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DEERFIELD, NH

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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 Deerfield Town Hall in said Deerfield, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, next at 7 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt all proposed amendments to the existing Deerfield Zoning Ordinance as here posted. (The amendments are available for inspection at the offices of the Town Clerk and Selectmen during business hours of 8:30AM to 1PM, Tuesday through Friday, and from 8:30AM to 7:00PM on Monday's.)
3. Pursuant to RSA 40:14 shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow voting by official ballot on all issues before the Town of Deerfield. (3/5 vote required)
4. Pursuant to RSA 202-A: 11-a,b shall we permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment?"

THE POLLS ARE TO OPEN AT 7 AM AND WILL CLOSE NOT EARLIER THAN 7 PM.

THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 15TH AT THE DEERFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL BEGINNING AT 9 AM.

Given under our hands and seal, this 22nd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-seven.

James T. Olyard
Robert B. Sanborn Selectmen
Frank Broton of
Richard Truitt Deerfield

March 11, 1997

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the Town Hall, Post Office, Blue Bowl Store and G.B. White Building, being public places in said Town, on the 22nd day of February, 1997.

James O'Leary
Robert D. Seaborn Selectmen
Frank Broteau of
Donald F. Smith Deerfield
Richard Mailhot

TOWN OF DEERFIELD
PLANNING BOARDPROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DEERFIELD ZONING ORDINANCE
MARCH 11, 1997

ARTICLE I. Revise Article II, Section 204, Table 204.1(#15) and 204.2 (#9) by adding the following Special Exception. "Aircraft Take Offs and Landing Strips as an accessory to a dwelling".

ARTICLE II. Revise Article III, Section 319.4 to read as follows : "Such sign shall not obstruct the view of traffic and shall be removed...".

Revise Article IV, Section 403, the first paragraph to read as follows: "Such use must be shown to be a temporary expedient and shall not exceed a period of 24 months, unless extended following the granting of a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Revise Article IV, Section 404 to read as follows: "Placement of the travel trailer/motor home shall comply with all setback requirements of the district. No more than one travel trailer/motor home shall be used for temporary residence on any lot."

Revise Article VI, Section 602 by revising the definition of restaurant to read as follows: "Restaurant- A building or other structure used principally to provide refreshments or meals to the public for consumption, principally on the premises at tables, booths or a counter. It shall include cafes, lunchrooms, cafeterias, coffee shops, sandwich shops and the like. Take-out refreshments are only incidental to the main purpose of the establishment.: Add the following: Definition of a restaurant does not include a building or other structure used principally to dispense prepared food and/or beverages to the public for consumption on or off the premises, the major attributes of which are assembly line preparation of food and speed of dispensing , self service by the customer by standing in line, and/or service to the customer in automobiles, and which generates a large volume and rapid turnover of entering and exiting motor vehicle traffic.

ARTICLE III; Revise Article VII, Section 702A by adding the following paragraph: "3. Proof that the applicant has notified the abutters to the lot by certified mail of the intent to make application for a building permit. The notice letter shall state that a building permit will be requested for the lot and shall provide a description of the proposed new dwelling."

ARTICLE IV; Revise Article VII, Section 702B, first paragraph to read as follows: "If the Building Inspector determines that an application for a permit is a permitted use and in compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance, the application shall be approved. The Appeals Process is outlined in Section 704."

Revise the second paragraph in part to read as follows:4"... On approval by the Board of Adjustment of a variance or special

exception, the Building Inspector shall issue a permit and note any stipulations on the permit."

Delete the third paragraph which currently reads: "The notice shall list the Owner, the location size and frontage of the lot:the size of the proposed structure: and whether the application has received a variance or special exception from the Board of Adjustment.

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, on Saturday, the fifteenth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,178 (Twelve Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Eight) for the following purposes: clean, remove, and dispose of one (1) 10,000 gallon #2 fuel oil storage tank and refill the hole at the George B. White Building (\$5,150); install four (4) 330 gallon vertical fuel tanks (\$3,365); install carpet in the Deerfield Police Department (\$1,731); install new tile in the ladies bathroom (\$342); and install vinyl stair treads at front entrance to George B. White Building (\$1,590). The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,652 (Six Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Two) for the following purposes: to install an exhaust fan in the Town Hall basement (\$905); paint the exterior, Fire-House side, of the Town Hall (\$1,250); install two new horizontal fuel tanks under the Town Hall (\$1,497); remove one (1) 2,000 gallon #2 fuel underground storage tank (\$2,000); remove one (1) 2,000 gallon #2 oil tank from the Town Hall, refill the hole, loam and seeding (\$1,000). The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand) for the purpose of reconstructing municipal roads and bridges, or portions thereof, destroyed by floods; and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for and accept grants of Federal or State aid or both as may be available and to do all things necessary to carry out the purposes of this appropriation. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400 (Two Thousand Four Hundred) to fund Traffic Safety/Prevention Patrols and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of \$2,400 in offsetting Federal funds. This funding to cover operations in Phase I & II of the project which will run April through September, 1997. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (One Thousand) to fund a Child Bicycle Safety Program (\$350) and to fund an Anti DWI Driver Education Program (\$650) and to accept two grants from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency totaling (\$1,000) in offsetting Federal Funds. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

March 15, 1997

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James T. Almond
Donald F. Smith

Selectmen

of

Frank Buxton
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Deerfield

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,200 (Seven Thousand Two Hundred) dollars to purchase a software update, computer, data base, and two laptop computers to be utilized by the Deerfield Police Department and to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice COPS More Program in the amount of \$5,400 (partial offset) with the balance to be raised through taxation. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 (One Thousand Two Hundred) to purchase a reconditioned hand held Radar Unit and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of \$600 in Federal matching funds. The Selectmen recommend this article; the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200 (Four Thousand Two Hundred) to purchase a Cruiser Video Monitoring System and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of \$2,100 in Federal matching funds. The Selectmen recommend this article; the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 (Five Hundred) for the purpose of a feasibility study of an Emergency Services Housing Facility. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,558 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Eight) for the purpose of Town employee raises for salaries and wages. (This represents a 3% increase.) The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (One Thousand) for the purpose of Dugout Benches w/Shelf and Landscaping around the Batting Cage at the Bicentennial Field. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred) to be used by the Northwood Lake Watershed Association in the treatment of Northwood Lake to control the Milfoil problem. **BY PETITION** The Budget Committee recommends this article.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand) to purchase property (map 6, lot 45-1) adjacent to Dowst-Cate Town Forest for conservation purposes, to be managed by the Conservation Commission. This land is 93.4 acres, and is offered to the Town at less than its market value. **BY PETITION** The Budget Committee recommends this article.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand) for the purpose of replacing a tank on an existing piece of fire apparatus. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 (Forty Five Thousand) for the purpose of repair and reconstruction of Old Centre Road from Meetinghouse Hill Road 1850 feet North. **BY PETITION** The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.
16. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept title to a parcel of land identified as tax map 4, lot 6, excepting an approximately 10-acre portion of said lot with frontage on North Road to be subdivided ("The Parcel"); and, in exchange for the parcel, to convey to the owners of the parcel two (2) Town owned lots identified as tax map 4B, lot 12 and tax map 4B, lot 13, together with payment of such sums of money as the Selectmen deem reasonable to complete the transaction, provided that such money becomes available from private sources or Municipal Trust Funds. The authority in this article is conditional on approval by the Planning Board and relevant state agencies of a plan to develop the parcel for outdoor community recreation. **BY PETITION**
18. Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Deerfield, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$30,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$50,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$70,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$26,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. **BY BALLOT**
19. To see if the Town will accept sums of monies, from the following persons for the purposes stated:
 - Seventy dollars from Mrs. Major, for cemetery lots and care of Smith lots in the Morrison Cemetery.
 - Two hundred dollars from Barbara Raymond, for cemetery lots and care of Ladd lots in the Morrison Cemetery.
 - Four hundred dollars from Diana Stevens, for cemetery lots and care of Steven's lots in the Morrison Cemetery.
 - Four hundred dollars from Ella Sawyer, for cemetery lots and care of Sawyer lots in the Morrison Cemetery.
 - Four hundred dollars from Mrs. Emerson, for cemetery lots and care of Emerson lots in the Morrison Cemetery.
 - Four hundred dollars from Barbara Watts, for cemetery lots and care of Watts lots in the Old Centre Cemetery.
 - Four hundred dollars from Joseph Connelly, for cemetery lots and care of Connelly lots in the Morrison Cemetery.
 - Eight hundred dollars from John O'Gara, Sr., for cemetery lots and care of O'Gara lots in the Morrison Cemetery.
 - Four hundred dollars from Ronald Vinnacombe, for cemetery lots and care of Vinnacombe lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Four hundred dollars from Raymond and Cynthia Heon, for cemetery lots and care of Smith lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

20. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A: 4-d authorizing the Library Trustees, indefinitely, until specific rescinded of such authority, to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the Library Trustees shall be deemed to bind the Town or the Library Trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. Requested by Library.
21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, to accept on behalf of the Town gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town, in trust, for any public purpose as permitted by RSA 31:19.
22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey to Ralph Francioso, or his nominee, all the Town's right, title and interest in a parcel of land shown as being comprised of a portion of Tax Map 4A, Lot 217 and Area B, totaling 3.11 acres on a plan entitled "Tax Map 4A, Lot 217 & Tax Map 4, Lot 15, Deerfield, NH, Town of Deerfield and Ralph Francioso, Lot Line Adjustment" dated July 25, 1996, prepared by Little River Survey Company, in exchange for conveyance to the Town by Ralph Francioso of all his right, title and interest in a certain parcel shown as being comprised of a portion of Tax Map 4, Lot 15 and Area A, totaling 4.07 acres, on said Plan.
23. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:42 and 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property acquired by tax deed after March 15, 1997 by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded.
24. To see if the town wishes to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calender year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1,000.
25. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 22nd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety seven.

James T. Alvar
Robert Blauhorn
Frank Biotter
Richard M. Muelhof

Selectmen
of
Deerfield

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

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BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 24

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF _____ TOWN OF DEERFIELD, _____ N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997 or

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT: Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

Budget Committee: (Please sign in ink.)

Date 2/12/97

Rebecca Crosby Hutchinson

J. Bang

Deary Humphrey

Edith W. Moore

[Signature]

Ernie Berglund Jr.

Charles P. White

Richard J. Mallett Jr.

Year 1997

Budget of the Town of The Town of Deerfield, NH

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Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Harr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT									
4130-4139	Executive		155,181	168,849	173,517		173,517		
4140-4149	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		7,812	6,896	4,300		4,300		
4150-4151	Financial Administration		2,464	863	10,570		10,570		
4152	Revaluation of Property		12,000	4,361	12,000		12,000		
4153	Legal Expense		13,000	22,730	13,000		13,000		
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		43,217	27,962	31,500		31,500		
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		15,052	11,671	16,465		16,465		
4194	General Government Buildings		81,503	83,507	86,103		86,103		
4195	Cemeteries		8,100	8,441	9,100		9,100		
4196	Insurance		115,700	93,041	105,000		105,000		
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1,200	1,187	1,200		1,200		
4199	Other General Government								
PUBLIC SAFETY									
4210-4214	Police		190,143	194,026	197,330		197,330		
4215-4219	Ambulance		3,000	3,000	3,000		3,000		
4220-4229	Fire		40,688	33,082	40,620		40,620		
4240-4249	Building Inspection		6,295	6,805	11,408		11,408		
4250	Highway Safety								
4290-4298	Emergency Management		1,050	1,116	1,750		1,750		
4299	Other Public Safety (Including Communications)								
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS									
4311-4312	Administration & Highways & Streets		426,630	387,638	415,196		399,738	15,458	
4313	Bridges		3,000	762	3,000		1,500	1,500	
4316-4319	Street Lighting & other								

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Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:6)	Warr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	SANITATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321-4323	Administration & Solid Waste Collection		139,293	212,525	157,453		157,453	
4324-4325	Solid Waste Disposal & Cleanup							
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other							
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331-4332	Administration & Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other							
	ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Administration & Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4355-4359	Other Electric Costs							
	HEALTH							
4411-4414	Administration & Pest Control		5,274	3,689	5,274		5,274	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other		13,159	12,989	16,147		16,147	
	WELFARE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance		24,000	10,788	24,000		24,000	
4444	Intergov. Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		18,095	16,371	18,140		18,140	
4550-4559	Library		28,776	27,829	31,086		31,086	

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Budget of the Town of

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Acct No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	Varr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4583	Patriotic Purposes							
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,250	1,253	1,250		1,250	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
	CONSERVATION							
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources							
4619	Other Conservation		2,235	2,235	5,225		5,225	
4631-2	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING							
4651-9	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		95,000	95,000	190,000		190,000	
4712	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		33,581	33,581	88,900		88,900	
4723	Interest on TANS		3,000		3,000		3,000	
	Interest on Short term notes		13,555	15,706				
	CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
4771	Short term Principal		375,000	375,000	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
4901	Fire Truck Payment							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Other		22,875	22,875	22,875		22,875	
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-							
	Water-							
	Electric-							

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TOWN OF DEERFIELD

Warrant Article Number	Purpose of Appropriations	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year
No. 2	Reconstruct Rds/Bridges	\$10,000	6,733
No. 9	Fuel Tank Removal	6,000	6,000
No. 11	Recreation Facilities	6,900	5,904
No. 7	Police Cruiser	21,250	21,250
No. 10	Hwy. Dump Truck/w Plow	31,854	31,854
No. 12	GBW Bldg Improvements	46,696	34,884
No. 8	Town Hall Exter. Paint	12,500	12,500
No. 16	Central Fire Station	6,245	5,662
No. 14	Town Owned Dam Repair	5,000	391
No. 17	Consult Ser Master PL	6,000	
No. 18	Consult/Zone/Sub/Site	14,000	
No. 3	Safety Patrol/Phase 1	1,200	1,099
No. 4	Safety Patrol/Phase 2	1,200	
No. 5	Bike Safety Program	350	
No. 6	Anti DWI/Drive School	680	
No. 15	3%Wage Increase	11,518	8,097
No. 19	Police Software	7,200	
No. 13	Expense over bond ext.	1	
	SUB TOTALS	188,594	134,374
No. 1	Landfill Closure/Brown Road Bond	625,000	625,000
	SUB TOTALS	625,000	625,000

Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
	TAXES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	20 Land Use Change Taxes		9,000	27,196	10,000
	3180 Resident Taxes				
	3185 Yield Taxes		10,000	20,420	15,000
	3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
	3189 Other Taxes				
	3190 Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		60,000	100,613	70,000
	Inventory Penalties				
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	3210 Business Licenses & Permits Dog Lic		3,600	3,516	3,500
	3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		250,000	306,920	255,000
	3230 Building Permits		5,500	6,156	5,500
	3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		5,000	22,888	8,000
	3311-3319 FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT /Fast Cop		32,400	21,949	37,000
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	31 Shared Revenues /With School		45,000	111,900	45,000
	3352 Health & Police Tax Warrant Articles				11,500
	3353 Highway Block Grant		79,879	79,879	87,445
	3354 Water Pollution Grant Highway Safety			1,081	
	3355 Housing & Community Development				
	3356 State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		3,265	3,265	3,265
	3357 Flood Control Reimbursement			7,782	
	3359 Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
	3379 FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		50,000	67,622	40,000
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	3401-3406 Income from Departments		10,000	32,985	20,000
	3409 Other Charges				
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	3501 Sale of Municipal Property			70,324	
	3502 Interest on Investments		35,000	56,652	30,000
	3503-3509 Other /Rentals		61,000	52,983	50,000
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	3912 Special Revenue Funds				

3912 Special Revenue Funds					
Acct.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
	3 Capital Projects Fund				
	4 Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	3915 Capital Reserve Fund		37,500	38,184	
	3916 Trust & Agency Funds		7,000	11,354	7,000
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	3934 Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		1,000,000	1,000,000	
	Amounts Voted From "Surplus"		XXXXXXXXXX		
	"Surplus" Used in Prior Year to Reduce Taxes		XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX
	TOTAL REVENUES		1,704,144	2,043,669	698,210

BUDGET SUMMARY

SELECTMEN

BUDGET COMMITTEE

TOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 4)	1,698,409	1,681,451
SUBTOTAL 2 "Individual" warrant articles (from page 4)	58,888	53,488
SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles as defined by law (from page 4)	76,500	31,500
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,833,797	1,766,439
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes) (from above)	698,210	698,210
Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	1,135,587	1,068,229

HELP! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. No.	W.A. No.	Amount	Acct.No.	W.A. No.	Amount
	4	2,400			
	5	1,000			
	6	5,400			
	7	600			
	8	2,100			

**Town of Deerfield
Town Meeting--Election Portion
March 11, 1997**

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Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, read the Warrant, gave instructions to the voters, indicated the Absentee List was posted and those ballots would be cast after 2:00PM.

Ballot Boxes were shown to be empty and resealed.

Election Officials present were: Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson; assisted by Assistant Moderators, George Owen and James D'Alessio; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Cynthia E. Heon; assisted by Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Jeanette Foisy and Election Assistants Suzanne Barss, Barbara Sundstrom, Ruth Sanborn, Karen Mailhot; from the Inspectors of Elections Joanne Wasson and Nettie Farr were designated Ballots Clerks assisted by Jennie Owen, Barbara Daley and Irene Shores; Supervisors of the Checklist, Chairman, George Putnam, Roger King and Willis Rollins, Jr.; Selectmen, Chairman James Alexander, Richard Mailhot Sr., Donald F. Smith, Vice Chairman and Robert Sanborn.

Gatekeepers for this Election were Officer Katherine Hillner and Detective Steven Turner.

7:00AM The Polls were declared open by the Moderator and the balloting began.

2:00PM Absentee Ballots were begun.

100	Absentee Ballots
48	Absentee Ballots Mailed
44	Absentee Ballots Returned
40	Absentee Ballots Cast
4	Absentee Ballots Canceled
4	Absentee Ballots Never Returned
52	Absentee Ballots Not Sent

3:00PM Absentee Ballots were completed.

7:00PM Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, declared the polls closed.

The Counting of Ballots began immediately.

Serving as Inspectors of Elections to count ballots were: Ella Sawyer, Gus Csuka, Harriet Cady, Richard Granger, Laura Guinan, George Keech, Marianne Taylor, Jeff Shute, Kevin Barry, Debra Clark, Thomas Linskey, Claude Daley, Joseph Dubiansky, Brenda Chalbeck, Kevin Chalbeck, Howard Maley, Eleanor Ambrose, Charlotte Darling, Louis Nephew, Amy Marquis, Joan Mountford, Philip Bilodeau, Robert VanWinkle and Alvin Upper.

The Moderator announced the following dates of importance.

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March 14 Last Day to Request a Recount
March 15 Town Meeting -- Business Portion - 9:00AM
Deerfield Community School
March 18 Last Day to Request a Recount of a Ballot Question
March 21 Last Day to Remove Political Advertising

Registered Voters	2229
Regular Ballots Cast	668
Absentee Ballots Cast	40
Voter Turnout	31%

The results of the Town Ballot (Officers to be Elected) were read by the Moderator.

For Selectmen for Three Years (Vote for One)

Robert B. Sanborn 498

Write-Ins

Joe Stone	11	Harriet Cady	9	Dwight Barnes	4
Don Gorman	2	Sam Coco	2	Joe Dubiansky	2
Jack Sherburne	2	Robert Heon	1	Richard Guyette	1
Paul Smith	1	Fred McGarry	1	Keith Rollins	1
Kevin Chalbeck	1	Mark Hogan	1	Rick Granger	1
Paul O'Neal	1	Rod Swanson	1	Paul Buffington	1
George Putnam	1	Howard Maley	1	Charles Margelot	1
Roger King	1	Fred Hartford	1	Robert Robertson	1
Shirley Winslow	1	Mark Tibbetts	1	Tom True	1

and, Robert B. Sanborn having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a three year term.

For Supervisor of the Checklist for Five Years (Vote for One)

Harriet Cady Write-In Votes 37

Additional Write-In Votes

Fran Menard	28	Joe Stone	27	Roger King	6
Willis Rollins, Jr.	4	George Putnam	3	David O'Neal	2
Howard Maley	2	Joe Dubiansky	2	Warren Billings	2
Richard Marquis	2	Roger King	2	Dorothea Putnam	1
Valerie Leutchter	1	Gerry Gill	1	Bud Rollins	1
Susie Sherburne	1	Joanne Wasson	1	Curtis Merrill	1
Tom Dillon	1	Charlotte Darling	1	Tom Foulkes	1
Debra Baker	1	Shirley Winslow	1	Don Gorman	1
Kevin Chalbeck	1	Cynthia Tomilson	1	George Keech	1
Irene Shores	1	Glenn Young	1	George Owen	1
Keith Rollins	1	Jack Sherburne	1	Eleanor Houghton	1
Vickie Motz	1	Charles Garland	1	Laura Guinan	1

and, Harriet Cady having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a five year term.

For Town Clerk/Tax Collector for Three Years (Vote for One)

Cynthia E. Heon

652

Write-Ins

Sonia Rogers 2

and, Cynthia E. Heon having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a three year term.

For Highway Agent for One Year (Vote for One)

David P. Twombly

537

Write-Ins

Keith Rollins	12	Paul Smith	12	Ray Heon	6
Mark Young	3	Steven Rollins	3	Bruce Rollins	2
Glen Young	2	Dennis Kimball	2	Wally Twombly	2
Richard Marquis	1	Jimmy Walker	1	Donald Daniels	1
Donald Daniels, Jr.	1	Joe Stone	1	Chuck Margelot	1
Kevin Fisher	1	Jeff Smith	1	Steven Piwowarczyk	1

and, David P. Twombly having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

For Overseer of Welfare for One Year (Vote for One)

Wendy P. Margelot

610

Write-Ins

Carol Owen	4	Kerry Woods	1	Joe Stone	1
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and, Wendy P. Margelot having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

For Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years (Vote for One)

David L. Baker, Jr.

574

Write-Ins

Don Gorman	1	Joe Stone	1
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and, David L. Baker, Jr. having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a three year term.

For Water Commissioner for Three Years (Vote for One)

Louis Nephew

Write-In Votes

25

For Water Commissioner, Cont.

