registered Voters: **3,212**

Voter Turnout: **372**

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**ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT  
OF  
A NEW HAMPSHIRE NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

Form NP-1  
RSA 292:2

**THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING PERSONS OF LAWFUL AGE, ASSOCIATE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 292, BY THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:**

FIRST: The name of the corporation shall be

The Philbrick James Forum



SECOND: The object for which this corporation is established is:

1. The corporation is organized exclusively to provide education on community events and issues and to promote literary, artistic, and creative efforts.
2. Said corporation is organized exclusively for any purposes for which an organization may be exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, including for such purposes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
3. No part of the net earning of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Second, hereof.
4. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
5. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

THIRD: The provisions for establishing membership and participation in the corporation are:

1. Membership is open to all individuals or organizations in agreement with the purposes of the organization.
2. To be a member in good standing a member must:
  - A.. Be current with annual dues,
  - B. Contribute a predetermined number of hours annually toward production, financial operations, administration, publishable content (excluding letters to the editor,

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advertisements, non-original works, or any material which does not meet organizational or editorial guidelines), or other efforts showing significant contributions which further the purposes of the corporation as determined by the board of directors.

3. Members in good standing are allowed one vote at the annual meeting.
4. Other contributors and community members are welcome at general meetings of the corporation but are not eligible to vote.

FOURTH: The provisions for disposition of the corporate assets in the event of dissolution of the corporation including the prioritization of rights of shareholders and members to corporate assets are:

1. There will be no shareholders.
2. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for the public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

FIFTH: The address at which the business of this corporation is to be carried on is:

Philbrick James Forum  
c/o Mann  
52 Stage Road  
Deerfield, NH 03037

SIXTH: The amount of capital stock, if any, or the number of shares or membership certificates, if any, and provisions for retirement, reacquisition and redemption of those shares or certificates are:

None

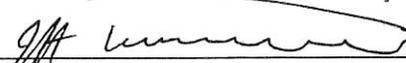
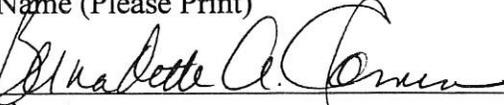
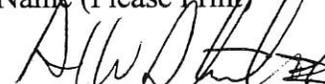
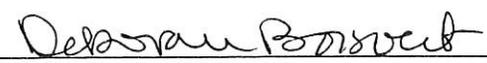
SEVENTH: Provisions eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director, an officer or both, to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, an officer or both is:

The officers, directors, editors or board members shall not be liable to the corporation or members for monetary damages for acts other than those enumerated in NH RSA 292.2, V-a(a).

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EIGHTH: Signatures and post office address of each of the persons associating together to form the corporation.

<u>Signature and Name</u>	<u>Post Office Address</u>
1. <u></u> Signature	<u>27 Lang RD</u> Street
<u>JEFF KANTOROWSKI</u> Name (Please Print)	<u>DEERFIELD, NH 03037</u> City/Town State Zip
2. <u></u> Signature	<u>91 Mt. View Rd.</u> Street
<u>Bernadette A. Cameron</u> Name (Please Print)	<u>Deerfield, NH 03037</u> City/Town State Zip
3. <u></u> Signature	<u>27 LANG RD</u> Street
<u>ROBERT W. STROBEL</u> Name (Please Print)	<u>DEERFIELD, NH 03037</u> City/Town State Zip
4. <u></u> Signature	<u>68 Old Center Rd S</u> Street
<u>Deborah Boisvert</u> Name (Please Print)	<u>Deerfield NH 03037</u> City/Town State Zip
5. <u></u> Signature	<u>52 Stage Road</u> Street
<u>Maureen R. Mann</u> Name (Please Print)	<u>Deerfield NH 03037</u> City/Town State Zip

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Recording fee: \$25.00 (Note 1)  
Use black print or type.  
Leave 1" margins both sides.  
Form must be single-sided, on 8 1/2 x 11" paper, and have a one inch margin on both sides. Double sided copies will not be accepted.