Additional Write-In Votes

David O'Neal	15	Steven Sanborn	4	Matt Kimball	3
Andrew McBride	3	Charlie Sanborn	3	George Clark	3
Waldo Twombly	2	Leonard Newcom	2	Bill O'Neal	2
Roger Hartgen	2	Fred McGarry	2	Phil Bilodeau	2
Ray Heon	2	Roger King	1	Fred Palmer	1
Steve Turner	1	James County	1	John Pfeiffer	1
Steve Lafond	1	Edward Mahoney Sr	1	Joe Stone	1
Kevin McDonald	1	John Decenzo	1	Mark Tibbetts	1
Don Tordoff	1	Don Daniels	1	Joe McHugh	1
Steve Anderson	1	Don Daniels, Jr.	1	Kevin Fisher	1
Howard Maley	1	Frank Mitchell	1	Lee Baker	1
Kevin Meyers	1	Jon Winslow	1	Warren Billings, III.	1
Mark Eagan	1	Al Johnson	1	Fred Ashworth	1
George Putnam	1	Elaine Alexander	1	Keith Rollins	1
David White	1	Harriet Cady	1	Dwight Barnes	1
Kevin Briggs	1	Tony Mincu	1	Jim D'Alessio	1
Curtis Merrill	1	Alice French	1	Willis Rollins, Jr.	1

and, Louis Nephew having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a three year term.

For Planning Board for Three Years (Vote for Two)

Katherine Hartnett	521
Frederick J. McGarry	526

Write-In Votes

Harriet Cady	3	David O'Neal	2	Don Gorman	2
Roger King	2	Rod Swanson	2	Irene Shores	2
Donald Watts	1	Daniel Briggs	1	Richard Stevens	1
Don Smith	1	Roger Hartgen	1	Don Daniels	1
Harley Stevens	1	Don Daniels, Jr.	1	George Clark	1
Joan Tuck	1	Kevin Fisher	1	Joseph Reed	1

and, Katherine Hartnett and Frederick J. McGarry having a plurality of all votes cast, were declared elected for a three year term.

For Municipal Budget Committee for Three Years (Vote for Three)

Thomas P. Dillon	476
Gerard H. Gill	461
Emily W. Moore	511

Municipal Budget Committee, Cont.

Write-In Votes

Harriet Cady	4	Jack Sherburne	3	Tom Foulkes	2
Gary Roberge	2	Howard Maley	2	Joe Dubiansky	2
Michael Bugnacki	2	Dwight Barnes	2	Bob Duhaime	2
Steven Berry	1	Don Gorman	1	Joe Stone	1
Mark Lamontagne	1	Scott Shillaber	1	Diana Faiella	1
Tom Linsky	1	James Cummings	1	George Putnam	1
Richard Granger	1	Rod Swanson	1	Mark Tibbetts	1
Matt Kimball	1	George Owen	1	Steven Aubrey	1
Chris White	1	Robert D'Alessandro	1	Jon Winslow	1
Edward Mahoney	1	R. Hutchinson	1		

and Thomas P. Dillon, Gerard H. Gill and Emily W. Moore having a plurality of all votes cast, were declared elected for a three year term.

For Trustee of Philbrick James Library for Three Years (Vote for Two)

Eve M. Hazen	564
Lynda L. Truncellito	549

Write-In Votes

George Owen	1	Joanne Wasson	1	David Twombly	1
Elsie Brown	1				

and Eve M. Hazen and Lynda L. Truncellito having a plurality of all votes cast, were declared elected for a three year term.

The results of the Official Ballot Questions are as follows:

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow Official Ballot Voting on all issues before the Town of Deerfield? (By Petition)

Yes 327	No 331
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Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, stated there were 658 ballots cast on the question. 395 votes were needed for the 3/5 majority (60%) for the question to pass. The final percentage was less than 50%. The Moderator declared the question had failed.

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A: 11a,b shall we permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income generating equipment? (By Petition)

Yes 594	No 62
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Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, declared the question passed.

The results of the Proposed Amendments to the Deerfield Zoning Ordinances, March 11, 1997 are as follows:

Article No. 1

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment as No.1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II, Section 204 to require a special exception for aircraft takeoff and landing strips as accessory to a dwelling. State law now automatically allows such strips as accessory uses unless regulated by zoning.

YES 377

NO 292

Article No.2

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No.2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- (a) Amend Article III, Section 319.4 to prohibit temporary signs from blocking the view of traffic, and
- (b) Amend Article IV, Section 403 and Section 404 to clarify the use of travel trailers as temporary residences, and
- (c) Amend Article VI, Section 602 to clarify the definition of "restaurant."

YES 495

NO 181

Article No.3

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No.3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VII, Section 702A to require abutter notice at the time of application for a building permit for a new dwelling.

YES 462

NO 225

Article No.4

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No.4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VII, Section 702B to eliminate newspaper notice by the Building Inspector after issuance of a building permit.

YES 373

NO 303

The results of the Deerfield School District Ballot were announced by the School District Moderator, James P. D'Alessio.

For Moderator for One Year (Vote for One)

James P. D'Alessio

589

and, James P. D'Alessio having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

For School District Clerk for One Year (Vote for One)
 Sonia Rogers 540

and, Sonia Rogers having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

For School District Treasurer for One Year (Vote for One)
 Cynthia E. Tomilson 635

and, Cynthia E. Tomilson having the plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

For School Board Member for Three Years (Vote for Two)

Susan Aubrey	291
Debra M. Black	333
David F. O'Neal	401
Judy Williams	231

and, Debra M. Black and David F. O'Neal having the plurality of all votes cast, were declared elected for a three year term.

NOTE: Write-In Votes from the School Ballot were inadvertently sealed before they were recorded.

The results of the Official Ballot Question is as follows:

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 for the School District of the Town of Deerfield?

YES 345 NO 294

Moderator, James D'Alessio, stated there were 639 ballots cast on the question. 3/5 majority (60%) was needed for the question to pass. The final percentage did not reach 60%. The Moderator declared the question had failed.

The School Ballot Box was sealed at 10:05PM and the Town Ballot Box was sealed at 10:15PM. The Moderator declared the Meeting adjourned at 10:20PM.

NOTE: There was an overwhelming amount of Write-Ins on the Town Ballot which caused the delay in the sealing of the Town Box.

A True Record,
 Attest:



Cynthia E. Heon
 Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TOWN OF DEERFIELD
Town Meeting - Business Portion
March 15, 1997

In recognition of the labor and sacrifice of those who created, defended and refined the privilege of democratic government under which the Meeting was assembled, Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, asked all to rise and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. The 1997 Town Meeting Business Portion was declared open at 9:07AM.

Town Officials present at this Meeting were: Town Counsel, David Connell; Selectmen-James Alexander, Chairman; Richard Mailhot, Frank Bioteau, Donald Smith and Robert Sanborn; Assistant Moderator and Parliamentarian, James D'Alessio, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Cynthia Heon; Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Jeanette Foisy; Assistant Clerk, Andrea Lajoie; Supervisors of the Checklist-George Putnam, Chairman; Willis Rollins, Jr. and Harriet Cady; Ballot Clerks, Nettie Farr and Irene Shores assisted by Barbara Daley and Joanne Wasson; Assistant Moderator on the Floor, George Owen; George Clark, Louis Nephew, George Keech, Ella Sawyer, Joseph Dubiansky, Kevin Barry, Debra Clark, Gus Csuka and Claude Daley, Counters on the Floor.

Officials present who were elected Tuesday, March 11th, were asked to come forward. Robert B.Sanborn, Selectman; Cynthia E. Heon, Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Louis Nephew, Water Commissioner; Emily Moore, Municipal Budget Committee Member; Katherine Hartnett, Planning Board Member; Debra Black and David O'Neal, School Board Members; Linda Truncellito, Library Trustee and James D'Alessio, School District Moderator, came forward, and took the Oath of Office in open meeting, administered by Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson.

The purpose, rules and decorum of the Meeting, Roberts Rules as modified by the Moderator, in accordance with the Laws of the State of New Hampshire, were reviewed. After passing through the Checklist registered voters should have a Voting Card, a Sheet of Yes/No Ballots and a Yellow Ballot-Article 18. Non-voters were seated in the designated area except for Andrea Lajoie, Assistant Clerk. They will be allowed to participate in discussion.

Each Article in the Warrant will require a motion and a second. For the purpose of recording the Meeting, speakers were asked to use the microphones. A motion, to address the question or close debate, will be allowed but not both in the same motion. Votes will be by a show of Voting Cards. If the Moderator cannot see a clear majority, he will move to a division (show of raised cards), likewise, if a member does not believe the results are correct, a division may be requested. Before the initial vote, a Secret Ballot can be requested, in writing, with five signatures. Any ruling, of the Moderator, is subject to appeal by the body.

In keeping with the principal of fairness, the Moderator encouraged members to ask for a Point of Inquiry if they are uncertain of how to proceed. Amendments should be in writing.

The Moderator directed everyone's attention to the various displays in the room. He indicated some of these were directly related to Warrant Articles.

The Moderator recognized Chairman of the Board, James Alexander. Mr. Alexander requested the Rules be Suspended to take Article 25, Out of Order, for the purpose of hearing Committee Reports. Seconded by Richard Maillot.

The Moderator called for the **VOTE TO SUSPEND THE RULES** and take **ARTICLE 25 OUT OF ORDER**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared.

ARTICLE 25

To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

The Moderator stated, at this time, the Meeting would hear reports from various Committees.

Sludge Study Committee - Wendy Schorr

Ms. Schorr stated the Committee was formed to address concerns resulting from an Article at last years' Town Meeting. They met with a State expert, reviewed State and Federal Regulations, Regulations in other Towns, received input from the NH Bureau of Health Risk Assessment and attended a symposium. The Committee recommends the Board of Selectmen adopt, as part of a Health Ordinance, the following restrictions: (1) Only Class A Sludge be allowed (2) Sludge not be placed near an aquifer. (3) Sludge would be tested when delivered to the site.

Recycling Committee - Wendy Schorr

Ms. Schorr referred to the handout "Options for Recycling". The Committee was directed through last years' Town Meeting to look into mandatory recycling. Input from the Meeting, as to the best areas to explore, will give the Committee direction this year.

Ms. Schorr noted from 1995 to 1996 trash tonnage increased 12%; recycling increased 3%. She went on to explain three options.

Option 1 Continue the way we have. Pros-No change. Cons-Disposal costs rise and little increase in the recycling.

Option 2 Unit-based pricing system. A fee charged for each bag or item thrown in the hopper. Some Towns use special bags. Fees are not collected at the Transfer Station.

No fee for recycled items. Pros-Probable increase in recycling and decrease in trash. Cons-An employee would be hired and residents would have to adapt.

Option 3 Mandatory Recycling. Employees have to check garbage bags or clear plastic bags need to be used. Pros-Probable increase in recycling and probable decrease in garbage disposal. Cons-Would have to hire an employee to enforce it.

The Moderator recognized Joanne Wasson who filed an Objection to the Sludge Committee Report. Ms. Wasson stated, as a member of the Committee, meetings had been poorly attended and there had been no mention of a Committee Report. Ms. Wasson did not feel the Report was from the Committee as a whole.

Emily Moore requested clarification of the amount currently expended, from the budget, to cover this area. Selectman, Richard Mailhot, said it was \$90,000. It was noted the budget would not be affected this year. A direction will be achieved from this Meeting, research will be done and a Public Hearing held, prior to implementing any program.

Residents told of experiences in Greenfield and Chester. These Towns have experienced mandatory recycling and did not hire additional staff nor require policing after the first year. Ms. Schorr commented one attendant may be able to handle it if they were aggressive. Residents wanted the Committee to seek a solution somewhere between mandatory and voluntary recycling. Others spoke of more community involvement, concerns for costs involved in these programs and incineration of trash in relationship to air quality.

The Moderator stated he would seek a Sense of the Meeting, a Non-Binding Vote, to determine the level of support for each option. This would provide the Solid Waste Committee with an idea of what to pursue in the upcoming year. The Moderator called for the **SENSE OF THE MEETING** on Options 1, 2 and 3. He declared the results of the **HAND VOTE** were **EVENLY SPLIT BETWEEN THE THREE OPTIONS**. The Sense of the Meeting had been achieved.

Recreation Commission/Facilities Committee - Dwight Barnes

Mr. Barnes said the Committee was formed to determine whether there was a need for new recreational facilities and if the need existed, seek out an appropriate location. A Committee handout revealed growth over the past 20 years of sports activities and an increase, from 50 to 250 young people, using the present facilities. From this information, the Committee determined there was a definite need for facilities which could accommodate present and future sports activities and other recreational opportunities.

The Committee began the search for property. The search ended with the Witcher property which has frontage on Freezes Pond and Route 107. Mr. Barnes noted the important characteristics of the location; it was in walking distance of the school, covered safety considerations, parking problems and access. The Town was to own the facility and the Friends of Deerfield Recreation, a non-profit group would secure funding, donation of materials and all else needed. Little or no financial burden was to fall on the taxpayers, instead, the Board of Selectmen had given the authority to swap two Town owned lots.

Financial Report - Richard Mailhot, Selectman

Selectman Mailhot stated, during the budget process, it was reported there would be a \$50,000 surplus to reduce taxes in 1997. The audit is now complete, revenues were up significantly in 1996, and it appears there is approximately \$209,000. Selectman Mailhot further explained this would mean the Warrant, as presented, would be covered and leave about \$68,000 to offset taxes, or use, as the Meeting chooses.

Conservation Commission - Katherine Hartnett

Ms. Hartnett urged the Meeting to review the information on the Conservation Commission table before voting on Article 13.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, placed a motion before the Meeting to Table Article 25. Seconded by Frank Bioteau.

The Moderator asked if there were any Objections to Tabling Article 25. Seeing **NO OBJECTIONS, ARTICLE 25 IS TABLED BY UNANIMOUS CONSCENT**.

1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,178 (Twelve Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Eight) for the following purposes: clean, remove, and dispose of one (1) 10,000 gallon #2 fuel oil storage tank and refill the hole at the George B. White Building (\$5,150); install four (4) 330 gallon vertical fuel tanks (\$3,365); install carpet in the Deerfield Police Department (\$1,731); install new tile in the ladies bathroom (\$342); and install vinyl stair treads at front entrance to George B. White Building (\$1,590). The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 1 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Donald Smith, Selectman.

Mr. Alexander stated the purpose of these funds was to continue the capital improvements being made to the George B. White Building. The Article was broken into various ingredients and the cost for each one.

Gary Roberge asked for the costs versus the rental income of the building. Chairman Alexander quoted a gross rental income of approximately \$50,000. Richard Mailhot, Selectman, indicated costs had been difficult to track because it is all under General Government Buildings. Mr. Mailhot said steps are being taken to allow for this report next year.

Harriet Cady commended the Selectmen for keeping the building in good repair but requested the Board ask for bids in a newspaper, of general circulation, and have the proposals presented at Town Meeting to vote on. Chairman Alexander replied, saying, a figure is secured for budgetary purposes and then a competitive bid process is used.

Katherine Hartnett requested a description of the fuel tank to be removed. Richard Mailhot stated it is a 10,000 underground tank which services two sections of the building via a circulating pump. To eliminate problems in the future, it will be replaced with two in the front section and two in the back section.

Discussion ended. The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 1**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 1 is adopted in the amount of \$12,178.

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,652 (Six Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Two) for the following purposes: to install an exhaust fan in the Town Hall basement (\$905); paint the exterior, Fire-House side, of the Town Hall (\$1,250); install two new horizontal fuel tanks under the Town Hall (\$1,497); remove one (1) 2,000 gallon #2 fuel underground storage tank (\$2,000); remove one (1) 2,000 gallon #2 oil tank from the Town Hall, refill the hole, loam and seeding (\$1,000). The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 2 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Donald Smith, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander moved to **AMEND ARTICLE 2, fifth line, to insert after "tank" and before "\$2,000", "from the Town Hall" and after "\$2,000" delete "remove One (1) 2,000 gallon #2 oil tank from the Town Hall"**. Seconded by Frank Bioteau, Selectman.

There was no discussion on the **AMENDMENT**. The Moderator called for the vote to amend **ARTICLE 2** as just read. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared.

Returning to the Main Motion, as Amended, Chairman Alexander told the Meeting the fan will provide ventilation and prevent further rotting. The second coat of paint will protect the side of the building having more exposure to the weather. Replacement of the tank is to remove the last underground tank owned by the Town.

Harriet Cady questioned if the work was going to be bid as two separate jobs, or all as one, and how the costs were arrived at. Chairman Alexander answered as follows: Tank removal-Les Cartier Associates; Paul Smith-Contractor; Oil tanks installed-A.I. Welch. The Board did not intend to go out to bid for removal of the tanks because of the confidence they have in Les Cartier Associates to perform the work with no repercussions.

Seeing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 2, AS AMENDED**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE**. Article 2 is adopted in the amount of **\$6,652**.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand) for the purpose of reconstructing municipal roads and bridges, or portions thereof, destroyed by floods; and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for and accept grants of Federal or State aid or both as may be available and to do all things necessary to carry out the purposes of this appropriation. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 3 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Donald Smith, Selectman.

Mr. Alexander noted the Article had been placed in the Warrant, for the past four years, and in October when it got "a little wet", the Town was reimbursed slightly more than \$7,200. Having this Article adopted, and through the efforts of Joe Stone, Federal aid was received.

The Moderator moved directly to the vote on **ARTICLE 3**, as printed. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 3 is adopted in the amount of **\$10,000**.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400 (Two Thousand Four Hundred) to fund Traffic Safety/Prevention Patrols and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of \$2,400 in offsetting Federal funds. This funding to cover operations in Phase I & II of the project which will run April through September, 1997. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 4 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Donald Smith, Selectman.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, deferred to Detective Steve Turner. Detective Turner stated this is the fifth year of patrols. It allows for added patrols for officers paid for by the Federal Government. The high visibility, being a deterrent to crime, keeps the streets safer.

There was no discussion. Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, called for the vote on **ARTICLE 4**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 4 is adopted in the amount of \$2,400.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (One Thousand) to fund a Child Bicycle Safety Program (\$350) and to fund an Anti DWI Driver Education Program (\$650) and to accept two grants from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency totaling (\$1,000) in offsetting Federal Funds. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 5 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Donald Smith, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander deferred to Detective Steve Turner. Detective Turner stated this Article was returning, this year, because the window to apply for Grants had been missed. Federal, State and Town fiscal years are all different and for this reason, it requires coordination when applying for funds. If Grants are not approved, money is not spent.

The Moderator called for discussion. Seeing none, he went directly to the vote on **ARTICLE 5**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 5 is adopted in the amount of \$1,000.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,200 (Seven Thousand Two Hundred) dollars to purchase a software update, computer, data base, and two laptop computers to be utilized by the Deerfield Police Department and to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice COPS More Program in the amount of \$5,400 (partial offset) with the balance to be raised through taxation. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 6 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Donald Smith, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander deferred to Detective Steve Turner. Detective Turner said the same explanation given for Article 5 applied to Article 6.

There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 6**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 6 is adopted in the amount of \$7,200.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 (One Thousand Two Hundred) to purchase a reconditioned hand held Radar Unit and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of \$600 in Federal matching funds. The Selectmen recommend this article; the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved to adopt Article 7 as printed. Seconded by Gary Roberge.

Mr. Alexander deferred to Detective Steve Turner. Detective Turner noted the unit would be used to slow people down, not necessarily for writing tickets. A reconditioned unit was chosen to save the expense of a new one. Because accidents have been occurring on back roads, where stationary radar is not effective, this unit would give the police a tool to work with.

Rebecca Hutchinson, Chairperson of the Municipal Budget Committee explained the vote on this Article: 4 In-Favor; 5 Opposed. Members in favor felt patrolling the back roads was needed. Those opposing thought it wasn't necessary.

Rod Swanson, Highway Safety Committee, stated, in view of the number of accidents occurring, it was a good investment.

Discussion ended and the Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 7**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 7 is adopted in the amount of **\$1,200**.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200 (Four Thousand Two Hundred) to purchase a Cruiser Video Monitoring System and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of \$2,100 in Federal matching funds. The Selectmen recommend this article; the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 8 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Richard Mailhot, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander deferred to Detective Steve Turner. Detective Turner indicated the Police Department worked with a similar unit this past year. It has provided back up information for the officer in court, aided in prosecution of DWI cases and protects the officer.

Rebecca Hutchinson, Chair of the MBC, read the vote: 5-In Favor; 5-Opposed; Motion Failed. Some members noted the unit had limited use by all officers. Others thought it would enhance crime prevention.

Other views shared were: It keeps everyone in line and it backs confrontational people down.

The Article did not yield any further discussion. The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 8**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 8 is adopted in the amount of **\$4,200**.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, asked for a moment to publicly thank Steve Turner for the hours of work he puts into seeking grants and surplus equipment. The Meeting gave Mr. Turner a round of applause.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 (Five Hundred) for the purpose of a feasibility study of an Emergency Services Housing Facility. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved to adopt Article 9 as printed. Seconded by Richard Mailhot.

Mr. Alexander explained the three emergency services in the community have, contained in their Master Plans, the need for housing for emergency vehicles. Vehicles are kept outside, or at an individuals home, and fire trucks have to be taken out of the building to be worked on. The purpose of the Article is to look at options and form a direction to go in.

John Pfeiffer asked if the building would house just equipment or would office space be included. Chairman Alexander said, at this time, there wasn't a set plan. Mr. Pfeiffer indicated a building, which could be added to, should be considered.

Discussion ended and the Moderator went directly to the vote on **ARTICLE 9**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 9 was adopted in the amount of \$500.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,558 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Eight) for the purpose of Town employee raises for salaries and wages. (This represents a 3% increase.) The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 10 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Frank Bioteau, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander noted the intent was to keep the Town employees, at, or slightly ahead, of the cost of living.

John Pfeiffer respectfully agreed with the raise because the Town and School Reports were out before the deadline. He praised the people who accomplished it.

A question was raised as to how many full time employees the Town had. Chairman Alexander stated thirteen. The Board was also requested to look into additional sick days for employees whose position exposes them to weather conditions.

At this time, the Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 10**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 10 is adopted in the amount of \$7,558.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (One Thousand) for the purpose of Dugout Benches w/Shelf and Landscaping around the Batting Cage at the Bicentennial Field. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 11 as printed. Seconded by Frank Bioteau, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander deferred to Ted McDonald, Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman. Mr. McDonald told the Meeting of improvements done during past years. He stated, with support for this Article, it will wrap up the work to be done at the Bicentennial Field.

The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 11**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 11 is adopted in the amount of **\$1,000**.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred) to be used by the Northwood Lake Watershed Association in the treatment of Northwood Lake to control the Milfoil problem. BY PETITION The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Petitioner, Rod Swanson, moved Article 12 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Brenda Wilson.

Mr. Swanson explained Milfoil is an exotic weed transported to lakes on propellers of boats. The weed thrives in rich soil and since the lake bottom was once farmland, it grows rapidly. The Northwood Lake Watershed Association has found a good method to control the weed and with additional funds from Epsom, Northwood, the State and the Watershed Association, the project could be successful.

Residents spoke about a potential loss of tax revenue if assessments were altered due to poor water quality in the lake, preservation of one of Deerfield's finest natural resources, additional costs if the weed was allowed to continue to increase and assurance neighboring Town's were contributing to the cost of removing the weed.

The Moderator moved to the vote on **ARTICLE 12**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 12 is adopted in the amount of **\$1,500**.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand) to purchase property (map 6, lot 45-1) adjacent to Dowst-Cate Town Forest for conservation purposes, to be managed by the Conservation Commission. This land is 93.4 acres, and is offered to the Town at less than its market value. BY PETITION The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Petitioner, Frank Mitchell, Conservation Committee Member, moved Article 13 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Brenda Eaves, Conservation Committee Co-Chair.

Mr. Mitchell, Conservation Commission Member, explained Mr. and Mrs. Weiss contacted the Commission to ask about the possibility of the purchase of this land at half its assessed value. \$123,300. The Conservation Commission, through this Article, is asking the Town for one half of the amount and the remainder would be raised through other sources.

The Commission examined its unique features-wetlands, water quality protection, and a connection between Northwood Meadows and Pawtuckaway State Park. It is adjacent to the Dowst-Cate Town Forest and fits into the long range vision of open space.

A concern was raised about liabilities and costs to the Town. Mr. Mitchell stated the project would create minimal cost or perhaps no cost.

Phil Bilodeau commended the Conservation Commission for securing this opportunity for Deerfield .

Representative Rebecca Hutchinson, Chair of the MBC, read the vote of the Committee: 5-In favor; 3-Opposed; 1-Abstained. Committee view points were: Public funds should not be spent in this manner when other committees spend time on fund raisers; it would benefit the Town to have this particular land and at this price; the value of tying this land into the Town Forest and other easements was seen, but thought it should be offset by the sale of the other land the Town already owned.

Representative, Joe Stone, asked for the status of the fund balance in the Conservation Commissions account. Frank Mitchell, Commission Member, deferred to Commission Treasurer, Judy Muller, who stated there was approximately \$10,000 in the account. Mr. Mitchell explained the funds are used in between Town Meetings to perform survey work and the like and then are reimbursed at the following Town Meeting.

Harriet Cady requested a description of what Bear Paw Greenways was. Frank Mitchell told the Meeting it consisted of six surrounding towns and was created to provide for regional conservation planning.

Mrs. Cady wanted the acreage broken down as to the amount in Conservation Easements, Town owned Conservation lands, State Lands, lake and mountain acreage and how much land was in Current Use.

Frank Mitchell referred to a handout and stated he recalled one half of Deerfield being in Current Use. Kate Hartnett, Conservation Commission Member, read the following facts: The Town is comprised of 33,350 acres; the property being considered, by this vote, is 93 acres; 1,592 Acres is Town Owned Land-4.8%; addition of the 93 Acres would increase percentage to 5.1%; Conservation Easements total 1,080 acres; Town Forest and Conservation area 512 Acres.

Josh Freed made a motion to Close Debate and Move the Question. Seconded by Margo Fligg. The Moderator called for the vote to **CLOSE DEBATE AND MOVE THE QUESTION**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared.

Point of Inquiry

Richard Mailhot, Selectman, questioned the method for payment if the additional \$30,000 is not raised in the appropriation. Town Counsel, David Connell, said the Conservation Commission is unique, in that, the Commission can receive funds from private, as well as, public sources and expend it without permission of Town Meeting.

Point of Information

Ralph Sullivan stated the Article was illegal because it should read \$60,000 and should be struck from the Warrant. The Moderator ruled the Article to be legal.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, called for the vote on **ARTICLE 13** as printed. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 13 is adopted in the amount of **\$30,000**.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand) for the purpose of replacing a tank on an existing piece of fire apparatus. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 14 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Richard Mailhot, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander deferred to Fire Chief, Mark Tibbetts. Chief Tibbetts stated the vehicle and tank had, in the past, been maintained and repaired. The tank is now beyond repair. Chief Tibbetts noted there would be matching funds of \$5,000 from the Fire Department Association and Fire Department personnel would do the work.

As there was no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 14**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 14 is adopted in the amount of **\$5,000**.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 (Forty Five Thousand) for the purpose of repair and reconstruction of Old Centre Road from Meetinghouse Hill Road 1850 feet North. BY PETITION The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

The Moderator called for a Petitioner to move the Article. Seeing no response, he declared, if a motion was not made he would move on to the next Article.

John Pfeiffer stated, for the purpose of placing the Article on the Floor, he would move Article 15 as printed. Seconded by Harriet Cady.

Mr. Pfeiffer spoke to the need to improve roads.

Harriet Cady said she notified the Board of Selectmen, in writing, of the hazardous condition existing on this section of Old Centre Road and would bill the Town for damages incurred due to action not being taken. Mrs. Cady noted the Town was open for liability.

Representative Rebecca Hutchinson, Chair of the MBC, explained the vote of the Committee. It unanimously failed because, although Members of the Committee agreed the section of road needed repair, it was thought the \$45,000 should have been part of the Budget and not Petitioned. The other concern was \$45,000 may not be enough to do the work.

Representative Joe Stone, Administrative Assistant to the Highway Department, said this section of road came to the attention of the Board of Selectmen in April of 1995. The Highway Agent was asked to review this section of road, do a survey and present it to the Board. The Board requested an engineer draft the plan, however, money had not been budgeted for. In 1996, after a request from Mrs. Margelot as to the cost of the repairs, the \$45,000 appeared as a Petitioned Warrant Article.

Frank Bioteau, Selectman, recalled a costly drainage problem which had not been addressed. This could add to the cost of the reconstruction.

Another unresolved issue was the taking of a piece of land through Eminent Domain. This would have to be settled prior to work actually beginning.

The subject of whether or not this should have been presented as a Petitioned Article or added to the Highway Budget drew lengthy discussion. Residents offered the following suggestions:

(1) List the roads in priority order (2) Follow a road improvement plan (3) Work on roads which present a liability for the Town. Some citizens thought this Petition was setting a precedent and in the years to come, other Petitions will be forthcoming.

Robert Ashforth had heard Deerfield was getting further behind in the way of road work. Selectman, Frank Bioteau, said it was a correct statement. Mr. Ashforth, suggested to the Board, they take this as a wake up call to keep pace with what needs to be done on the roads.

Jack Sherburne made a motion to amend Article 15 to read: "To see if the Town will vote to advise the Selectmen and Road Agent to repair and reconstruct Old Centre Road from Meetinghouse Hill Road, 1850 feet North." Seconded by Gary Roberge.

Point of Order

Harriet Cady questioned the legality of the Amendment. She thought it changed the intent of Article 15 which was to fund road repairs. Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, stated it would create an Advisory Article and funds would have to be found elsewhere.

Point of Clarification

Harriet Cady requested, it be clarified, if the funds for repairs would come from another project. The Moderator stated the money must come from somewhere else and a Vote in Favor could not cause the work to be done.

Point of Order

Harriet Cady asked, to make this mandatory, what needed to be done. The Moderator responded a Vote on Article 15, as amended, and another amendment to the budget would accomplish it. Mrs. Cady was still concerned the language was not in keeping with the original Petition and the Legislative process would not remain pure. The Moderator stated the Petitioned Article, Article 15, belongs to the Town and can be amended as any other.

Point of Information

Debra Clark requested the names on the Petition, be read, in an effort to have someone who signed it, explain it. The Moderator read the names. No one came forward.

Tom True, Chairman of the Road Study Committee, pointed out costs for this project could be higher because of an unresolved drainage issue.

Residents questioned planning for this Department, costs associated with this project and overall costs of road reconstruction. Representative Stone told the Meeting there was a list of roads and a five-year plan. He noted, with the present budgeting practices, not enough funds were available to keep from falling behind. Mr. Stone addressed the issue of Eminent Domain by saying, through a conversation with NHMA, he learned it was the Selectmen who have the responsibility for this. Richard Mailhot, Selectman, clarified the Board's position by reporting, there had to be a definitive plan before the Board could proceed.

Point of Information

Highway Agent, David Twombly, explained this was a dangerous section of road. He went on to say permission is needed from property owners to do the necessary work on ditches.

There was a request for the amount of Impact Fees available for Old Centre Road. Selectman Mailhot answered it was approximately \$4,092.

When questioned on the priority of the road, Highway Agent, David Twombly, responded it was not on the list. The work was being done to prevent liability.

Jonathan Winslow made a motion to Close Debate and Move the Question. Seconded by Margo Fligg. The Moderator called for the vote to **CLOSE DEBATE** and Move the Question. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The Motion carries.

The Moderator reread the Amendment: **"To see if the Town will vote to advise the Selectmen and Road Agent to repair and reconstruct Old Centre Road, from Meetinghouse Hill Road, 1850 feet North."**

Point of Order

Harriet Cady asked if this was voted down would the original Article still carry the money. The answer was yes.

The Moderator called for the vote to amend the language of Article 15, as just read. Moderator Hutchinson stated, if amended, the Article would be advisory only. Because the **HAND VOTE** was **UNCLEAR**, the Moderator asked for the vote to be counted.

The Moderator read the results of the **COUNTED VOTE: YES 104 NO 53**

It was a vote in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The **AMENDMENT** to **ARTICLE 15 (ADVISORY MOTION)** has been adopted.

Jonathan Winslow made a motion to Close Debate and Move the Question. Seconded by Brenda Wilson. The Moderator called for the vote to **CLOSE DEBATE** and Move the Question. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The motion carries.

The Moderator called for the vote on Article 15, as amended. The **HAND VOTE** being **UNCLEAR**, the Moderator asked for the vote to be counted.

The Moderator read the results of the **COUNTED VOTE: YES 91 NO 79**

It was a **VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **ARTICLE 15, as AMENDED** is **ADOPTED (Advisory Motion)**.

Point of Clarification

Jolene Smith wanted it clear whose responsibility it is to decide what roads to repair and when. Richard Mailhot, Selectman, issued the following statement: David Twombly, Highway Agent, is an elected official at the same level as the Board of Selectmen. State Law indicates the Highway Agent is responsible for hiring, maintenance and expenditure of funds for the highways. Should

the Board receive letters of concern or requests for payment for damages to vehicles, they are forwarded to the Highway Agent for approval before funds are released. Mr. Mailhot went on to say, rather than a reactive Department, it was now a proactive Department. This is due to set policies and Mr. Stone working with the Highway Agent.

Citizens continued to offer comments. It was mentioned the law could be interpreted to read the Board is responsible for the what is repaired and when. Someone else thought it was a sad state of affairs when officials do not work together.

The Meeting was Recessed at 12:07PM.
The Meeting was Called to Order at 12:20PM.

16. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

During Article 16, the Budget Article, Representative Rebecca Hutchinson, Chairperson and Andy Robertson, Vice Chair of the Municipal Budget Committee, joined other Officials on the Platform.

Rebecca Hutchinson, Chair of the MBC, moved Article 16 in the amount of \$1,771,839. Seconded by Kevin Barry, Municipal Budget Committee Member.

In a statement made by Representative Hutchinson, Chair of the MBC, she explained the process the Committee goes through. She expressed appreciation to the Richard Mailhot, Selectmen's Representative to the Committee, for answering their questions and providing them with the information they needed. She informed the Meeting there would not be many areas of difference, in the budget, and only a few changes due to new information.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, stated on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, it was felt there had been good communication between the Board and the Committee.

As the Budget was reviewed, the following areas were discussed and/or amended:

Town Administration

Lines 01-4130.20-118, 119, 399 and 741

Peter Aubrey questioned over expenditures, the increases in the full time, part time and the nature of the contract line and the contingency fund.

Chairman Alexander replied the cost increases were attributed to personnel changes during 1996 and revamping processes and procedures. The Contract Line was to have a financial assistant aid in planning and establishing procedures. This would provide the staff with a clear direction to go in. Another area which shows an increase is Microfilming and Record Retention. This appears in Town Administration, as well as, Town Clerk/Tax Collector. It provides funds to develop and maintain a system, whereby, the records can be readily accessible. Mr. Alexander said the contingency fund was for the unexpected expenses. Representative Hutchinson noted a specific example, last year, a printer had to be replaced.

Chairman Alexander addressed questions about the line items for Vehicle Maintenance and Mileage. He stated, the vehicle being maintained, was an old cruiser used primarily by the Building Inspector. Mileage is for employees attending meetings or traveling on the Town's behalf.

Data Processing

Line 01-4150.60-440

Gary Roberge requested a breakout of Lease Payments. Mr. Mailhot read a detailed list of payments.

Revaluation of Property

Chairman Alexander moved to **Amend Line 01-4152.10-398/Contract Appraiser to increase it by \$24,000**. Seconded by Selectman, Frank Bioteau.

Chairman Alexander explained the time had come to digitize the Tax Maps. Money had been encumbered from last year and an amount was requested for this year. Because the estimates came in higher than anticipated, it was felt one half of the funds should be raised this year and the remainder next year. This also readies the Town for a revaluation. By using aerial photography and GPS identification, there is a high degree of accuracy allowing for Topographical and Wetlands Maps to be overlaid on the Tax Maps.

Joanne Wasson questioned if there was a discrepancy between land and building assessments and whether a revaluation was imminent.

Chairman Alexander noted, having a 136% Equalization Ratio, could prompt a message from Concord to have the revaluation done. With the information the Board has, it appears land values are closer than structures to the actual market value.

Jack Sherburne suggested spreading the cost over three years. Chairman Alexander replied the actual time to do the mapping was less than 18 months. The company was willing to extend the payments over a two or three year period. The Board thought it a better financial choice to do 50% now and 50% next year, rather than, committing to a three-year project not knowing what was coming down the road.

Harriet Cady asked if there were more requests for abatements and had there been a capital reserve account set up. Chairman Alexander stated abatements were on a downward trend and instead of a capital reserve account, the digitizing of Tax Maps is the first step towards the revaluation.

Discussion ended and the Moderator called for the vote on the **AMENDMENT to INCREASE** Line 01-4152.10-398/Contract Appraiser by \$24,000. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **LINE 01-4152.10-398/CONTRACT APPRAISER** is now **\$36,000**.

Back to the Main Motion, the Budget Article, as previously Amended.

Police Department

Line 01-4210.10-140/Overtime

Robert Ashforth requested an explanation as to the increase in this Line. Richard Mailhot, Selectman, indicated mandatory training for officers had caused this increase.

Harriet Cady asked whether the officers were being paid overtime and special officers also hired. Selectman Mailhot said some of each happens and reminded the Meeting the 1997 Police Budget would be offset with \$37,000 from the COPS Fast Program.

Highway Department**Road Surfacing**

Representative, Joe Stone, moved to **Amend Line 01-4312.40-394/Tarring by inserting \$1** in the Line. Seconded by Jack Sherburne.

Mr. Stone explained, by inserting the \$1, if funds were available from another line item, they could be moved here to seal cracks. He told the Meeting the Highway Department is looking into new methods of tarring but estimates were not available for the Meeting.

Representative Rebecca Hutchinson, Chair of the MBC, said the Committee voted to remove the funds because of the methods used in the past.

Citizens commented the money would be well spent and new methods would be appreciated.

Seeing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on the **AMENDMENT** to Line 01-4312.40-394/Tarring to Insert \$1. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **LINE 01-4312.40-394/TARRING is ADOPTED** in the in the amount of **\$1**.

Back to the Main Motion, the Budget Article, as previously amended.

Road Reconstruction

Representative Joe Stone, Highway Department, Administrative Assistant, stated the Meeting had shown the desire to repair Old Centre Road, Article 15, as amended. Thus, the funds would need to be raised through taxation, as it was not budgeted for or other projects would have to be put on hold.

One resident thought the more heavily traveled roads should be repaired first. There was the concern another section of Town (Currier Road) was isolated from services because of a vote taken at a prior Meeting.

Richard Mailhot, Selectman, made a motion to **Amend Line 01-4312.50-399/Contract to add \$45,000 for the specific purpose, to rebuild 1850 feet of Old Centre Road, North, from its intersection of Meetinghouse Hill Road**. Seconded by Gary Roberge.

Selectman Mailhot said the Petitioners request was clear and no one spoke to there not being a need to fix the road. Because the Board would like this type of request in the Highway Budget, the amendment is being offered. The question was asked about there being enough money to do

the job. David Twombly, Highway Agent, stated the use of Town trucks and employees would offset the cost.

Phil Bilodeau heard the explanation of the use of Town vehicles and thought those costs should be factored in. Mr. Stone stated the anticipated total cost was \$45,000.

The concerns citizens raised during discussion of Article 15 were, again, addressed.

Discussion ended and the Moderator called for the vote on the **AMENDMENT** to Line 01-4312.50-399/Contract to add \$45,000. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **LINE 01-4312.50-399/CONTRACT** is amended to the amount of **\$68,360**.

Back on the Main Motion, the Budget Article, as previously Amended.

Representative Stone moved to **Amend Line 01-4312.50-001/Surveys to insert \$1**. Seconded by Margo Fligg.

There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote on the **AMENDMENT** to **INSERT** in Line 01-4312.50-001/Surveys \$1. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **LINE 01-4312.50-001/SURVEYS** is now **\$1**.

Sanitation/Transfer Station

Robert Mathews moved to **Amend Line 01-4323.10-690/Miscellaneous to add \$500**. Seconded by Gary Roberge.

Mr. Mathews told the Meeting the purpose of the Amendment was to make funds available to the Solid Waste Committee as they search for the best method to encourage recycling.

A question arose as to whether this was actually needed. Chairman Alexander directed the Meeting to the Engineering Line. He indicated the funds could come from that Line.

The Moderator called for the vote on the **AMENDMENT** to **INCREASE** Line 01-4323.10-690/Miscellaneous by \$500. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **NEGATIVE** and so declared. The Motion **FAILS**.

Harriet Cady noted Landfill Closure should be in its own section because it was a temporary cost. Chairman Alexander's reply was, it was a note to the budget, not a heading, and this expense would disappear after this year.

Health Department

Frank Bioteau, Selectman, made a motion to **Amend Line 4415.10-805/Appropriation by adding \$566**. Seconded by Chairman James Alexander.

Selectman Bioteau explained, during the budget process, requests from different agencies are reviewed. This late arrival, Sexual Assault Support Services, was determined to be of value to the community and funds needed to be appropriated.

Harriet Cady asked what organization Sexual Assault Support Services was tied to. Richard Mailhot, Selectman, said it was part of Hotline Crisis Intervention and Education Program out of Portsmouth. These services are used by the Police Department.

Harriet Cady asked, under what law, the Selectmen had the right to seek donations, through taxation, to non-profit organizations. Mrs. Cady went on to say the New Hampshire Constitution states you cannot force any person to give to a charitable organization. By the method used in the budget, even if she objected to a particular charity, she would be forced to contribute. The Article is in the Warrant, if voted by the majority, the money would be raised.

Attorney David Connell explained the subject had been a topic of discussion for many years. The Department of Revenue struggled with the answer, but ultimately, ruled these appropriations proper if there is a public health, safety or welfare benefit found, even if there was some private benefit.

Harriet Cady, again, noted if the appropriation is put on the Warrant and it is voted, it forces people to pay, by taxation, whether or not individuals support the organizations being funded.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, called on Counsel to render his opinion as to the legality of this issue. Town Counsel, David Connell, stated: If it is a proper public purpose, and it was his opinion it is, the request is legal. Taxpayers cannot decide which taxes they pay and which they do not. If it is a valid appropriation, it goes into the tax rate and is assessed against all properties.

Harriet Cady responded, pointing out, it has become a custom to go into anybody's pocket, by way of taxation. Mrs. Cady cited an historic event in the 1800's of a similar nature. In conclusion, she commented money was being taken from people who are working to pay for those who may not be willing to work.

There was no further discussion on the amendment. The Moderator called for the vote on the **AMENDMENT** to Line/01-4415.10-805 to add \$566. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **LINE/01-4415.10-805** is now **\$16,213**.

Culture and Recreation/Veasey Park

Joanne Wasson asked to speak to several issues surrounding Veasey Park. Ms. Wasson noted the population had increased, the hours have decreased, the area to swim in has decreased, the park is not open during all of the posted hours and out of 526 feet of shoreline only 124 feet are used. With the recent movement to provide activities for teenagers, this would be a good place for them to spend time. Mrs. Wasson said she had written a letter expressing her concerns and beyond that, would like to see a Study Committee formed to review the use of the park.

Andy Merrill, Chairman-Veasey Park Commission, said the issues brought forward by Mrs. Wasson have been discussed and will continue to be discussed. Because of the times we live in, the Commission mandated the Park only be open when there is a lifeguard. The Commission did not feel they had the expertise to direct work on the waterfront because of the permits needed by the State of New Hampshire. Mr. Merrill said the Commission had tried to reach a delicate balance between teenagers and families with young children. He went on to say the input is welcomed and the number of hours open should increase this year.

Debra Clark suggested the Commission check with State Parks as to regulations for swimming when a lifeguard is not on duty or perhaps, just a sign stating the Town is not liable.

Robert Sanborn, Selectman, stated Priscilla "Dusty" Smith would be missed as she always took the best interest of Veasey Park to heart.

Richard Mailhot, Selectman, was recognized by the Moderator, to address the Meeting, to update citizens on the Town's bond issues and lease payments. They reach maturity as follows: PSNH-2001; Landfill-2006; Fire Truck Lease-2001.

The Budget had been reviewed Section by Section. The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 16, the BUDGET ARTICLE**, in the amount of \$1,841,407. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 16, the Budget Article, is adopted in the amount of **\$1,841,407**.

17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept title to a parcel of land identified as tax map 4, lot 6, excepting an approximately 10-acre portion of said lot with frontage on North Road to be subdivided ("The Parcel"); and, in exchange for the parcel, to convey to the owners of the parcel two (2) Town owned lots identified as tax map 4B, lot 12 and tax map 4B, lot 13, together with payment of such sums of money as the Selectmen deem reasonable to complete the transaction, provided that such money becomes available from private sources or Municipal Trust Funds. The authority in this article is conditional on approval by the Planning Board and relevant state agencies of a plan to develop the parcel for outdoor community recreation. BY PETITION

Petitioner, Dwight Barnes, Chairman of the Recreation Committee, moved to Article 17 as printed. Seconded by Gary Roberge.