Form No. NP 3  
RSA 292:5 & 7

AFFIDAVIT OF AMENDMENT  
OF  
New Hampshire Pop Warner Football Conference  
A NEW HAMPSHIRE NONPROFIT CORPORATION

I, Deborah A. Smith, the undersigned, being the Secretary (Note 2) of the above named New Hampshire nonprofit corporation, do hereby certify that a meeting was held on June 15, 2005, in Manchester, NH (Note 3), for the purpose of amending the articles of agreement and the following amendment(s) were approved by a majority vote of the corporation's Board of Directors and Membership. (Note 4)

Article 1 is amended to state: The name of the corporation shall be New Hampshire Youth Football & Spirit Conference.

Article 2 is amended to state: The object for which this corporation is established is: promote youth football and cheerleading for the youth of New Hampshire.

[If more space is needed, attach additional sheet(s).]

A true record, attest: Deborah A. Smith  
(Signature)

Dated June 20, 2005

- Notes:
- 1. Make check payable to N.H. Secretary of State.
  - 2. Clerk, secretary or other officer.
  - 3. Town/city and state.
  - 4. Enter either "Board of Directors" or "Trustees".

Mail fee with DATED AND SIGNED ORIGINAL to: Corporation Division, Department of State, 107 North Main Street, Concord NH 03301-4989.

File a copy with Clerk of the town/city of the principal place of business.

BOS 2005-01

**An Ordinance Regulating Prima Facie Speed Limits  
on the Town Roads of Deerfield**

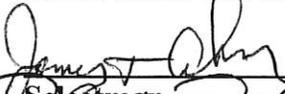
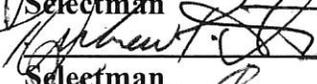
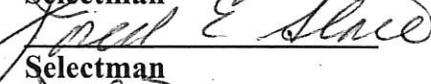
**Pursuant to the authority conferred by NH RSA 265:63, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Deerfield hereby enacts the following ordinance regulating the Prima Facie Speed Limits on Town Roads:**

- 1) Meetinghouse Hill Road shall be posted at 30 Mile Per Hour,
- 2) James City Road shall be posted at 25 Miles Per Hour,
- 3) Cotton Road shall be posted at 35 Miles Per Hour,
- 4) Pleasant Hill Road shall be posted at 30 Miles Per Hour

**Effective Date:**

**This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption by the Board of Selectmen and upon the recording of an Attested Copy of the same with the Town Clerk.**

Given under our hands and seals this the 1 day of Aug, 2005.

  
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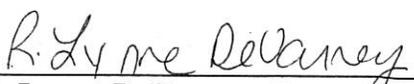


**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that on the 2nd day of Aug, 2005, the above captioned ordinance was filed and recorded with the records of the Town Clerk of Deerfield, New Hampshire.

Witnessed by my hand this the 2nd day of Aug, 2005.

A True Record,  
Attest:

  
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R. Lynne DeVarney, Town Clerk

**TOWN ORDINANCE      2005-02**

Relative to Posted Stop Sign:

Be it enacted this date, November 7, 2005,

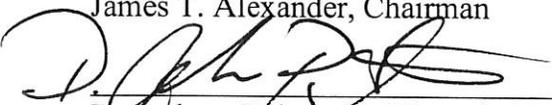
That, the Board of Selectmen do hereby grant permission to erect a Stop Sign  
On Old Coffeetown Road  
At the intersection of Blakes Hill Road

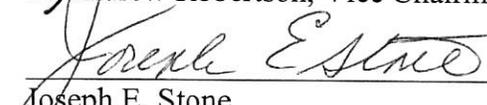
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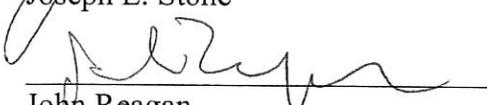
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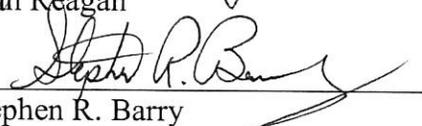
Given our hands and seals this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

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James T. Alexander, Chairman

  
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R. Andrew Robertson, Vice Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph E. Stone

  
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John Reagan

  
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Stephen R. Barry

Deerfield

Board

of

Selectmen



This is to certify that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2005, the above Ordinance was filed and recorded with records of the Town Clerk of Deerfield, New Hampshire.

Witness my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2005.

A True Record,

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Diana Vincent  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