Mr. Barnes said the Committee was to look into the needs for an outdoor recreational facility and once the need was established locate land to place it on. The facility should be for family members of all ages and include baseball fields, soccer fields, walking paths, cross country trails, picnic areas, concession stands, conservation and outdoor educational opportunities. The opportunity to trade properties leaves little or no impact on the Town's operational expenses. The Witcher property has 76 acres, 66 would be for recreational use the remaining 10 will stay with the land owner. Further, the Committee seeks authorization for the Selectmen to trade two Town owned properties.

Joanne Wasson thought this was a highly desirable project, however, would have liked a choice. There was no ability to raise money, just give up land. The two lots being swapped have frontage on the Freezes Pond, in a nice section with deep water, which would provide for a nice Town picnic area.

Robert Ashforth asked if the Selectmen would be able to expend money from private sources. Attorney Connell, Counsel for the Town, said a couple of years ago, an Article was adopted which empowered the Selectmen to expend money from other sources which had not been anticipated. Another way is Municipal Trust Funds. This fund does not exist but could be created by donors and accepted by the Town.

There was lengthy discussion on buying the lots or swapping for the land. Entering into this was whether or not the lots to be swapped were truly grandfathered or needed a variance.

Harriet Cady asked to amend Article 17 to outright buy the property to which the Moderator stated the Article would have to be rewritten.

Point of Order

Dwight Barnes asked how funds could be allocated if the Budget Article had passed. When asked for advice, Attorney Connell told the Meeting he was unaware of anything that would prevent the Article from being rewritten.

Harriet Cady suggested a Sense of the Meeting be taken prior to the language being changed to see how much interest there was.

Point of Clarification

Emily Moore asked for the status of the surplus funds in relation to the action of the Meeting. Chairman, James Alexander, said, the surplus had been used up plus about \$1,000. Additional spending would directly affect the tax rate.

Harriet Cady was puzzled by the earlier action of the Meeting to save land in order to keep development from happening in the community and now there is consideration to give up two house lots. Her proposal was to keep the Town owned land and outright buy the property needed.

The Moderator responded to inquiries about how to accomplish amending the Article. He stated it was in the authority of this Meeting to fund this through reopening the budget and adding in the amount. There was some risk. If there is a twist in the law, it could be illegal.

For the purpose of the Sense of the Meeting, the voter would either be interested in modifying the Article so monies are raised by taxes to pay for this property or the voter would opt to leave the Article the way it is.

Point of Clarification

Richard Mailhot, Selectman, asked what was being raised from other sources. Dwight Barnes said funds from other sources would be for constructing and maintaining the facility.

There was continued discussion regarding what stage negotiations were at and what may or may not be accepted by the land owner.

Point of Information

Robert Ashforth stated there was a need to seek the level of commitment from the Meeting before going on.

Lengthy discussion ended and the Moderator called for the Sense of the Meeting. He asked those who were in favor of modifying this Article, so the money would be raised by taxes to pay for property and there would be no land swap, to raise their hands. The Moderator called for those in favor of continuing with the Article the way it is printed to raise their hands. The Moderator declared the results of the **HAND VOTE** stating there were more in **FAVOR** of **MODIFYING** Article 17. The **SENSE OF THE MEETING** is **ACHIEVED**.

The Moderator declared a Recess at 2:45PM.
The Meeting was Called to Order at 3:00PM.

The Meeting was reconvened and the Moderator stated because of the substantial interest in changing it from a land swap to paying for it with tax dollars Article 17 would need to be amended, then reconsideration of the Budget Article, Article 16, to amend to add only what is available under the 10% rule.

Harriet Cady moved to **Amend Article 17, to read, "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a parcel of land identified as Tax Map 4 Lot 6, excepting approximately a 10 acre portion of said lot with frontage on North Road, to be subdivided, ("The Parcel") using sums appropriated for Parks and Recreation, together with such additional sums as the Selectmen deem reasonable to complete the transaction, provided that such additional money becomes available from private sources or Municipal Trust Funds. The authority in this Article is conditional on approval by the Planning Board and relevant State agencies of a plan to develop "The Parcel" for outdoor community recreation."** Seconded by Gary Roberge.

Discussion resumed with citizens speaking for and against the land acquisition through raising money and/or swapping properties.

Dwight Barnes said the Committee appreciated the support the Meeting was giving to the purchase. They did not, originally, intend to ask for money.

Jonathan Winslow made a motion to Close Debate and Move the Question. Seconded by Steve Barry. The Moderator called for the vote to **CLOSE DEBATE** and move the question. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The motion carries.

Point of Clarification

Jolene Smith asked if the Town buys the land is it Town property or does the private group play a part in ownership. Dwight Barnes said the Town would own the property and the Friends of Deerfield Recreation, a private non-profit group, would construct and maintain the facility.

The Moderator Reread the amendment to **ARTICLE 17** to add the new language and immediately went to the vote on Article 17 as amended. The **HAND VOTE** being **UNCLEAR** the Moderator asked for the vote to be counted.

The Moderator read the **COUNTED VOTE: YES 87 NO 62**

It is a counted vote in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 17 is **ADOPTED** as **AMENDED**.

As discussion continued, mention was made of the number of pieces of land the Committee looked at. There was a concern the Zoning Board of Adjustment would not automatically grant a variance and the concern if this motion failed the swap could not be pursued. Citizens asked for the tax impact which was thought to be about \$.23.

Robert Ashforth moved to **Amend the Amendment** "to authorize the transfer of the parcels to the Whitcher's." Seconded by Warren Guinan.

Point of Order

Harriet Cady

Mrs. Cady questioned the Moderator as to whether the Article could be reconsidered in order to allow for the land swap. The Moderator said it could be.

On a **VOICE VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** Robert Ashforth and Warren Guinan withdrew the motion to **AMEND** the **AMENDMENT**. The motion is **WITHDRAWN**.

Keith Belgard made a motion to Close Debate and Move the Question. Seconded by Gary Roberge. The Moderator called for the vote to **CLOSE DEBATE** and Move the Question. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The motion carries.

The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 17** as amended. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 17 is **ADOPTED AS AMENDED**.

The Moderator stated he would entertain a motion, from someone, who voted in favor of the budget, to reconsider Article 16, the Budget.

Steve Barry moved to Reconsider Article 16, the Budget Article, to amend the amount in Parks and Recreation, for the purpose of supporting the land purchase. Seconded by Kevin Barry.

The Moderator called for the vote to Reconsider Article 16, the Budget Article. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **ARTICLE 16**, the **BUDGET ARTICLE**, will be **RECONSIDERED**.

Steve Barry moved to **Amend, in Parks and Recreation Line 01-4520.10-399/Contract to increase the Line by \$62,000 to 65,045**. Seconded by Gary Roberge.

Point of Order

Representative Joe Stone asked for verification the \$62,000 was available without going over the 10% Rule. Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, said a number of people had checked it and there was \$62,700 available. The Moderator stated the Minutes would reflect this was last item raised and it would be the Meetings intention, if it exceeded the cap, it would be reduced by that amount needed to get under the 10%.

Louis Nephew made a motion to Close Debate and Move the Question. Seconded by Gary Roberge. The Moderator called for the vote to **CLOSE DEBATE** and Move the Question. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The motion carries.

The Moderator called for the vote to **AMEND** under Parks and Recreation, Line 01-4520.10-399/Contract to add \$62,000 for the purchase of the land described in Article 17. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **LINE 01-4520.10-399/Contract** now reads **\$65,045**. The Moderator then moved to the vote on **ARTICLE 16**, the **BUDGET ARTICLE**, in the amended amount of \$1,903,407. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the

AFFIRMATIVE and so declared. Article 16, the Budget Article, as amended, is **ADOPTED** in the amount of \$1,903,407.

18. Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Deerfield, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$30,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$50,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$70,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$26,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. BY BALLOT

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 18 be adopted as Printed. Seconded by Donald Smith, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander told the Meeting the State has passed a new Law regarding Elderly Exemptions. As of January 1998, Exemptions currently in effect will be replaced by the State's new regulations. What is proposed is what we have in effect today with the exception of raising the net assets to \$35,000 and income is higher because Social Security payments were not counted as part of the income in the past.

As there was no discussion, the Moderator gave the Meeting instructions on the voting process for this Article. The vote will be done by Secret Ballot using the Yellow Ballot marked Article 18. The Balloting began.

19. To see if the Town will accept sums of monies, from the following persons for the purposes stated:

Seventy dollars from Mrs. Major, for cemetery lots and care of Smith lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Two hundred dollars from Barbara Raymond, for cemetery lots and care of Ladd lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Four hundred dollars from Diana Stevens, for cemetery lots and care of Steven's lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Four hundred dollars from Ella Sawyer, for cemetery lots and care of Sawyer lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Four hundred dollars from Mrs. Emerson, for cemetery lots and care of Emerson lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Four hundred dollars from Barbara Watts, for cemetery lots and care of Watts lots in the Old Centre Cemetery.

Four hundred dollars from Joseph Connelly, for cemetery lots and care of Connelly lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Eight hundred dollars from John O'Gara, Sr., for cemetery lots and care of O'Gara lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Four hundred dollars from Ronald Vinnacombe, for cemetery lots and care of Vinnacombe lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Four hundred dollars from Raymond and Cynthia Heon, for cemetery lots and care of Smith lots in the Morrison Cemetery.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 19 be adopted as printed.
Seconded by Donald Smith, Selectman.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, told the Meeting this was a housekeeping Article.

The Moderator called for the vote to adopt **ARTICLE 19** as printed. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 19 is **ADOPTED**.

20. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A: 4-d authorizing the Library Trustees, indefinitely, until specific rescinded of such authority, to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the Library Trustees shall be deemed to bind the Town or the Library Trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. Requested by Library.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved to adopt Article 20 as printed. Seconded by Richard Mailhot, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander moved to amend Article 20, line two, to replace the word "rescinded" with the word "rescission". Seconded by Donald Smith.

Chairman Alexander stated the amendment, to change the word, would provide clarity.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, asked the Meeting if there was any Objection to the change. Seeing none, he declared the **AMENDMENT** was **ADOPTED** by **UNANIMOUS CONSCENT**. The word "rescinded" is replaced with "rescission".

Because there was no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 20**, as **AMENDED**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 20 is **ADOPTED**.

The Moderator read the results of the **SECRET BALLOT VOTE** on **ARTICLE 18: YES 130 NO 5**. It was a vote in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 18, by Secret Ballot, is **ADOPTED**.

21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, to accept on behalf of the Town gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town, in trust, for any public purpose as permitted by RSA 31:19.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved to adopt Article 21 as printed. Seconded by Richard Mailhot, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander told the Meeting this was a housekeeping article which would allow Article 19 to be removed from the Warrant in the future.

There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 21**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 21 is **ADOPTED**.

22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey to Ralph Francioso, or his nominee, all the Town's right, title and interest in a parcel of land shown as being comprised of a portion of Tax Map 4A, Lot 217 and Area B, totaling 3.11 acres on a plan entitled "Tax Map 4A, Lot 217 & Tax Map 4, Lot 15, Deerfield, NH, Town of Deerfield and Ralph Francioso, Lot Line Adjustment" dated July 25, 1996, prepared by Little River Survey Company, in exchange for conveyance to the Town by Ralph Francioso of all his right, title and interest in a certain parcel shown as being comprised of a portion of Tax Map 4, Lot 15 and Area A, totaling 4.07 acres, on said Plan.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved to adopt Article 22 as printed. Seconded by Richard Mailhot, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander explained the Article is a Lot Line Adjustment, for a gravel pit the Town owns, on Blakes Hills Road. The line has been in question for many years. This Adjustment places the gravel pit on the Town portion and Mr. Francioso would own the portion closest to the river.

As there was no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 22** as printed. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 22 is **ADOPTED**.

23. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:42 and 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property acquired by tax deed after March 15, 1997 by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved to adopt Article 23 as printed. Seconded by Richard Mailhot, Selectman.

Chairman Alexander deferred to Town Counsel, Dave Connell.

Attorney Connell explained tax deeded property had to go to the Town Meeting to receive authorization to be disposed of. This Article, if adopted, would give the Selectmen authority, until rescinded, to auction off property by sealed bid or otherwise, as justice may require. As justice may require, usually means, it can be deeded back to the former owner. It provides the Selectmen with a way to get the tax money and the person a way to get their property back.

Joanne Wasson felt a better approach would be, as is done in other communities, to hold the property and let the next Town Meeting decide what to do with it. She also objected to the Board having indefinite authority.

Attorney Connell said the concern lies, if there has been a tax deed and an individual presents a defect or claims unconstitutionality, it is better to have the power to deed it back to the owner. Deerfield has already had a case tested in Superior Court and the Legislature is attempting to sort through this issue.

Joanne Wasson moved to **Amend Article 23 to delete** "This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded.". Seconded by Erick Berglund.

Point of Clarification

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, asked Counsel's opinion - If the sentence was dropped would the Article appear every year? Town Counsel, David Connell, said yes, every year.

The Moderator called for the vote on the **AMENDMENT** to **ARTICLE 23** to delete the sentence "This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded.". It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The Amendment is **ADOPTED**.

Point of Clarification

Harriet Cady expressed concern, that if faced with the situation where a tax deed involved an elderly person and they had not been aware of the Elderly Exemption Law, which would have, in turn, allowed them to pay their taxes, the Town would not ask them to leave their home. Attorney David Connell explained, in this situation, it is discretionary to take the tax deed, or not, and is dealt with separately.

The question of whether this applied to deeds acquired only after March 15th was answered. Town Counsel, David Connell, interpreted it to be only after March 15th and asked the Board of Selectmen to state their intent. Chairman Alexander stated the Board would want this to be only on properties acquired after March 15th.

The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 23** as amended. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 23 is **ADOPTED AS AMENDED**.

24. To see if the town wishes to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calender year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1,000.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved to adopt Article 24 as printed. Seconded by George Keech.

Chairman Alexander stated this Article is in the Warrant as a result of a notice received that it was not required to withhold Social Security from election workers who earn less than \$1,000. This exclusion is specifically limited to election workers.

The Moderator called for the vote on **ARTICLE 24** as printed. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 24 is **ADOPTED**.

25. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Gary Roberge/Cooperative Planning Committee

The Moderator recognized Mr. Roberge, who told the Meeting, there was a newsletter available which outlines the Committee's activities, during the past year.

Louis Nephew made a motion to Take from the Table, Article 25, for the purpose of Adjournment. The Moderator stated a motion to adjourn would do the same.

Selectman, Robert Sanborn, moved to Adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Louis Nephew. The Moderator called for a Voice Vote to adjourn. It was a **VOICE VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and the 1997 Town **MEETING**-Business Portion, is **ADJOURNED at 4:00PM.**

A True Record,
Attest:



Cynthia E. Heon
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Footnote: The above actions were taken by 227 Registered Voters.
The Checklist for the Meeting had a total of 2299 Registered Voters.

Recording fee: \$25.00 (Note 1)
Use black print or type.
Leave 1" margins both sides.

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ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT
OF
A NEW HAMPSHIRE NONPROFIT CORPORATION

THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING PERSONS OF LAWFUL AGE, ASSOCIATE UNDER THE PROVISIONS
OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 292 BY THE FOLLOWING:

Article 1. The name of the corporation shall be:

Friends of Deerfield Recreation

Article 2. The object for which this corporation is established is:

To advance and support recreation in the community of Deerfield by developing,
operating and maintaining recreation facilities for use by all residents.

Article 3. The provisions for establishing membership and participation
in the corporation are:

A resident of the Town of Deerfield who wishes to volunteer their time, effort or
money to promote the development and use of Deerfield's recreational facilities.

Article 4. 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:

The Board of Directors shall pay all just debts of the corporation. Any other assets
shall be distributed to such organization(s) organized and operated exclusively for
charitable, educational, religious or other organization at the time that qualifies
as exempt organization(s) under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as the
Board of Directors shall determine, or the Town of Deerfield.

NAME OF CORPORATION
Friends of Deerfield Recreation

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Article 5. The address at which the business of this corporation is to be carried on is:

Friends of Deerfield Recreation
P.O. Box 136
Deerfield, NH 03037

Article 6. 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:

The corporation shall not issue stock, nor will the corporation have any capital stock.

Article 7. Provision 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: (Note 2)

None.

NAME OF CORPORATION

Friends of Deerfield Recreation

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Article 8. Signatures and post office address of each of the persons associating together to form the corporation: (Note 3)

<u>Signatures and Name</u>	<u>Post Office Address</u>
1. <u>Ted G. McDonald</u> Signature	<u>29 Middle Road</u> Street
<u>Ted G. McDonald</u> Name (please print)	<u>Deerfield, NH 03037</u> City/Town State Zip
2. <u>Robert Duhaime</u> Signature	<u>6 Candia Road</u> Street
<u>Robert Duhaime</u> Name (please print)	<u>Deerfield, NH 03037</u> City/Town State Zip
3. <u>Joyce E. Pelletier</u> Signature	<u>49 Old Centre Road No.</u> Street
<u>Joyce E. Pelletier</u> Name (please print)	<u>Deerfield, NH 03037</u> City/Town State Zip
4. <u>James P. D'Alessio</u> Signature	<u>10 Mountain Road Extension</u> Street
<u>James P. D'Alessio</u> Name (please print)	<u>Deerfield, NH 03037</u> City/Town State Zip
5. <u>Dwight D. Barnes</u> Signature	<u>Box 136</u> Street
<u>Dwight D. Barnes</u> Name (please print)	<u>Deerfield, NH 03037</u> City/Town State Zip

City/Town Clerk's office, City/Town of Deerfield
Received and recorded this 15th day of April 1997.
(Note 4)

Deputy Jeanette L. Foisy
City/Town Clerk's Signature

DEPUTY JEANETTE L. FOISY
City/Town Clerk's Name (Please Print)

- Notes:
1. Recording fee payable to: N. H. Secretary of State.
 2. If no provision eliminating or limiting personal liability, insert "NONE".
 3. At least five signatures are required.
 4. Must be recorded with the Clerk of the City/Town of the principal place of business prior to recording with the Secretary of State. (Fee payable to the clerk is \$5.00.)

Mail \$25.00 STATE FEE and DUPLICATE ORIGINALS (ORIGINAL SIGNATURES ON BOTH)
to: Secretary of State, State House, Room 204, 107 North Main Street,
Concord, NH 03301-4989

TOWN OF DEERFIELD

TOWN ORDINANCE: 97-2

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False alarms and Civil Assessments

1. For the purpose of this Town Ordinance, a "false alarm" shall be defined as an alarm signal eliciting a response by police when a situation requiring a response by the police does not in fact exist, but does not include an alarm signal caused by violent conditions of nature or other extraordinary circumstances not reasonably subject to control by the alarm user.

2. Except during the first thirty-day period following the installation of an alarm system, there shall be a service charge of twenty-five (\$25.00) for each false alarm received in excess of five (5) in a "calendar year", which shall be defined as the period from January 1 through December 31. If the false alarm is due to an alarm system malfunction which is in the process of being repaired or where immediate steps are taken to identify or correct the problem(s), the Chief of Police may waive the service charge. Refusal to pay the service charge within thirty (30) days may be punishable as a violation of this Town Ordinance.

3. Whenever an alarm is received at Police Dispatch and/or Headquarters, and the Police are:

- a. Unable to make contact with the person(s) responsible to re-set the alarm and/or secure the premises, or;
- b. The person(s) responsible does not/do not expeditiously respond when notified of the alarm,

the Town of Deerfield, the Deerfield Police Department and its officers, agents and employees shall be exempt from any and all liability for any claim to include, but not limited to, loss or damage to real or personal property which may result. A service fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) may be assessed to the alarm user, if they fail to respond when requested to do so. This service charge shall be in addition to any other service charge that may be imposed pursuant to this ordinance.

4. In any case where a false alarm is received in excess of five (5) per calendar year from an alarm system, the Chief of Police may require the alarm user to produce a certificate from the alarm company maintaining the equipment indicating that the system has been inspected and is in reliable working order. Failure to produce the above certificate within thirty (30) days of request shall be punishable as a violation of this Town Ordinance.

5. Penalty - If any person shall violate the provisions of this Ordinance, he or she shall be punished by a fine of (\$50.00) dollars.

False alarms and Civil Assessments

REVISED: May 5, 1997
Date

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

James T. Olyer
Frank Butler
Robert B. Burrows
Richard Mailhot
Donald F. Smith

This is to certify that on the sixth day of May, 1997 the above ordinance was filed and recorded with the records of the Town Clerk of Deerfield, New Hampshire.

Witness my hand this sixth day of May, 1997

Cynthia E. Heon
Cynthia E. Heon
Town Clerk

A True Record,
Attest:

LOUD, UNUSUAL OR OTHER UNNECESSARY NOISE

PURPOSE: It is the declared intent and purpose of this ordinance to prohibit any vehicles in any way in the Town of Deerfield, from making any loud, unusual, or other unnecessary noise as hereinafter defined. It is recognized that the people have a right to, and should be insured an environment free from excessive noise that may jeopardize their health, safety, welfare, or degrade the quality of life. This regulation is enacted to protect, preserve and promote the health, safety, welfare and quality of life for citizens of Deerfield, through the reduction, control and prevention of excessive noise.

1. Vehicle - The word "vehicle" shall include bus, highway equipment, motorcycle, motor truck, motor vehicle, semi-trailer, side-car, tractor or other vehicle, all as defined in RSA 259:122.

2. Way - The word "way" shall include crosswalk, intersecting way or other public highway, or other way, all as defined in RSA 259:125.

3. Loud, Unusual, or Other Unnecessary Noise - The words, "loud, unusual or other unnecessary noise" shall include any noise occasioned by any one or more of the following actions of the operator of any vehicle:

(a.) Misuse of power exceeding tire traction limits in acceleration, sometimes known as "laying down rubber" or "peeling rubber", or

(b.) Misuse of braking power exceeding tire traction limits in deceleration where there is no emergency, or

(c.) Rapid acceleration by means of quick down-shifting of transmission gears with either a clutch and manual transmission or an automatic transmission, or

(d.) Rapid deceleration by means of quick down-shifting of transmission gears with either a clutch and manual transmission or an automatic transmission, or

(e.) Racing of engines by manipulation of the accelerator, gas pedal, carburetor, or gear selection whether the vehicle is either in motion or standing still, or

(f.) The blowing of any horn except as a warning signal or the use of any other noise making device, whether the vehicle is either in motion or standing still, or

(g.) The use of radio equipment, whether fixed or portable, shall not be allowed if it will cause an excessive amount of sound, noise, or vibration.

4. Penalty - If any person shall violate the provisions of this Ordinance, he or she shall be punished by a fine of fifty (\$50.00) dollars for each offense.

Loud, Unusual or Other Unnecessary Noise

REVISED: May 5, 1997

Date

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

James T. O'Leary
Frank Biotar
Robert B. Ambrose
Richard Mailhot
Donald F. Smith

This is to certify that on the sixth day of May, 1997 the above ordinance was filed and recorded with the records of the Town Clerk of Deerfield, New Hampshire.

Witness my hand this sixth day of May, 1997.

Cynthia E. Heon
Cynthia E. Heon
Town Clerk

A True Record,
Attest:

TOWN ORDINANCE: 97-4

OPEN CONTAINER

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to consume or possess in an open can, bottle or other container, any alcoholic beverage or alcoholic liquor, as defined in Chapter 175 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, while in a motor vehicle, on a way, a public sidewalk, and/or public areas, municipal parking lots, parking lots open to the public, municipal parks or commons, or any other public way as defined by Chapter 259:125 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, within the limits of the Town of Deerfield.

2. It shall be unlawful to consume or possess any alcoholic beverages, as defined in Chapter 175 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, in any type of open container on any Town owned property, in the Town of Deerfield.

3. Penalty - If any person shall violate the provisions of this Ordinance, he or she shall be punished by a fine of one-hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

REVISED: 6. 2. 97
Date

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

James T. Alward
Frank B. Birtew
Donald T. Smith

This is to certify that on the third day of June, 1997 the above ordinance was filed and recorded with the records of the Town Clerk of Deerfield, New Hampshire.

Witness my hand this third day of June, 1997.

Cynthia E. Heon
Cynthia E. Heon
Town Clerk

A True Record,
Attest:

10:15A M. July 31 1997

ATTEST:

Janette L. Foray
Treasurer

Form No. NP 1
RSA 292:5 & 7

State of New Hampshire

Recording Fee: \$25.00 (Note 1)
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AFFIDAVIT OF AMENDMENT
OF
THE INN AT DEERFIELD, INC.
A NEW HAMPSHIRE NONPROFIT CORPORATION

I, Christopher P. Corcoran, M.D., the undersigned, being the chairperson of the above named New Hampshire nonprofit corporation, do hereby certify that a meeting was held on July 31, 1997 by phone vote, according to bylaws, for the purpose of amending the articles of agreement and the following amendment was approved by a majority vote of the corporation.

1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the organization is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under IRC 501(c)(3) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent tax laws.
2. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the organization), and no member trustee officer of the organization or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the organization's assets on dissolution of the organization.
3. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by IRC 501h) or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidates for public office.
4. In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the organization shall after payment of necessary expenses thereof be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, or to the Federal government or State or local government for a public purpose, subject to the approval a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Hampshire.
5. In any taxable year in which the organization is a private foundation as described in IRC 509(a), the organization shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under IRC 4942, and the organization shall not (a) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in IC 494(d), (b) retain any excess business holdings as defined in IRC 4943(c), (c) make any investments in such a manner as to subject the organization to tax under IRC 4944, or (d) make any taxable expenditures as defined in IRC 4945(d) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

A true record, attest: Christopher Corcoran 7/30/97

Date signed: July 31, 1997

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Leave 1" margins both sides

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RSA 292:2

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT
OF
A NEW HAMPSHIRE NONPROFIT CORPORATION

THE UNDERSIGNED PERSONS, BEING OF LAWFUL AGE, ASSOCIATE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 292 BY THE FOLLOWING:

Article 1. The name of the corporation shall be:

Hilltop Drive Association Incorporated

Article 2. The object for which this corporation is established is:

The ownership of shares in and the maintenance of Hilltop Drive, a private road.

Article 3. The provisions for establishing membership and participation in the corporation are:

Each shareholder must use Hilltop Drive for access to and from their real property.

Article 4. The provisions for disposition of the corporate assets in the event of dissolution of the corporation including the prioritization of rights of shareholders and member to the corporate assets are:

In the event of corporate dissolution, to shareholders who contributed real property to the corporation their contributed real property will be returned. Shareholders who are members only by virtue of use of Hilltop Drive but have not contributed real property, will not receive real property at dissolution. If at dissolution the corporation has other assets, the assets will be divided equally among the shareholders whose due are paid and current.

NAME OF CORPORATION
Hilltop Drive Association Incorporated

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Article 5. The address at which the business of this corporation is to be carried on is:

30 Hilltop Drive
Epsom, New Hampshire 03234

Article 6. 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 share or certificates are:

The corporation shall issue six (6) shares of the corporation.

The corporation shares cannot be freely transferred. Shares must be returned to and reacquired by the corporation from any shareholder who ceases to use Hilltop Drive for access to or from his or her real property. Shares reacquired in this manner will be retired.

Shares may only be transferred to someone other than the corporation when the current shareholder either sells or subdivides the real property for which the shareholder uses Hilltop Drive for access. If the entire real property is sold, the shareholder must transfer to the new real property owner all shares in the corporation. If the real property is subdivided and the new real property owner will also use Hilltop Drive for access the shareholder must transfer one share in the corporation to the new property owner.

The Corporation may issue new shares to other Hilltop Drive Owners who are not already members of the Corporation. Any new member shall be issued two (2) shares if the new member's Hilltop Drive parcel has not been subdivided from the original lot as shown on a plan of Ernest Veinotte, dated August 1980 and recorded at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 6523. If the lot has been subdivided, the new member will only receive one (1) share.

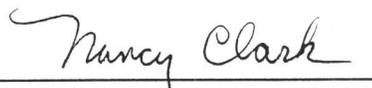
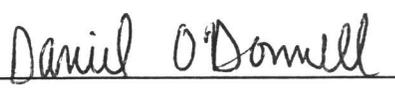
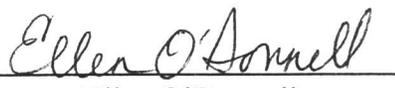
Article 7. Provisions eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director, an officer or both, to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, an officer or both is:

none

NAME OF CORPORATION
Hilltop Drive Association Incorporated

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Article 8. Signatures and post office addresses 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 David Minnis	30 Hilltop Drive Epsom, New Hampshire 03234
2. <u></u> Signature Heidi Minnis	30 Hilltop Drive Epsom, New Hampshire 03234
3. <u></u> Signature Fred Clark	P.O. Box 531 Epsom, New Hampshire 03234
4. <u></u> Signature Nancy Clark	P.O. Box 531 Epsom, New Hampshire 03234
5. <u></u> Signature Dan O'Donnell	16 Hilltop Drive Deerfield, New Hampshire 03037
6. <u></u> Signature Ellen O'Donnell	16 Hilltop Drive Deerfield, New Hampshire 03037
7. <u></u> Signature John A. Hollett	14 Hilltop Drive Deerfield, New Hampshire 03037

8. Erin L. Hollett
Signature Erin L. Hollett

14 Hilltop Drive
Deerfield, New Hampshire 03037

City/Town Clerk's office, ~~City/Town of~~ Deerfield
Received and Recorded August 5, 1997.

Jeanette L. Foisy
~~City/Town Clerk's~~ Deputy City/Town Clerk's Signature

JEANETTE L FOISY
DEPUTY ~~City~~ City/Town Clerk's Name (please print)

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ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT
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THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING PERSONS OF LAWFUL AGE, ASSOCIATE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 292 BY THE FOLLOWING:

Article 1. The name of the corporation shall be:

Sawyer Farm Landowner's Association, Inc.

Article 2. The object for which this corporation is established is:
To provide for the acquisition, construction, management, maintenance and care of "Association property" as these terms are defined in the Internal Revenue Code and to exercise all necessary powers under RSA 292. No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure (other than by a rebate of excess assessments) to the benefit of any member of the Association.

Article 3. The provisions for establishing membership and participation in the corporation are:

Owners of lots in the Sawyer Farm Subdivision in Deerfield, New Hampshire shall automatically become members of the corporation.

Article 4. 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:

To the Town of Deerfield, New Hampshire.

Article 5. The address at which the business of this corporation is to be carried on is:

65 NOTTINGHAM RD
DEERFIELD, NH 03037

Article 6. 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:

Not applicable.

Article 7. Provision 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: (Note 2)

The liability of directors and officers to the corporation and its members for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty is eliminated except as to:

- 1) Any breach of the director's or officer's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its shareholders.
- 2) Acts or omissions which are not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law.
- 3) Any transaction from which the director, officer, or both, derived an improper personal benefit.

Article 8. Signatures and post office address of each of the persons associating together to form the corporation: (Note 3)

<u>Signatures and Name</u>	<u>Post Office Address</u>
1. <u>Frances L. Menard</u> Signature	<u>65 Nottingham Rd</u> Street
<u>FRANCES L. MENARD</u> Name (please print)	<u>Deerfield NH 03037</u> City/Town State Zip
2. <u>Jeanne M. Menard</u> Signature	<u>65 Nottingham Rd</u> Street
<u>Jeanne M. Menard</u> Name (please print)	<u>Deerfield NH 03037</u> City/Town State Zip
3. <u>David W. Sidmore</u> Signature	<u>198 North Rd</u> Street
<u>DAVID W. SIDMORE</u> Name (please print)	<u>Deerfield, N.H. 03037</u> City/Town State Zip
4. <u>Gordon B. Snyder</u> Signature	<u>P.O. Box 404</u> Street
<u>Gordon B. Snyder</u> Name (please print)	<u>Raymond NH 03077</u> City/Town State Zip
5. <u>Thelma Sidmore</u> Signature	<u>198 North Rd</u> Street
<u>THELMA SIDMORE</u> Name (please print)	<u>Deerfield NH 03037</u> City/Town State Zip

City/Town Clerk's office, City/Town of Deerfield
 Received and recorded this 8th day of October 19 97.
 (Note 4)

Jeanette L. Foisy
 Deputy City/Town Clerk's Signature
JEANETTE L. FOISY
 DEPUTY City/Town Clerk's Name (Please Print)

- Notes:
1. Recording fee payable to: N. H. Secretary of State.
 2. If no provision eliminating or limiting personal liability, insert "NONE".
 3. At least five signatures are required.
 4. Must be recorded with the Clerk of the City/Town of the principal place of business prior to recording with the Secretary of State. (Fee payable to the clerk is \$5.00.)

Mail \$25.00 STATE FEE and DUPLICATE ORIGINALS (ORIGINAL SIGNATURES ON BOTH)
 to: Secretary of State, State House, Room 204, 107 North Main Street,
 Concord, NH 03301-4989

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATIONFLASHING BEACON ERECTION

In accordance with the Provisions of RSA 236:1, the FLASHING BEACON (S) described below is hereby approved by me as to make, type, location and method of operation.

DESCRIPTION

Location of Flashing Beacon:

City/Town of Deerfield

(A) at intersection of _____ and _____

or (B) Side-of-Road on NH Rte 107 SB, stub pole owned by town _____, Supplementing sign that says
School Speed Limit 25 When Flashing

Date Installed 12/05/97 Size of Lenses 8 3/8"Number and Color of Lenses (Red) 1 (Yellow) _____Height above Pavement 10' Hours in Operation 7:15-8:00 am, 2:00-2:45 pm

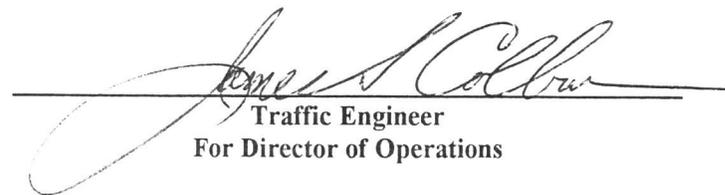
Direction of Flashing Red _____

Direction of Flashing Yellow NH Rte 107 NorthMethod of Installation: Suspended over Highway or Pole/Post Type XX

Special Features (Time Switch, etc.): Solid State cube flasher
Time Clock-Intermatic ET 70115C

Given under my hand this 5th Day of December 1997

New Hampshire Department of Transportation


Traffic Engineer
For Director of Operations

In accordance with the provisions of RSA 236:2, I have caused to be filed a copy thereof in the records of the Department of Transportation and with the Clerk of the City/Town of Deerfield, New Hampshire.


Authorized Agent

Date

12/12/97

(State)

B-115-02
 State Maintained
 School Pays Bill

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Date Installed 12/05/97 Size of Lenses 8 3/8"

Number and Color of Lenses (Red) 1 (Yellow) _____

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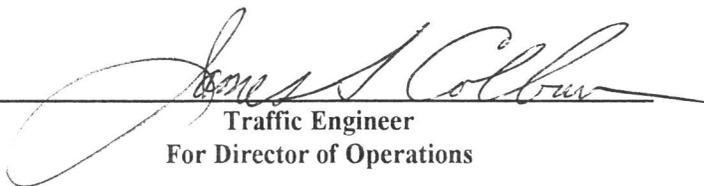
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(State)

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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 Deerfield Town Hall in said Deerfield, on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, next at 7 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

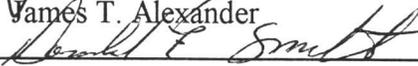
1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt all proposed amendments to the existing Deerfield Zoning Ordinance and Building Code as here posted. (The amendments are available for inspection at the offices of the Town Clerk and Selectmen during business hours of 8:30AM to 1PM, Tuesday through Friday, and from 8:30AM to 7:00PM on Monday's.)
3. Pursuant to RSA 40:14 shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow voting by official ballot on all issues before the Town of Deerfield. (3/5 vote required)

THE POLLS ARE TO OPEN AT 7 AM AND WILL CLOSE NOT EARLIER THAN 7 PM.

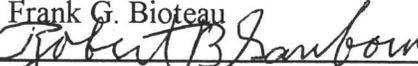
THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 14TH NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT AT THE DEERFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL BEGINNING AT 9 AM.

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.



 James T. Alexander


 Donald F. Smith


 Frank G. Bioteau


 Robert B. Sanborn

Selectmen

of

Deerfield

March 10, 1998

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the Town Hall, Town Office, Blue Bowl Store and Deerfield Community School, being public places in said Town, on the 21st day of February, 1998.

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Donald F. Smith

Robert B. Sartore

Selectmen
of
Deerfield

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TOWN OF DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE
MARCH 10, 1998

ARTICLE I

Amend Article III Section 320 "Home Business" Subsection 6, by adding the following: Any proposed use which does not conform to this limit on the number of employees will require a Special Exception from the Board of Adjustment.

This amendment would permit an increase in the number of employees in a Home Occupation by Special Exception rather than by Variance.

ARTICLE II

Amend Article III Section 320 "Home Business" by adding the following Subsection: 320.9 No home occupation shall generate hazardous waste as defined under New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Waste Management Division, Rules for Management of Hazardous Waste unless by Special Exception granted by the Board of Adjustment. Applicants for such a Special Exception must demonstrate compliance with all current State and Federal Regulations regarding management, storage, transportation and disposal of hazardous waste.

A. Amend Article II, Section 204.1 by adding #17 Home Occupations which generate hazardous waste.

ARTICLE III

Amend Article VI, Section 602 by deleting the definition of Travel Trailer and replacing it with the following. "Recreational Vehicle - A travel trailer, motor home, truck camper, or similarly equipped vehicle capable of self contained operation for short periods of time without connection to and longer periods of time when connected to site based utilities such as water, electricity, and sewage disposal. Said vehicle shall be less than eight (8) feet in body width and less than forty (40) feet in body length in the traveling mode and less than 320 square feet when stationed on a site ready for use."

A. Amend Article IV, Section 404, by changing the title by deleting the title "Temporary use of Travel Trailer/Motor Home" and replacing it with "Temporary Use of Recreational Vehicles on Individual Lots."

B. Amend Article IV, Section 404, by changing the reference in the first sentence from "Travel Trailer/Motor Home" to "Recreational Vehicle."

Delete the third sentence which reads "If there is no other..." and replace it with the following "Placement of a recreational vehicle shall comply with the current setback requirements of the district where it is located."

C. Add the following sentence: " No more than one (1) recreational vehicle may be used for a temporary residence on any lot at any one time. Use of recreational vehicles shall be in conformance with the regulations of the Deerfield Board of Health in effect at the time of placement."

ARTICLE IV

Amend Article VI, Section 602 "Term Definitions" Bed and Breakfast. Change the second sentence to read " For use of any structure as a Bed and Breakfast facility, the structure shall conform to the minimum fire protection standards of the most recent edition of the BOCA National Building Code and of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code."

ARTICLE V

Amend Article VII, Section 702 "Building Permits". A-3 Change to read " Proof that the applicant has notified the abutters to the lot by letter sent by certified mail of the intent to make application for a building permit. The notice letter shall state that a building permit will be requested for the lot and shall describe the purpose of the application. A copy of the notice letter and certified mail receipts shall be provided to the Building Inspector."

ARTICLE VI

Building Regulation Amendments: Amend the Building Regulations of the Town of Deerfield (Building Code) by deleting the "BOCA Basic Building Code, Ninth Edition, 1984" and inserting the "BOCA Basic Building Code, most recent edition."

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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, on Saturday, the fourteenth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To hear the reports of Committees, Commissions or Officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to bring the G. B. White Building, public water supply, into compliance with Department of Environmental Services regulations (Work will include: A pump house, well casing above ground, metering system and new air compressor). The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee recommends this Article.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) for the purpose of refurbishing the 1975 Tank Truck. The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee recommends this Article.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) to fund Traffic Safety/Prevention Patrols and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) in off-setting Federal Funds. This funding will cover operations in Phase I and Phase II of the project which will run from May through October, 1998. The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee recommends this Article.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds for one (1) of the following options:
 - A. OPTION 1-Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500) for engineering, design and other necessary preliminary studies needed to convert the G. B. White Building into a combination Emergency Services Facility and Town Offices Building or;
The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee does not recommend this Article.
 - B. OPTION 2-Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500) for engineering, design and other necessary preliminary studies which may be needed to construct an Emergency Services Facility on Map 004B Lot 001-001 (12 +/- acres of Town owned land) on North Road or; The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee does not recommend this Article.

March 14, 1998

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the Town Hall, Town Office, Blue Bowl Store and Deerfield Community School, being public places in said Town, on the 21st day of February, 1998.

James J. Alvera
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Frank B. Weston
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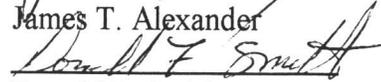
C. OPTION 3-Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for further study and evaluation of an Emergency Services Facility and site for same. The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee does not recommend this Article.

6. To see if the Town will vote to accept title to parcels of land off Lang Road, identified as Tax Map 008, Lot 45, eight acres, more or less, and a portion of Lot 46, thirty-six acres, more or less, to be developed for recreational use; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$62,000) for the purchase of said land, provided that any additional funds required to complete such purchase become available from private sources or municipal trust funds. The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee recommends this Article.
7. To see if the Town will vote to hire two (2) Part Time Police Officers and to raise and appropriate Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Two Dollars (\$28,292) for Salaries and Benefits. This amount will be offset by Twenty Four Thousand Forty Eight Dollars (\$24,048) in Federal Funds (\$4,244 to be raised by taxes). The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee does not recommend this Article.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the revision of the Town's Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. This is the first year of a three year project. The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee recommends this Article.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$8,935) for the purpose of Town employee raises for salaries and wages. (This represents a 3% increase.) The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Budget Committee recommends this Article.
10. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
11. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:42 and RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property acquired by tax deed after March 14, 1998 by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded.
12. To see if the Town will vote to accept from John L. Sherburne and Suzanne P. Sherburne a conservation easement on a certain approximately 94-acre parcel of land on the southerly side of Nottingham Road, located partly in Deerfield (Tax Lot 6-53B, 33+/- acres) and partly in Nottingham (Tax Lot 62-5, 61+/- acres), being shown on "Plan of Boundary Line Adjustments on Land of John L. and Suzanne P. Sherburne and C. Gregg and Judith D. Williams", prepared by David W. Sidmore, dated February 1994, recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds Plan D-22769, the easement to be administered by the Conservation Commission on behalf of the Town.
13. To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety eight.

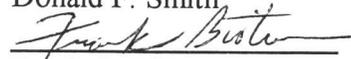


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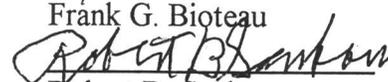
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Deerfield

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
61 So. Spring St., P.O. Box 1122
Concord, NH 03302-1122
(603) 271-3397

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BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 24

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF Deerfield N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998 or

for Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

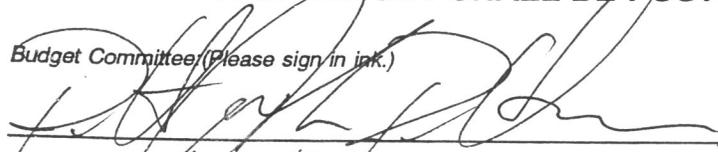
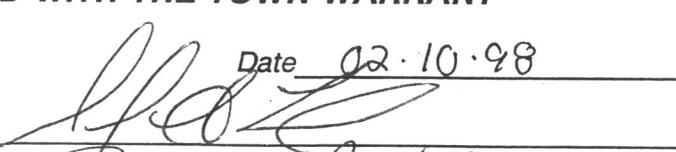
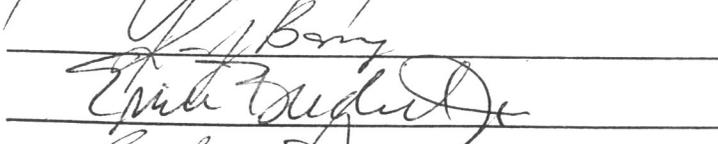
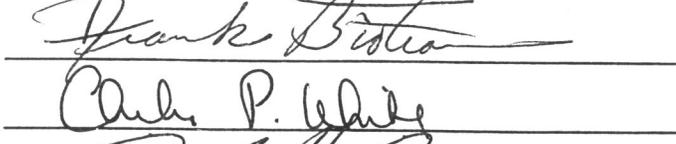
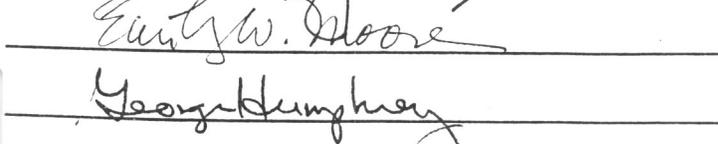
IMPORTANT: Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

Budget Committee (Please sign in ink.)

Date 02-10-98

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive		173,517	161,604	180,410		180,410	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		4,300	4,949	13,675		13,675	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		10,570	7,716	10,400		10,400	
4152	Revaluation of Property		36,000	31,850	47,000		47,000	
4153	Legal Expense		13,000	6,867	20,000		20,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		31,500	24,416	29,000		29,000	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		16,465	15,402	19,850		19,850	
4194	General Government Buildings		86,103	76,142	87,675		87,675	
4195	Cemeteries		9,100	9,322	10,600		10,600	
4196	Insurance		105,000	86,904	105,000		105,000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1,200	1,254	1,300		1,300	
4199	Other General Government							
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police		197,330	194,563	240,355		240,355	
4215-4219	Ambulance		3,000	3,000	3,500		3,500	
4220-4229	Fire		40,620	36,343	41,235		41,235	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		11,408	8,462	11,238		11,238	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		1,750	1,580	1,750		1,750	
4299	Other Public Safety (Including Communications)							
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 3213,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311-4312	Admin., Highways & Streets		444,740	527,994				
4313	Bridges				583,104		583,104	
4316	Street Lighting		1,500		1,500		1,500	
4319	Other							
SANITATION								
4321-4323	Admin. & Solid Waste Collection		157,453	165,785	163,601		163,601	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal							
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331-4332	Admin. & Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. & Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maint.							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH AND WELFARE								
4411-4414	Admin. & Pest Control		5,274	7,442	7,475		7,475	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other		16,713	16,683	16,951		16,951	
4441-4442	Admin. & Direct Assistance		24,000	2,439	24,000		24,000	

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Wary Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							
CULTURE & RECREATION								
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		80,140	16,258	20,210		20,210	
4550-4559	Library		31,086	29,835	35,957		35,957	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,250	1,035	1,250		1,250	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation							
CONSERVATION								
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources							
4619	Other Conservation		5,225	5,225	6,225		6,225	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING							
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
DEBT SERVICE								
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		190,000	190,000	190,000		190,000	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		88,900	88,900	71,878		71,878	
4723	Interest on TAMS		3,000		3,000		3,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	Max# Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings		22,875	22,875	22,875		22,875	
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-							
	Water-							
	Electric-							
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund							
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maintenance Trust Fund)			2,443 *				
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund			14,911 **				
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Agency Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1			1,813,019	1,762,199	1,971,014		1,971,014	

1997 Warrant Articles Appropriated/Expended See Attachment to Page 4 of 7
 1998 Warrant Articles Appropriated See Page 5 of 7

* Payment to State
 ** Transfer of Funds

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Warrant Article Number	Purpose of Appropriations	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year
No. 1	GBW/Renovations	\$12,178	11,367
No. 2	TH/Renovations	6,652	5,952
No. 3	HWY/Reconstruct Rds	10,000	0
No. 4	Traffic Safety	2,400	985
No. 5	Bicycle Safety Program	1,000	0
No. 6	PD/Software, Computer	7,200	0
No. 7	PD/Recon Radar Unit	1,200	1,075
No. 8	PD/Cruiser Video Cam	4,200	4,200
No. 9	Emergency Services	500	375
No. 10	Town Employee Raise	7,558	See Individual Line #
No. 11	Bicentennial Field	1,000	1,000
No. 12	Northwood Lake	1,500	1,500
No. 13	Dowst-Cate Forest	30,000	0
No. 14	FD/Replace Tank	5,000	5,000
	SUB TOTALS	90,388	31,454

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Warrant Article Number	Purpose of Appropriations	1998 Appropriations Selectmen Recommend	1998 Appropriations MBC Recommends
No. 2	GBW Building / Water	10,000	10,000
No. 3	FD/1975 Tank Truck	3,500	3,500
No. 4	Safety Patrol Phase 1	1,200	1,200
No. 4	Safety Patrol Phase 2	1,200	1,200
No. 5	Safety Complex/Option 1	16,500	0
No. 5	Safety Complex/Option 2	16,500	0
No. 5	Safety Complex/Option 3	5,000	0
***Note: No. 5, only one Option will be appropriated			
No. 6	Parks & Recreation/Land Purchase	62,000	62,000
No. 7	PD/ (2) Part-time Police Officers	28,292	0
No. 8	Zoning/Subdivision Regulations	5,000	5,000
No. 9	Town Employee Raise	8,935	8,935
	SUBTOTALS	136,627	91,835

Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE Ensuing Year
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		10,000	30,690	20,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		15,000	8,633	5,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		70,000	86,287	50,000
	Inventory Penalties				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		3,500	8,921	8,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		255,000	369,575	307,000
3230	Building Permits		5,500	8,378	6,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		8,000	13,649	12,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		37,000	52,473	32,900
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues		45,000	21,190	21,190
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		11,500	35,668	35,668
3353	Highway Block Grant		87,445	91,651	89,500
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		3,265	3,743	3,265
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)			32,905	99,680
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		40,000	33,966	7,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		20,000	8,508	10,500
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments		30,000	119,796	30,000
3503-3509	Other		50,000	100,495	75,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				

Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds		7,000	7,041	9,100
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
Amounts VOTED From Fund Balance ("Surplus")					
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes					
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS			698,210	1,033,569	821,803

BUDGET SUMMARY

	SELECTMEN	BUDGET COMMITTEE
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 4)	1,971,014	1,971,014
SUBTOTAL 2 Special warrant articles Recommended (page 5)	-0-	-0-
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" warrant articles Recommended (page 5)	136,627	91,835
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	2,107,641	2,062,849
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	821,803	821,803
Estimated Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	1,285,838	1,241,046

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**Town of Deerfield
Town Meeting--Election Portion
March 10, 1998**

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, read the Warrant, gave instructions to the voters, indicated the Absentee List was posted and those ballots would be cast after 2:00PM.

Ballot Boxes were shown to be empty and resealed.

Election Officials present were: Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, assisted by Assistant Moderators, George Owen, James D'Alessio and Malcolm Cameron; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Cynthia E. Heon; assisted by Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Jeanette Foisy and Election Assistants, Diana Stevens, Ruth Sanborn, Barbara Sundstrom and Karen Mailhot; From the Inspectors of Election, Nettie Farr, Joanne Wasson, Irene Shores, Barbara Daley and Jennie Owen; Supervisors of the Checklist, Chairman, George Putnam, Willis Rollins, Jr., Harriet Cady and assisted by Roger King; Board of Selectmen, James Alexander, Chairman; Donald F. Smith, Vice Chairman; Robert Sanborn and Frank Bioteau, Selectmen.

Gatekeeper for this Election was Chief Robert Wunderlich.

7:00AM The Polls were declared open by the Moderator and the balloting began.

2:00PM Absentee Ballots were begun.

100	Absentee Ballots
54	Absentee Ballots Mailed
54	Absentee Ballots Returned
53	Absentee Ballots Cast
1	Absentee Ballot Canceled
46	Absentee Ballots Not Sent

2:50PM Absentee Ballots were Completed.

7:00PM Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, declared the polls closed.

The Counting of the Ballots began Immediately.

Serving as Inspectors of Elections to count ballots were: Ella Sawyer, Brenda Chalbeck, Roger Hartgen, Richard Granger, George Keech, Marianne Taylor, Jeff Shute, Debra Clark, Claude Daley, Joseph Dubiansky, Mary Averka, Evelyn Cronyn, Amy Marquis, Joan Mountford, Philip Bilodeau, Robert VanWinkle, Joe Sears and George Clark.

The Moderator announced the following dates of importance.

March 13 Last Day to Request a Recount
 March 14 Town Meeting--Business Portion 9:00AM
 Deerfield Community School
 March 17 Last Day to Request a Recount of a Ballot Question
 March 20 Last Day to Remove Political Advertising

Registered Voters	2361
Regular Ballots Cast	809
Absentee Ballots Cast	53
Voter Turnout	37%

The results of the Town Ballot (Officers to be Elected) were read by the Moderator.

For Selectmen for Three Years (Vote for Two)

Paul A. Asselin	459
Harriet E. Cady	332
Warren A. Guinan	409
Renee D. Phaneuf	118
Brenda D. Wilson	118

Write-Ins

Donald Smith	7	George Thompson	2
Joe Stone	1	Don Gorman	1
Paul Smith	1	John Garland	1
Paul O'Neal	1	Fred Palmer	1
John Ambrose	1	Warren Billings, III	1
Paul Anderson	1	John Pfeiffer	1

and, Paul A. Asselin and Warren Guinan having a plurality of all votes cast, were declared elected for a three year term.

For Selectmen for One Year (Vote for One)

Joseph E. Stone	661
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Write-Ins

Harriet Cady	4	Ray Heon	2
Liz Wunderlich	2	Renne Phaneuf	2
Cynthia Billings	2	Warren Guinan	2
Bud White	2	Mickey Southamyd	1
Dwight Barnes	1	George Thompson	1
Gary Roberge	1	Keith Rollins	1
Rick Mailhot	1	Don Smith	1

Paul Buffington	1	David Twombly	1
Phil Bilodeau	1	John Pfeiffer	1
Paul Asselin	1		

and, Joseph E. Stone having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

For Moderator for Two Years (Vote for One)

Jonathan W. Hutchinson 719

Write-Ins

Debbie Kelley	1	Richard Granger	1
John Pfeiffer	1	John Kane	1
George Thompson	1	James D'Alessio	1

and, Jonathan W. Hutchinson having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a two year term.

For Supervisor of the Checklist for Six Years (Vote for One)

Willis "Bud" Rollins, Jr. 720

Write-Ins

Warren Billings, Jr.	2	Ray Heon	1
Howard Maley	1	John Pfeiffer	1

and, Willis "Bud" Rollins, Jr. having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a six year term.

For Highway Agent for One Year (Vote for One)

David P. Twombly 364

Write-Ins

Fred Palmer 415

Additional Write-Ins

Keith Rollins	2	Ray Heon	2
Paul Smith	1	Kevin Chalbeck	1
Fred Potter	1		

and, Fred Palmer having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term

For Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years (Vote for One)
Dwight D. Barnes 734

Write-Ins

Fred Palmer 1

and, Dwight D. Barnes having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a three year term.

For Trustee of Trust Funds for Two Years (Vote for One)
Raymond F. Sundstrom 639

Write-Ins

David O'Neal 1

and, Raymond F. Sundstrom having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a two year term.

For Trustee of Trust Funds for One Year (Vote for One)
T.J. Shaughnessy 665

and, T.J. Shaughnessy having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

For Water Commissioner for Three Years (Vote for One)
Waldo H. Twombly, Jr. 688

Write-Ins

David O'Neal	2	Steve Piwaworczyk	2
Kate Hartnett	1	Ericka Heilman	1
Glenn Young	1		

and, Waldo H. Twombly, Jr. having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a three year term.

For Library Trustees for Three Years (Vote for Three)
Walter J. Kutylowski 641
William H. Mountford 610

Mary L. Spindel

682

Write-Ins

Joanne Wasson	1	George Clark	1
Elsie Brown	1	Evelyn Cronyn	1
Diana Stevens	1	John Pfeiffer	1
Barbara Pfeiffer	1		

and, Walter J. Kutylowski, William H. Mountford and Mary L. Spindel having a plurality of all votes cast, were declared elected for a three year term.

For Overseer of Welfare for One Year (Vote for One)

Write-Ins

Wendy Margelot	22
Carol Owen	9

Additional Write-Ins

Wendy Margelot	22	Carol Owen	9
Harriet Cady	6	Sue Sherburne	4
Liz Wunderlich	4	Jack Sherburne	3
Dorothy Anderson	3	Shirley Winslow	2
Jolene Smith	2	Joe Stone	2
Sharon Larsen	1	Don Tordoff	1
Paul Smith	1	Warren Billings	1
Paul O'Neal	1	Annie Barnes	1
Erika Heilman	1	William Carbonneau	1
George Humphrey	1	Debbie Clark	1
Sue Aubrey	1	Cindy Tomilson	1
T.J. Shaughnessy	1	John Miller	1
Gary O'Connell	1	Sandy Cassier	1
Elaine Alexander	1	Mary Winslow	1
Ed Mahoney	1	Jeanne Menard	1
William O'Neal	1	Diana Stevens	1
Mary Spindel	1	Waldo Twombly	1
Irene Cruikshank	1	Brenda Wilson	1
Kate Hartnett	1	Deborah Wyman	1
Sonia Rogers	1	Renee Phaneuf	1
Eve Hazen	1	Margo Fligg	1
Bill Carozza	1	Alice French	1
Cynthia Heon	1	Kathy Treem	1
Karen Mailhot	1	Matt Kimball	1

Tomi Buzzell 1

and, Wendy Margelot having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

For Planning Board Member for Three Years (Vote for One)

Robert J. Urbanowski 480

Write-Ins

George Thompson	40	James Morton	4
Jon Winslow	1	Don Gorman	1
Rick Mailhot	1	George Clark	1
Joe Dubiansky	1	David Ellis	1
Paul Smith	1	Dan Briggs	1

and, Robert J. Urbanowski having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a three year term.

For Planning Board Member for One Year (Vote for One)

Write-Ins

George Thompson	175
James Morton	19

Additional Write-Ins

Charles Garland	3	Dwight Barnes	2
Ray Heon	2	Paul Smith	2
Keith Rollins	2	Harriett Cady	2
Joanne Wasson	1	Robert Urbanowski	1
Glenn Roberts	1	Kate Hartnett	1
Bruce Fligg	1	Howard Maley	1
Andy Robertson	1	Myron Kurtiak	1
Alan D. Perkins	1	Don Gorman	1
Donald Wyman	1	Steve Barry	1
Sonia Rogers	1	Joe Stone	1
Frances Menard	1	George Kelley IV	1
Richard Knowlton	1	Gary O'Connell	1
Douglas Kilgore	1	John Morton	1
Jocelyn Messier	1	Cheryl Smith	1
Steven Hussey	1	Joe Sears	1
Paul Asselin	1	Bud Rollins	1

Roger King	1	Richard Mailhot	1
Paul Buffington	1	Paula McCoy	1
William Carbonneau	1		

and, George Thompson having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

For Municipal Budget Committee for Three Years (Vote for Three)

Elizabeth "Libby" Birnie	437
Kevin R. Chalbeck	369
Bruce E. Fligg	268
Thomas A. Foulkes	445
Constantinos Mokas	159
Robert "Andy" Robertson	410

Write-Ins

Richard Granger	2	George Thompson	2
Harriet Cady	1	Bud Rollins	1
Peter Aubrey	1	Ray Cote	1

and, Elizabeth "Libby" Birnie, Thomas A. Foulkes and Robert "Andy" Robertson having a plurality of all votes cast, were declared elected for a three year term.

The results of the Official Ballot Question is as follows:

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow Official Ballot Voting on all issues before the Town of Deerfield? (By Petition)

Yes	345	No	289
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Moderator, Jonathan, stated there were 634 ballots cast on the question. 380 votes were needed for the 3/5 majority (60%) was need for the question to pass. The final percentage was less than 55%. The Moderator declared the question had failed.

The results of the Proposed Amendments to the Deerfield Zoning Ordinances, March 10, 1998 are as follows:

Article No. 1

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III, Section 320.6 to permit an increase in the number of employees in a home occupation by special exception rather than by variance.

YES	523	NO	276
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Article No. 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II, Section 204.1 by adding subparagraph 17 and Article III, Section 320 by adding subparagraph 9 to require home occupations that generate hazardous waste to comply with applicable State and Federal law and to obtain a special exception from the Board of Adjustment.

YES	604	NO	213
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Article No. 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section 4040 and Article VI, Section 602 to replace the term "travel trailer" with a newly defined term "recreational vehicle": to make clear that each lot is limited to one recreational vehicle as a temporary residence: and to required that vehicle comply with lot setback requirements.

YES	590	NO	224
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Article No. 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, Section 602 to change the definition of "Bed and Breakfast: to update the required fire protection standards by reference to the most recent versions of the BOCA National Building Code and NFPA 101 Life Safety Code.

YES	556	NO	237
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Article No. 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VII, Section 702(A)(3) to make the abutter notice of building permit applications apply to all construction, and to require filing copies of the notice letter and certified mail receipts with the Building Inspector.

YES	348	NO	464
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Article No. 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend the Town of Deerfield Building Code by deleting the BOCA Building Code, 1984, Ninth Edition, 1984, and adopting the BOCA National Building Code, 1996, Thirteenth Edition, and the procedure for simplified adoption of updates or revisions under RSA 674:52.

YES	552	NO	214
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The results of the Deerfield School District Ballot were announced by the School District Moderator, James P. D'Alessio.

For School District Moderator for One Year (Vote for One)

Douglas Leavitt	722
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and, Douglas Leavitt having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

For School District Clerk for One Year (Vote for One)

Sonia Rogers	681
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and, Sonia Rogers having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

For School District Treasurer for One Year (Vote for One)

Cynthia E. Tomilson	768
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and, Cynthia E. Tomilson having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

For School Board Member for Three Years (Vote for One)

Kevin J. Barry	557
Karen Ann Cote	212

and, Kevin J. Barry having a plurality of all votes cast, was declared elected for a one year term.

The results of the Official Ballot Question is as follows:

By Petition, pursuant to RSA 40:14, shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow voting by Official Ballot on all issues for the School District of the Town of Deerfield?

YES	422	NO	352
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Moderator, James D'Alessio, stated there were 794 ballots cast on the question. 3/5 majority (60%) was needed for the question to pass. The final percentage did not reach 60%. The Moderator declared the question had failed.

The Town Ballot Box was sealed at 11:35PM. The Moderator declared the Meeting adjourned at 11:40PM.

A True Record,

Attest:



Cynthia E. Heon
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

NOTE: Write-Ins for the School District filed with the School District Clerk.

TOWN OF DEERFIELD
TOWN MEETING—BUSINESS PORTION
March 14, 1998
MINUTES

Town Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, called the Town Meeting, Business Portion, to Order at 9:00AM, on Saturday, the Fourteenth day of March, Nineteen Hundred Ninety Eight.

Moderator Hutchinson welcomed everyone to the Meeting. It was announced there would be no smoking in the building, fire exits and telephones were pointed out.

The assembly rose for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Town Officials seated before the Meeting were introduced: David Connell, Town Counsel; James Alexander, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Donald Smith, Vice Chairman; Frank Bioteau and Robert Sanborn, Selectmen; James D'Alessio and Cynthia Bioteau, Assistant Moderators; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Cynthia Heon; Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Jeanette Foisy; Andrea Lajoie, Assistant to the Town Clerk; George Putnam, Chairman of the Supervisors the Checklist, Willis Rollins, Jr. and Harriet Cady, Supervisors of the Checklist; Joanne Wasson, Debby Clark, Irene Shores and Nettie Farr, Ballot Clerks; George Owen, Assistant Moderator on the Floor; Philip Bilodeau, George Clark, Kevin Barry, Joseph Dubiansky, Kevin Chalbeck, Charles Schack, Elizabeth Wunderlich and George Keech, Inspectors of Elections.

Moderator Hutchinson stated, on Tuesday March 10th, the local elections were held. These public offices require a lot of time, attention and work. Too often, the jobs are thankless and criticized. Moderator Hutchinson expressed appreciation to all the candidates for their willingness to serve.

Elected Town Officials will come forward, to take the Oath of Office, immediately following the adjournment of this Meeting. Once sworn in, they will officially assume their positions. The Moderator then read the election results.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, recognized Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, James Alexander. Chairman Alexander acknowledged Donald Smith, Frank Bioteau and Richard Mailhot (Mr. Mailhot could not be present) for the time they served the community as members of the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Alexander told the Meeting their expertise will be sorely missed. There was a round of applause.

The Rules of the Meeting were reviewed. The Moderator reminded everyone, in order to vote, they needed to check in with the Ballot Clerks, receive a voting card and sheet of ballots. Non-Voters should be seated in the designated area. Exceptions would be members of the press and the Assistant to the Town Clerk, Andrea Lajoie.

The Rules of 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.

Articles will be read, a Motion and a Second sought. The maker of the Motion will speak and then all others. Speakers should approach a microphone. All remarks are being recorded to assist the Clerk in making an accurate record of the Meeting. Speakers will be allowed three minutes. Each person will have a first turn before a previous speaker has a second turn. The speaker may address the current, pending question or may move to Close Debate but cannot do both in the same turn. A Secret Ballot is permissible when requested by five members, in writing, prior to a Hand Vote. Otherwise, the Vote will be taken by a show of Voting Cards. If a clear majority cannot be determined, the Moderator will move to a Division and the raised cards will be counted. Seven members, who question a Non-Ballot Vote immediately following the announcement of the results, may request a written Ballot Vote. Five voters may request a Recount of a written Ballot Vote provided the margin is not more than 10 percent of the total votes cast. The Recount takes place immediately following the announcement.

The Moderator reminded the Meeting to rise, for a Point of Inquiry, if an explanation is needed or something is unclear.

Rulings of the Moderator are subject to appeal by any member. An appeal must be made immediately following the ruling. A second is required. Members then vote to sustain or reverse the ruling.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, directed everyone to the business of the day, The Warrant.

ARTICLE 1

To hear the reports of Committees, Commissions or Officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved to Table Article 1. Seconded by Selectman, Frank Bioteau.

Chairman Alexander said the purpose of Tabling Article 1 provides an opportunity for the Safety Complex Study Committee to give a report prior to Article 5.

The Moderator polled the members of the Meeting to see if there was any objection to Tabling Article 1 for the purpose stated. There was no objection. **ARTICLE 1 is TABLED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to bring the G. B. White Building, public water supply, into compliance with Department of Environmental Services regulations (Work will include: A pump house, well casing above ground, metering system and new air compressor). The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee recommends this Article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 2 be adopted as written.
Seconded by George Keech.

Chairman Alexander deferred to Selectman Bioteau for the explanation of the Article. Selectman Bioteau explained a Department of Environmental Services Survey, done in November of 1997, showed deficiencies in the water supply. During heavy rain storms, water seeps into the pump house and around the well head and contamination occurs. To remedy this, the well casing will be brought above ground, a metering system and other items will be installed and a new pump house built over it.

John Pfeiffer asked if it was possible to obtain a Profit and Loss Statement on the building. Selectman Bioteau responded the revenue from rents was approximately \$53,000 and there were about \$75,000 in expenses, net result, a loss. With consideration given for the Town Offices and Police Department, it is a break even situation. Donald Gorman asked whether rental funds were dedicated to the building. Chairman Alexander answered, the rental income goes to the General Fund.

Discussion ended and the Moderator called for the Vote on **ARTICLE 2**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 2 is adopted in the amount of **\$10,000**.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) for the purpose of refurbishing the 1975 Tank Truck. The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee recommends this Article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 3 be adopted as written.
Seconded by George Keech.

Chairman Alexander deferred to Mark Tibbetts, Fire Chief. Chief Tibbetts said the purpose of the funds is to refurbish the 1975 Tank Truck. He further explained matching funds, from the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Association, are available.

There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the Vote on **ARTICLE 3**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 3 is adopted in the amount of **\$3,500**.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) to fund Traffic Safety/Prevention Patrols and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) in off-setting Federal Funds. This funding will cover operations in Phase I and Phase II of the project which will run from May through October, 1998. The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee recommends this Article.

The Moderator recognized Police Chief, Robert Wunderlich. Chief Wunderlich requested Article 4 be withdrawn. The Moderator questioned the purpose of withdrawing Article 4. Chief Wunderlich explained the extra patrols caused overtime and there has been difficulty getting Officers to fill the patrols. Since it is the Selectmen's Warrant, the Moderator noted they would have to be in agreement to withdraw Article 4. Chairman Alexander stated there was no objection from the Board of Selectmen. The Moderator asked the Meeting if there was any objection to the withdrawal of Article 4. Seeing none, Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, declared **ARTICLE 4 WITHDRAWN.**

The Moderator recognized Chairman of the Board, James Alexander. Chairman Alexander asked Article 1 be taken from the Table. Seconded by Selectman, Donald Smith. Chairman Alexander said the purpose of taking Article 1 from the Table is to hear the Report of the Safety Complex Study Committee. The Moderator asked the Meeting if there was any objection. Hearing none, the Moderator declared **ARTICLE 1 BE TAKEN FROM THE TABLE.**

James Morton, a member of the Safety Complex Study Committee, came forward to give the Report. Mr. Morton listed the other members of the Committee: Fire Chief, Mark Tibbetts; Police Chief, Robert Wunderlich; Rescue Squad, Rod Swanson; Selectman, Donald Smith and Ray Heon.

The Committee's Charter, Mr. Morton said, was to look at the current facilities of the Police Department, Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Next, a determination would be made as to the best facility that would sustain those departments for the next 20 years or more. Once in place, the plans were to be presented to the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Deerfield.

Mr. Morton described each present facility. Rescue: Occupies a room in the G. B. White Building, rescue vehicle is parked outside and oxygen is stored in a cold area. Police Department: Occupies a room in the center section of the G. B. White Building, an additional room for evidence and vehicles are outside. Fire Department: There is difficulty moving vehicles in and out of the building, new vehicles are required to be custom fit to the building and there is limited space for supplies. The Committee felt the most cost effective approach would be to house all these Departments in one building.

Mr. Morton told the Meeting the following sites were visited by the Committee: Land behind the existing Firehouse, the Lindsay Building, the Bicentennial Field area, the G. B. White Building, land around the Town Hall and a parcel of Town owned land across from Mr. Mike's Store. The G. B. White Building and the Town owned land were the two options chosen by the Committee.

Mr. Morton described how the proposed facility would fit into the G. B. White Building. Town Administration moves to the front, a new driveway is constructed at the back of the building and some renovations inside would be necessary. The costs are not finalized but it was estimated this option was only good for five to ten years.

The 12 acre parcel of Town owned land, across from Mr. Mike's, was suitable for expansion for the next 20 years and provided space for a Town Administration Building, if needed, in the future. Mr. Morton said the Committee had considered a two-story structure and costs were not finalized for this option either.

In fairness to the citizens of Deerfield, the Committee brought both options to the Town for consideration. Mr. Morton indicated ways to offset costs (A barn raising, donations of equipment and possibly materials) were considered. The funding in this Article allows the Committee to proceed with engineering and permitting processes.

The Safety Complex Study Committee favors the 12 acre site and the new facility. If tenants are removed from the G. B. White Building, it leaves them with no place to go. The G. B. White Building was considered only a short term remedy. This was not a short term project but would develop slowly over several years.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds for one (1) of the following options:

- A. Option 1-Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500) for engineering, design and other necessary preliminary studies needed to convert the G. B. White Building into a combination Emergency Services Facility and Town Offices Building or;
The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee does not recommend this Article.**
- B. Option 2-Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500) for engineering, design and other necessary preliminary studies which may be needed to construct an Emergency Services Facility on Map 004B Lot 001-001 (12+/- acres of Town owned land) on North Road or;
The Selectmen recommend this Article The Municipal Budget Committee does not recommend this Article.**

C. Option 3-Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for further study and evaluation of an Emergency Services Facility and site for same. The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee does not recommend this Article.

The Moderator recognized Chairman of the Board, James Alexander. Chairman Alexander moved Article 5, "B", Option 2, as written. Seconded by Police Chief, Robert Wunderlich. The Moderator announced it was moved and seconded to adopt Article 5, in the language of "B", as written.

Chairman Alexander stated, after hearing the report of the Safety Complex Study Committee, the Selectmen felt "B", Option 2, utilizing Town owned land rather than disrupting the G. B. White Building, was the better option. He said, not mentioned, but relative to this option, was the considerable amount of gravel on this land.

Andy Robertson, Chairman of the Municipal Budget Committee (MBC), read the results of the Vote on Article 5--"A" 0-9; "B" 0-9 and "C" 0-9 indicating the MBC did not recommend any option in Article 5. Chairman Robertson said the amount of long term debt presently outstanding and lack of information regarding the cost of each option led to these votes.

Warren Billings, President of the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Association, spoke representing the Association. He said this facility was being looked into either, in part or wholly, to alleviate the Rescue Squad's problems. With reference to the Fire Department, Mr. Billings said, in the year of 1999, a Pumper, which would replace two pumpers currently in service, would be purchased. This would free up space in the Fire Station. Mr. Billings said, while the Fire Station is cramped, with fore thought and planning, it is a workable situation.

Warren Billings continued to speak to the issue as a taxpayer. He said in the nineteen years he has been on the Fire Department many challenges have been presented. Although he identifies with the needs of the Police Department, he felt space can be achieved in a resourceful and efficient manner. He did not believe Police Vehicles needed to be housed. As he addressed the Rescue Squad's problems, Mr. Billings said the previous vehicle did fit in the Fire Station. When the new vehicle was purchased, the size of the vehicle should have been considered. As his comments concluded, Mr. Billings said the G. B. White Building should be utilized and house a portion of the Police Department and Rescue Squad.

Warren Billings, moved to **REPLACE THE LANGUAGE IN "B", OPTION 2 WITH "A" OPTION 1** and **INSERT IN THE SECOND SENTENCE AFTER "CONVERT" AND BEFORE "THE" the words "A PORTION OF" and AFTER THE WORD "FACILITY" ADD "POLICE, RESCUE"**. Seconded by Walter Hooker.

Police Chief, Robert Wunderlich, spoke of this approach as being a Band-Aid approach. Emily Moore thought the issues were strictly timing and clarity. The Fire Department and the Committee did not seem to be in agreement and it is unclear as to what the options should be. Commenting on another area of this study, Ms. Moore hoped, if the site across the road from Mr. Mike's was considered, it be done in concert with the Conservation Commission. Warren Billings stated the Band-Aid approach is New England, small town America, and he felt it is what works. George Humphrey spoke of the need for more discussion, study and planning. Paul Asselin said the center of Town is the right place for the Town Offices. A consolidation would further maximize the emergency services. It was Mr. Asselin's opinion the Town should not be landlords.

Discussion ended and the Moderator called for the Vote to **REPLACE THE LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE 5, "B", OPTION 2 WITH "A", OPTION 1, AND AMEND THE LANGUAGE AS PREVIOUSLY STATED.** The Moderator called for the vote **"A", OPTION 1, AS MODIFIED.** It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **NEGATIVE.** The motion does not carry. The **AMENDMENT IS DEFEATED.**

Back to the Main Motion, Article 5, "B", Option 2, as written. The Moderator recognized Joe Stone. Mr. Stone inquired, under Article 9 last year, \$500 was appropriated and he questioned how much was spent. Chief Wunderlich stated \$396 was used for a mailing. Mr. Stone did not think \$16,500 should be appropriated until everyone was sure who would occupy the facility. It seemed more prudent to wait until all emergency services were on the same wave length.

Joe Stone moved to **SUBSTITUTE THE LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE 5, "B", OPTION 2, WITH "C", OPTION 3.** Seconded by Gary Roberge. The Moderator called for the Vote. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared.

Joe Stone made a motion to **AMEND ARTICLE 5, "C", OPTION 3, FROM \$5,000 TO \$3,000.** Seconded by Gary Roberge.

Harriet Cady wanted to know the purpose of the funds. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, James Alexander, explained the funds would go towards further engineering studies to arrive at firm costs. Mrs. Cady felt the Master Plan was an important tool to be used when researching this kind of project. She suggested leaving a \$1, in a Line Item, for the Committee to work from.

Chief of Police, Robert Wunderlich, explained the Committee was made up of Police, Fire, Rescue and citizens who volunteered. They did agree on the options presented today. A minimal amount of money was spent and this was to provide the community with information. During the upcoming year, experts would be brought in to assist the Committee further.

The Moderator recognized Joe Stone for the purpose of withdrawing his **AMENDMENT TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 TO \$3,000**. Moderator Hutchinson stated the Amendment could not be withdrawn without the permission of the assembly and asked the if there was any objection. Hearing **NO OBJECTION**, the Amendment is **WITHDRAWN BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE BODY**.

Donald Gorman moved to **AMEND BY REDUCING** the amount from **\$5,000** in Article 5, "C", Option 3, **TO \$1**. Seconded by Josh Freed.

Mr. Gorman said funds could be shifted from another area of the Budget, if needed. Chairman Alexander stated funding was not available within the Budget. Chairman Alexander spoke for the present Board and the on-coming Board, saying, to not fund further study sends the message the Meeting did not wish for the project to continue. James Morton said there is a need for further study, "C", Option 3, allows the process to go on. Warren Billings told the Meeting the study was done, as a good faith effort, because the Townspeople chose to address the issue. Therefore, funding it for only \$1 would be inappropriate.

The Moderator called for the Vote on the **AMENDMENT TO REDUCE ARTICLE 5, "C", Option 3, from \$5,000 to \$1**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **NEGATIVE** and so declared. **THE AMENDMENT IS DEFEATED**.

Back to the Main Motion, Article 5, "C", Option 3.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, stated a request for a Secret Ballot Vote on Article 5 had been filed. The Inspectors of Elections were called forward, instructions given for the Secret Ballot Vote and the Ballot Boxes shown to be empty. The Moderator designated Ballot "A" as the Ballot to be used for this Vote. Article 5, "C", Option 3, was re-read and the Voting began.

The results of the **SECRET BALLOT VOTE** (Ballot "A" designated) on **ARTICLE 5, IN THE LANGUAGE OF "C", OPTION 3**, were announced.

YES 136 NO 65

It was a Vote in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 5, in the language of "C", Option 3, is adopted in the amount of **\$5,000**.

At this time, Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, stepped down because of a direct interest in the content of Article 6. Cynthia Bioteau, Assistant Moderator, will preside over the Meeting during the deliberation of Article 6. James D'Alessio, Assistant Moderator, also stepped down because of his involvement in the content of the Article.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to accept title to parcels of land off Lang Road, identified as Tax Map 008, Lot 45, eight acres, more or less, and a portion of Lot 46, thirty-six acres, more or less, to be developed for recreational use; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$62,000) for the purchase of said land, provided that any additional funds required to complete such purchase become available from private sources or municipal trust funds. The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee recommends this Article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 6 be adopted as written.
Seconded by Gary Roberge.

Chairman Alexander reminded the Meeting this sum of money was raised under a Parks and Recreation Line Item, last year, but not spent. The funds reverted back to the General Fund and are now part of the Surplus. Because of this, there will be no Tax Impact if this money is appropriated.

George Owen objected to the purchase of this property. As he lives next door to where the facility would be constructed, he was concerned with the constant activity level, the narrowness of Old Center Road, South and keeping the "Old Center" of Deerfield in its natural state. In his opinion, a facility of this size, was going to require better access roads, for emergency vehicles, if not for all traffic.

Chairman of the MBC, Andy Robertson, told the Meeting the Vote on this Article was not Unanimous. It was 5-2-2 in favor of Article 6.

Jonathan Hutchinson, President of the Deerfield Soccer Association and a member of the Friends of Deerfield Recreation, spoke to the need for playing fields for team sports. Mr. Hutchinson talked about the value of having children involved in team sports and the contribution it makes towards their development. Deerfield has weaker facilities than any other community it competes with and because of this, cannot be a host community. He said he did not believe there was a better site in Deerfield than the one being discussed. Evaluations of the property had been done by many individuals. It was reported the land was good for this type of use and the road was adequate. Beyond this, he is an abutter, probably the most affected, but felt the facility was a good investment for Deerfield.

Discussion continued. Mark Tibbetts, Fire Chief, said he was asked if fire apparatus could get down Lang Road. He responded, to his knowledge, this had never been a problem. Harriet Cady felt the Committee had acted irresponsibly in choosing this site. She further stated this type of facility should take into consideration all recreational uses not just soccer. Adding to this was her concern about the costs involved in improving and widening Old Center Road, South to make it safe.

James D'Alessio, Friends of Deerfield Recreation (FDR), thought several questions should be answered. When the FDR could not come to terms with the owners of the property (Whitcher property) behind the Deerfield Community School, it was felt the program, as a whole, was wanted by the Town and the search for land should go on. The location of the Lang Road property is somewhat centrally located in Deerfield and the road more than sufficient to accommodate the traffic. Fred McGarry, Chairman of the Planning Board, viewed the site and found it to be favorable. The Cooperative Extension Service and experts from the Federal Government did a soils analysis. The funding for this project is primarily from private sources. Friends of Deerfield Recreation (FDR) expressed gratitude to the community for last years' appropriation. Mr. D'Alessio reminded the assembly there would be no tax impact as the funds had been raised last year and this would be the permission to expend them.

Lengthy discussion ensued covering the following issues: An increase in traffic; Safety issues, with reference to Old Center Road (In the vicinity of the Church); Motor vehicle accidents due to the road being narrow; A reminder to the Body what was done, in the past, that had benefited few and what could be done, in the future, to benefit many; Whether traffic would increase, any more or less, from a recreational facility than homes being built; The costs of this facility would not end at the purchase of the land but extend beyond into development costs; The information provided was inadequate; The present field, if use continues to be heavy, will require costly repairs.

Joe Stone asked to be recognized as he has always had an interest in the youth of Deerfield through participation in the project at Bicentennial Field to coaching many of the citizens children and grandchildren. It is his belief, if youth are kept busy and productive, they are less of a burden on the gentlemen who wear the blue uniforms. As a member of the Friends of Deerfield Recreation (FDR), although not active, he followed the progress the Committee was making and felt they had worked hard to locate this parcel of land.

Kate Hartnett, Conservation Committee Member, said former farm soils, which are present on the land, would be easier to work than forest land. Jeff Shute, a member of FDR, described activities, in addition to soccer that would be located at the facility: Baseball, softball, tennis, hiking trails, picnic areas and a building for meetings.

Jonathan Winslow made a motion to Close Debate and Move the Question. Seconded by Kevin Chalbeck. Assistant Moderator, Cynthia Bioteau, called for the Vote to **CLOSE DEBATE AND MOVE THE QUESTION**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared.

Assistant Moderator, Cynthia Bioteau, went directly to the Vote on Article 6. The Moderator stated a Secret Ballot Vote was previously requested and would be honored. Instructions were given and Ballot "B" designated. Voting Began.

The results of the **SECRET BALLOT VOTE** (Ballot "B" Designated.) on **ARTICLE 6** were announced:

YES 132 NO 82

It was a Secret Ballot Vote in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 6 is adopted in the amount of **\$62,000**.

Assistant Moderator, Cynthia Bioteau, stepped down, as Moderator, and Town Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, assumed the duties of Moderator.

Moderator Hutchinson told the Meeting Mrs. Bioteau had done an outstanding job as Assistant Moderator. There was a round of applause.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to hire two (2) Part Time Officers and to raise and appropriate Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Two Dollars (\$28,292) for Salaries and Benefits. This amount will be offset by Twenty Four Thousand Forty Eight Dollars (\$24,048) in Federal Funds (\$4,244 to be raised by taxes). The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee does not recommend this Article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 7 be adopted, as written. Seconded by Gary Roberge.

Chairman Alexander deferred to Police Chief, Robert Wunderlich, to speak to Article 7. Chief Wunderlich reviewed the background for this request. He said there are five full-time Police Officers, that not only patrol the streets but investigate crimes and prosecute court cases. There is also a Juvenile Officer (Juvenile crimes have increased) and the Juvenile Court is located in Derry requiring more time out of the office. In addition to this, there would be more night time coverage. Chief Wunderlich said he did not feel Deerfield was ready for another full time Officer but when the Grant became available for the part time Officers, it seemed to be the answer to Deerfield's needs. The Grant was awarded in August of 1997 pending approval of this Town Meeting.

Chairman of the Municipal Budget Committee (MBC), Andy Robertson, read the Vote of the MBC 4-4-1, Tied. The Chairman then cast a Vote to break the Tie resulting in a 5-4-1 Vote, in Favor. After hearing further discussion, Chairman Robertson changed his Vote 4-5-1, against. The deciding factor was the Board of Selectmen did not support the Article but brought it before the Town to make a decision.

Charles Schack was in favor of the additional Officers because it would provide adequate coverage especially for burglary protection. He said officers are in court during prime burglary hours. Bruce Graham, a former part time Officer, for ten years, remembered having little time to review cases. He thought these Officers would be an asset to the community.

In answer to the question of whether the funds covered one or three years, Chief Wunderlich stated this was for first year of a three year Grant. Each of the remaining two years would show an increase.

Andy Robertson, Chairman of the MBC, shared with the Meeting the MBC's reasons for not supporting Article 7. It was thought to be more important to take care of the Officers Deerfield presently had rather than add additional ones. This was done by giving consideration to the new cruiser and the request for firearms.

Discussion ended, the Moderator re-read Article 7 and called for the Vote. Moderator Hutchinson stated Article 7 would be by Secret Ballot Vote because a request was previously filed. Instructions were given and Ballot "C" was designated.

11:15AM Harriet Cady filed with Town Clerk, Cynthia Heon, a written warning, in accordance with RSA 231:90, warning the Highway Agent and the Selectmen, dangerous sections of Old Center Road, South exist and if not repaired, could cause accidents. The Clerk delivered the warning to Chairman of the Board, James Alexander and Town Counsel, David Connell.

Moderator Hutchinson ruled, as the Votes were being counted, the Meeting would continue and the results announced later.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the revision of the Town's Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. This is the first year of a three year project. The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee recommends this Article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved to adopt Article 8 as written. Seconded by Selectman, Donald Smith.

Chairman Alexander deferred to Kate Hartnett, Planning Board Member, to describe the intent of this Article. Ms. Hartnett said the Planning Board has received a written proposal to work on revising the Zoning Ordinances, Site Plan Review, Subdivision Regulations and Roads Policy in conjunction with the Master Plan review. The total cost is \$15,000 over a period of three years.

The Moderator recognized Donald Gorman, who had submitted, in writing, an Amendment to Article 8. The Moderator read the Amendment: "To amend Article 8 from \$5,000 to \$600, to be used for the purpose of printing an additional 150 copies of

the 1997 Deerfield Master Plan Draft. These copies should be made available, at convenient locations around Town, so citizens may have serious input into the Ordinances that will affect their lands, their businesses, and their quality of life.”

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, said he has been advised the correct procedure would be to defeat this Article, and add \$600 in a Line Item in the Budget for this purpose. There was confusion over where this can be accomplished. Upon the advice of Town Counsel, David Connell, the Moderator stated this was not a legal Amendment to Article 8. Mr. Gorman asked if it would be permissible to bring forward the arguments of the proposed Amendment under Article 8. Moderator Hutchinson indicated Mr. Gorman could discuss it.

Kate Hartnett, Planning Board Member, said copies of the Master Plan were available for review or could be purchased. There was a public meeting, held in February, to review the Master Plan.

Richard Moore made a motion to **AMEND ARTICLE 8 to INCREASE** the amount **FROM \$5,000 TO \$15,000**. Seconded by Al Jaeger.

Mr. Moore read excerpts, from a letter, which indicated the project was a three year project. Mr. Moore thought, if the whole study could be funded at once, perhaps it would proceed quicker. George Thompson said he reviewed the Master Plan and found some areas had not been addressed, therefore, he thought more information should be made available. Harriet Cady noted the Road Improvement Study lacked clarity and needs to be improved.

Ms. Hartnett said, in answer to Mrs. Cady's inquiry, the entire Road Improvement Study is not included in the Master Plan but available elsewhere. By working on the tools for the Master Plan, i. e, Zoning and Road Improvement, the result will be a better Master Plan.

Erick Berglund, MBC Member, felt accelerating the process would aid the Budget Committee, at times, in their decision making.

The Moderator called for the Vote on the **AMENDMENT to ARTICLE 8 to INCREASE** the amount from **\$5,000 to 15,000**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **NEGATIVE** and so declared. The Amendment is **DEFEATED**.

Back to the Main Motion, Article 8, as written.

Donald Gorman was not against the concept presented in Article 8 but wished to see \$600 added later so copies could be made available everywhere. Citizens could then take their time to review the Master Plan and give their input.

Comments continued and ranged from the document being comprehensive, to the statement, it required a lot of review to better understand how the changes might affect everyone.

Joanne Wasson, who has lived in Deerfield a long time, saw the philosophy changing. It seems to be "Now that I am here, close the doors." Development is largely excluded and Zoning and Subdivision have become more and more restrictive. She urged more information be provided.

Ms. Hartnett, Planning Board Member, took the Meeting through steps the Planning Board has taken to give back to the Town a document that is useful. In 1990, the Master Plan began by doing a Natural Resource Inventory. In 1995, a Town wide Civic Profile was completed and in the Spring of 1996, the Vision survey was done. All to plan for the future of the Town. During the next three years while the Zoning Ordinances, and so on, are being updated, the Planning Board is going to be working with everyone. Copies of the Master Plan are available, upon request. Ms. Hartnett felt it is a good document and one she is proud of. A brief round of applause.

Robert Urbanowski, Planning Board Member, said the Planning Board is working with obsolete tools. This makes the job harder. Updating is in the best interest of the Town.

Joseph Dubiansky made a motion to **CLOSE DEBATE AND MOVE THE QUESTION**. Seconded by Jonathan Winslow. The Moderator called for the Vote. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared.

Moderator Jonathan Hutchinson said there had been a request for a Secret Ballot Vote on Article 8, as written. The Moderator gave instructions to the Meeting and designated Ballot "D" as the Ballot to be used for this Vote.

11:58AM The results of the **SECRET BALLOT VOTE** (Ballot "C" Designated) on **ARTICLE 7** were announced:

YES 99 NO 113

It was a Secret Ballot Vote in the **NEGATIVE** and so declared. Article 7 is **DEFEATED**.

12:00PM The Moderator asked the Meeting if they wished to continue or take a Recess. The indication was to continue through one more Article.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$8,935) for the purpose of Town employee raises for salaries and wages. (This represents a 3% increase.) The Selectmen recommend this Article. The Municipal Budget Committee recommends this Article.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 9 be adopted as printed.
Seconded by Ella Sawyer.

Chairman Alexander explained this was for a 3% cost of living raise for all Town employees, part time and full time, to become effective on April 1st.

Because there was no discussion, the Moderator called for the Vote on **ARTICLE 9**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 9 is adopted in the amount of **\$8,935**.

The Moderator called a Recess at 12:02PM.

The Moderator called the Meeting to Order at 12:45PM.

The results of the **SECRET BALLOT VOTE** (Ballot "D" Designated) on **ARTICLE 8** were announced:

YES 116 NO 76

It was a Secret Ballot Vote in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 8 is adopted in the amount of **\$5,000**.

The Moderator recognized Jeff Shute for the purpose of placing a motion on the floor to Restrict Reconsideration of Articles 2 through 9. Seconded by Steve Barry.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, reviewed with the Meeting, the meaning of the Vote to Restrict Reconsideration. Mr. Shute did not wish for a change to be made in the action taken to this point. The Moderator called for the Vote. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE**, and so declared. **RECONSIDERATION HAS BEEN RESTRICTED ON ARTICLES 2 THROUGH 9.**

ARTICLE 10

To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

The Moderator recognized Andy Robertson, of the MBC. Mr. Robertson gave an overview of the Municipal Budget Committee's (MBC) responsibilities. He said they analyze expenses, appropriations and revenues in order to prepare future Budgets. He explained the 10% rule. With reference to the Town Budget, a considerable amount of time and discussion centered around the Police and Highway Budgets. The only difference between the MBC's Budget and the Selectmen's Budget was in the Warrant Articles as shown in the Town Report. The Town's tax rate has remained stable for the past four years and it is anticipated it will do the same this year.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, followed up on what Mr. Robertson said by stating, if everything passed, including a couple of additions to the Operating Budget, the Town's tax rate would remain flat. The Town has received notification the County portion of the tax rate is anticipated to decrease.

Harriet Cady asked, if Public Service or New Hampshire Electric Cooperative were granted Abatements what it would mean for Deerfield. Chairman Alexander explained what could likely happen with the utility companies. He said the Town will continue to add to the Overlay, at tax rate setting time, in the event the Abatements are granted. He pointed out the Line Item-Legal Fees has been increased because Deerfield joined with other Towns to address the issue of taxation of Poles.

Chairman of the MBC, Andy Robertson, moved **ARTICLE 10, THE BUDGET**, in the amount of **\$2,065,449**, which **INCLUDES ALL PREVIOUSLY VOTED WARRANT ARTICLES**. Seconded by Kevin Barry.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive

4130-4139

Joanne Wasson said the Budget, as shown in the Town Report, lacked detail and she would like to see more detail. Her primary concern was the amount of money spent in the Town Offices, particularly, the increase in salaries. Ms. Wasson stated the expenses, in this area, increased and the hours open to the public did not. She asked the new Members of the Board of Selectmen to give her comments some consideration.

Merit Increases

01-4130.10-120

Chairman of the MBC, Andy Robertson, told the Meeting there was considerable discussion regarding the Merit Increases but after it was thoroughly explained by the Selectmen, the funds were approved by the Municipal Budget Committee (MBC). Chairman Alexander said, changes, in the way the accounting program is used, have allowed expenses to be reported where they belong. This caused confusion in some areas of the Budget. Merit Increases was one of those areas.

Election & Registration

4140-4149

Chairman Robertson said the increase, in this category, is due to the increase in the number of elections this Year.

The Board of Selectmen was encouraged, by several speakers, to provide a more detailed Budget in the future. James Alexander, Chairman of the Board, said the Board is listening and will provide additional information next year.

PUBLIC SAFETY**Police****4210-4214****01-4210.10-353**

Chief Wunderlich moved to Amend this appropriation by decreasing it by \$1,500 to \$238,855, a reduction in firearms. Seconded by Sgt. James Tomilson. Chief Wunderlich said Warrant Article #7 was defeated, thus, two firearms are not needed.

The Moderator called for the Vote on the **AMENDMENT to DECREASE 4210-4214 BY \$1,500**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Section **4210-4214** is now **\$238,855**.

4210-4214

Harriet Cady moved to Amend Section 4210-4214 to add \$5,000. Seconded by Warren Guinan. Mrs. Cady said this would provide the funding to have the Teen Center supervised everyday after school.

A question regarding where, in the Police Budget, the Teen Center was funded was answered by Sgt. James Tomilson. Sgt. Tomilson said it is not in the Police Budget, rather, it has a separate Budget. There are no Town funds. Mrs. Cady said Grant money only covers a few days a week and she felt it should be open all week.

The Moderator called for the Vote on the **AMENDMENT to INCREASE 4210-4214 BY \$5,000**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **NEGATIVE** and so declared. The Amendment does not carry. **4210-4214 REMAINS at \$238,855**.

Chairman of the MBC, Andy Robertson, said the MBC discussed the cruiser being a Line Item expense versus a Warrant Article. Questions they had on firearms were answered.

Erick Berglund requested a Sense of the Meeting as to whether items such as Police Cruisers should be presented as Warrant Articles or Line Items.

The Moderator called for a **SENSE OF THE MEETING**, as to whether items of exceptional expense, typified by a Police Cruiser, be shown as a Warrant Article or included in the Budget. The Sense of the Meeting indicated the preference was to include **EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES IN THE WARRANT NOT IN THE OPERATING BUDGET**. The Sense of the Meeting has been achieved.

Police**4210-4214****01-4210.10-636**

George Humphrey made a motion to Amend the Police Section 4210-4214 to Decrease the amount by \$27,045 to \$211,810. Seconded by Erick Berglund.

Mr. Humphrey said, judging from the Sense of the Meeting, he saw the need to bring the Police Cruiser before the Meeting for purpose of discussion. Chief Wunderlich told the Meeting there were three vehicles presently, a 1993 Ford Taurus, a 1995 Ford Taurus, and a 1996 Crown Victoria and by April all three vehicles will be out of warranty. The full expense of repairs will be borne by the Town. He explained the warranty and costs associated with the new vehicle.

Andy Robertson, Chairman of the MBC, said the cruiser was one of the major areas of debate and the MBC Vote was 5-4-2 in Favor.

There was no further discussion. Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, called for the Vote to **AMEND 4210-4214 to DECREASE it BY \$27,045 TO \$211,810**, for the purpose of removing the Police Cruiser. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **NEGATIVE** and so declared. The Amendment fails. **4210-4214 REMAINS AT \$238,855.**

Chairman of the MBC, Andy Robertson, pointed out the Police Budget had offsetting revenues from COPS Fast Grants, therefore, the actual amount of the Budget was \$195,310.

Fire**4220-4229**

Fire Chief, Mark Tibbetts, drew the Meeting's attention to the Fire Section and indicated other funding was included in this Line, such as, Water Holes. The Fire Department's Actual Operating Budget is \$25,535.

Harriet Cady was concerned because there were Abstentions in the Municipal Budget Committee's Votes. People are elected to represent the people and should not abstain. She further noted there had been an ad placed in the newspaper for a Building Inspector to be shared by Deerfield and Nottingham and thought the Meeting should be aware of this information.

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS**4311-4312****Winter/01-4312.20-119****Summer/01-4312.30-119**

Joe Stone made a motion to Amend 4311-4312 to Decrease it by \$2,000 to \$581,104. Seconded by Frank Bioteau.

Frank Bioteau, Selectman, explained the reason for the decrease was because the new Highway Agent indicated he did not need an Administrative Assistant.

The Moderator called for the Vote on the **AMENDMENT to DECREASE 4311-4312 BY \$2,000 TO \$581,104**, to remove the Administrative Assistant's wages. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **4311-4312** is now **\$581,104**.

4311-4312

01-4312.50-647

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved to Amend 4311-4312 to increase it by \$15,000 to \$596,104. Seconded by Warren Guinan.

Chairman Alexander stated, after further engineering studies, the Board realized there would not be enough money to complete the work to be done on Old Center Road, North. The studies showed a good drainage system needed to be installed. Under the new Highway Agent, it appeared, this work will be accomplished through the bid process.

The Moderator called for the Vote on the **AMENDMENT to INCREASE 4311-3212 BY \$15,000 TO \$596,104**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **4311-4312** is now **\$596,104**.

Peter Aubrey asked for clarification of an over-expenditure in the Highway Department. Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, stated this was a result of the work done on South Road which was reimbursed through a State Grant. Mr. Aubrey said more detail should be provided. Chairman Alexander said next year there would be more detail and the Board has realized the information on the MS-7 Form is insufficient.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Planning and Zoning

4191-4193

01-4191.10-550

Kate Hartnett, Planning Board Member, moved to Amend 4191-4193 to increase this section by \$600 to a total of \$20,450. Seconded by Al Jaeger.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, asked if this was the Amendment Donald Gorman had requested previously and was he still in the room. It was determined Mr. Gorman had left the Meeting.

Ms. Hartnett re-stated she wished to Amend the Planning and Zoning Section to add \$600. The funds to be used for 150 copies of the Draft Master Plan and associated costs. Ms. Hartnett said the Planning Board would like to have these copies distributed.

Harriet Cady remembered the intent of Donald Gorman's Amendment was to have the copies given to the community. Mrs. Cady was concerned they would be sold and not given. Ms. Hartnett said they would be given away to people who want to read them and suggestions, as to where they should be placed around Town, would be welcomed.

The Moderator called for the Vote on the **AMENDMENT to INCREASE 4191-4193 BY \$600 TO \$20,450** for the purpose of printing 150 copies of the Master Plan and making them available. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **4191-4193 is \$20,450.**

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Phil Bilodeau questioned the Highway Budget and the difference between expenditures of last year and the appropriation this year. Joe Stone noted the South Road Project and additional tarring/resurfacing were part of the whole picture. Mr. Bilodeau questioned whether the \$45,000 for Old Center Road, North was expended. Chairman Alexander said the money returned to the General Fund and is in Surplus but needs to be re-appropriated.

SANITATION

Solid Waste Collection

4321-4323

01-4323.10-425

Selectman, Frank Bioteau, moved to Amend 4321-4323 to Increase it by \$7,000 to \$170,601. Seconded by Selectman, Donald Smith.

Selectman Bioteau said the money was needed to pay for the installation of the new compactor for cardboard. The compactor was donated to the Town but it needed to be installed. In the past, the cost was \$28 per ton to have cardboard removed and it could now generate revenue of \$20 to \$30 per ton. There would also be fewer hauls. When asked if the electrical service required updating, the response was, it did. Erick Berglund wanted to know more about the costs savings and a potential revenue increase. Selectman Bioteau said hauling charges are \$125 a trip. Instead of four trips a month there would only be one. It will probably take a couple of years to break even.

Wadsworth Winslow, Solid Waste Committee, said the community needed to reduce the amount of material being generated. He went on to speak to the costs associated with the amount of trash. Mr. Winslow said additional members were needed for the Committee.

Walter Hooker thought not all of the \$7,000 was needed. Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, explained there was a need to install the compactor, in 1997, but it could not be paid for out of last year's Operating Budget. Therefore, funds needed to be appropriated this year.

The Moderator called for Vote on the **AMENDMENT to INCREASE 4321-4323 BY \$7,000**, for the purpose of the installation of said compactor, to the amount of \$170,601. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. **4321-4323 IS NOW \$170,601.**

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Health Agencies

4415-4419

Harriet Cady questioned whether the Town had received the IRS Form 990 from any of the Health Agencies. The response was they had not. Mrs. Cady expressed concern about the funding for these agencies coming from the taxpayers pockets and being forced to support charities she would not otherwise support.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, asked the Meeting if there were any further questions to come forward concerning the Operating Budget. There was no further discussion.

Moderator Hutchinson called for the Vote on **ARTICLE 10, the BUDGET ARTICLE**, in the amount of \$2,084,549, which includes all approved Warrant Articles and all other actions taken previously. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. Article 10, the Budget Article, is adopted in the amount of **\$2,084,549** and so declared.

At this time, the Moderator asked Cynthia Bioteau, Assistant Moderator, to step forward and address a question from Article 6, the Article she previously moderated.

Assistant Moderator, Cynthia Bioteau, said there was a request for a Recount on Article 6. As Moderator for that Article, she ruled the Recount Out of Order under RSA 40:4-B. The vote margin should have been less than 10%, of those votes cast, which was not the case. The second part was the request was not filed timely. The request should have been brought forward immediately following the public announcement of the results.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:42 and RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property acquired by Tax Deed after March 14, 1998 by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 11 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Selectman, Donald Smith.

Chairman Alexander said the Article was in place, with a slight language change, so an owner can come forward and redeem the property. It has never been the intent of the Town to take property.

Joanne Wasson moved to Amend Article 11 to delete the last sentence "This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded." Seconded by Willis Rollins, Jr.

Ms. Wasson said, if the wording is not removed, the opportunity to Vote on the disposition of tax deeded properties would not exist from year to year.

The Moderator called for the Vote on the **AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 11** to remove the last sentence, "This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded." It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The motion carries.

Back to the Main Motion, as amended.

George Humphrey asked if this was for only one year. Town Counsel, David Connell, said it would have to be re-voted next year. If not voted, there would be no authority to dispose of tax deeded property at all.

The Moderator called for the Vote on **ARTICLE 11, AS AMENDED**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The motion carries.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to accept from John L. Sherburne and Suzanne P. Sherburne a conservation easement on a certain approximately 94-acre parcel of land on the southerly side of Nottingham Road, located partly in Deerfield (Tax Lot 6-53B, 33+/- acres) and partly in Nottingham (Tax Lot 62-5, 61 +/- acres), being shown on the "Plan of Boundary Line Adjustments on Land of John L. and Suzanne P. Sherburne and C. Gregg and Judith D. Williams," prepared by David W. Sidmore, dated February 1994, recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds Plan D-22769, the easement to be administered by the Conservation Commission on Behalf of the Town.

Chairman of the Board, James Alexander, moved Article 12 be adopted as written. Seconded by Selectman, Donald Smith.

Chairman Alexander deferred to Frank Mitchell, Conservation Commission Member. Mr. Mitchell said the Conservation Easement would restrict future subdivision. The Conservation Commission, with the Board of Selectmen's consent, is allowed to Grant Conservation Easements.

Because there was no discussion, the Moderator went immediately to the Vote on **ARTICLE 12**. It was a **HAND VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The motion carries. Article 12 is adopted.

ARTICLE 13

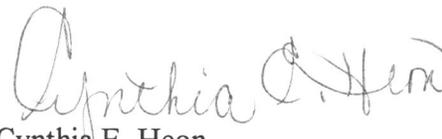
To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

Erick Berglund requested a list of all Articles, voted at previous Town Meetings, that continue "indefinitely until rescinded", be published in the Town Report.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, reminded newly elected Town Officials, present at this Meeting, they should come forward to take the Oath of Office immediately following Adjournment of the Meeting.

On the Motion to Adjourn of Jonathan Winslow, Seconded by George Keech, the Moderator called for the Vote. It was a **VOICE VOTE** in the **AFFIRMATIVE** and so declared. The Nineteen Ninety Eight Town Meeting stands **ADJOURNED at 2:17PM**.

A True Record,
Attest:


Cynthia E. Heon
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Footnote: The above actions were taken by 234 Voters.
The Checklist for the Meeting contained a total of 2361 Registered Voters.

EPSOM
PERAMBULATION/and DEERFIELD

Persuant to RSA 51.6, a notice from the Selectmen of Epsom to the Selectmen of Deerfield, New Hampshire, the undersigned met on October 21, 1989, and renewed the marks on the bounds thereon:

Beginning At

DEA A Stone monument marked "D.E.A." 1888 located by the side of Mt. Delight Road (Upper Swamp Road).

Thence running Northerly N-38 -06'-E Approx 345 rods to

ED-1 A pile of stones on top of a hill which appeared to mark the town line.

Thence Northerly N-38 06'-E 12 rods to

ED-2 A missing stone marked "E.D." that was apparently moved when earth was bulldozed for fill for a woods road.

Thence Easterly (at right angle) 5 rods to

ED-3 A stone wall with a stone marked "E" on the westerly side and a stone marked "D" on the easterly side of the wall.

Thence Northerly N-42 51'-E 56 rods to

ED-4 A stone marked "E" and "D" at the end of a stone wall.

Thence Northerly N-42 51'-E 32 rods to

ED-5 A stone marked "X" approximately 18' west of a stone wall.

Thence Northerly N-37 44'-E 520 rods to

ED-6 A stone marked "D" and "E" on the northerly side of Griffin road.

Thence Northerly N-37 44'-E to

ED-7 A stone pile on northerly side of Lock's Road, one stone marked "L" in a wooded area. (This stone may be found by following the first cross wall on the left as you go up the road to Lock's Hill). This wall runs SE and the marker is a few rods south of where this wall turns SW.

Thence Northerly N-37 44'-E 176 rods (from Griffin Rd.) to

ED-8 A stone marked "D" and "E" in a stone wall on the southerly side of Echo Valley Road.

Thence Northerly N-37 06'-E 67 rods to

ED-9 A missing marker on easterly side of State bridge on NH Rte. 107
A spot was designated by the Selectmen as to the location of the marker.

Thence northerly N-37 06'-E 200 rods to

ED-10 A three-sided stone monument marked "E" "N" "D" on its sides and an "X" on top. This monument is located across Northwood Lake among some lake shore camps.

On April 8, 1998 it was discovered the Perambulation between Epsom and Deerfield, signed October 21, 1989, not filed in the Town Clerk's Records. The Perambulation was filed April 8, 1998 in Volume 20 pages 120 to 122.

Note: Markers between the bridge on NH Rte. 107 and the last monument were missing due to development in the area.

In witness whereof we have here unto set our hands this day in October 1989.

SELECTMEN
OF
EPSOM

Richard M. Todd
Richard M. Todd

John F. Kelleher
John F. Kelleher

SELECTMEN
OF
DEERFIELD

James Alexander
James Alexander

Robert Sanborn
Robert Sanborn

Winfred Hutchinson
Winfred Hutchinson

TOWN OF DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Perambulation of the line between the Towns of Deerfield and Northwood

Agreeable to a notice given to the Town of Northwood by the Town of Deerfield to meet on the town line on Saturday, November 5, 1988, the following town line monuments were visited, blazed, and marked with "88":

1.

Starting on the town line where the corners of Northwood and Deerfield meet the Epsom line, a stone monument marked with several years of inscriptions including the latest "55", was blazed and inscribed with "88". This monument is near the northern shore of Northwood Lake and is reached by entering a residential drive off Route 4 in Northwood.

2.

From Point 1, the line runs southerly to the north shore of Northwood Lake and crosses the lake to a point on the south shore of the lake where a small stone on the shore of the lake was marked "N., D., 88".

3.

From Point 2, the town line skirts along the southern side of Northwood Lake where previous perambulations mentioned several marked stones. The last of the markers listed as previously existing on the shore of the lake, before the line turns to run southward toward Pleasant Lake, was the third to be visited by the two Boards. This is a boulder in a cove with several previous years inscribed. This boulder had been moved from its location by a property owner (Rogers) working on his shoreline. Selectmen blazed and inscribed the boulder with "88". This boulder marks the line between Lots 22 and 23 in Range 8 of the original map of lots and ranges.

4.

From Point 3, the town line runs on the boundary line between Lots 22 and 23 southward until it comes to the boundary between Ranges 8 and 7 where a stone monument is placed a short distance from the road at the north shore of Pleasant Lake. This monument had inscriptions from several previous perambulations and was blazed and inscribed with "88".

5.

From Point 4, the line turns to run easterly to a stone monument on the side of Gulf Road which runs by the north shore of Pleasant Lake. This monument was blazed and inscribed with "88".

6.

From Point 5, the town line runs easterly in a straight line along the Gulf Road and northerly shore of Pleasant Lake to a large stone on the side of the lake nearly opposite the Chandler property in Northwood. This stone bears numerous inscriptions of previous perambulations and was also blazed and marked "88".

On April 8, 1998 it was discovered the Perambulation between Northwood and Deerfield, signed October 16, 1989, not filed in the Town Clerk's Records. The Perambulation was filed April 8, 1998 in Volume 20 pages 123 to 124.

7.

From Point 6, the line runs along the northeast shore of Pleasant Lake in a southeast direction to Broad Cove where previous perambulations listed several marked monuments which have been destroyed or lost. The line runs next southerly on the easterly shore of the lake to a stone near the water on the boundary between the land of Laidley and Chickering, now or formerly, which is marked with several previous years. This marker was blazed and inscribed with "88".

8.

From Point 7, the town line turns and runs easterly about 49 rods to a stone set upright in a stone wall. Again the stone was blazed and inscribed with "88".

9.

From Point 8, the line continues easterly to a marker in a stone wall on the west side of Blakes Hill Road (Winding Hill Road in Northwood) which is a discontinued road on the Deerfield side. This stone had several inscriptions and was blazed and inscribed with "88".

10.

From Point 9 the town line continues on an easterly course to a stone monument in a stone wall on the westerly side of the discontinued road, formerly Mountain View Avenue (Upper Deerfield Road in Northwood). The monument was blazed and inscribed with "88".

11.

From Point 10, the town line continues on the easterly course to the corner where Northwood and Deerfield meet the Nottingham line. This monument may be found by following the Public Service utility line from the road in Northwood leading to Lucas Pond (Lucas Pond Road) approximately 4000 feet southward and then turning eastward and going a distance of about 600 feet to a boulder with a pointed arrow pointing to a bound in the swamp. This bound was visited by Northwood Selectmen and blazed.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands this 16th day of

October 1989.

Selectmen of Deerfield, N. H.

James T. Clark
 Robert B. Jackson
 Winfred Hutchinson

Selectmen of Northwood, N.H.

Robert B. Bunker
 Tracy W. Chesley
 Robert E. Young

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