

TOWN OF DEERFIELD  
SB2 DELIBERATIVE SESSION

January 30, 2010

MINUTES

Call to Order

Town Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson called the Deliberative Session to order at 9:00am.

In recognition of the labor and sacrifice of those who created, defended, and refined the privilege of a democratic government under which we assemble this morning, please rise and pledge your allegiance to our flag. As we conclude our pledge, please remain standing for a brief meditation passed down from Joe Brown.

*PLEDGE*

“I suggest that we open this meeting by standing in silent meditation – asking guidance in our conduct of this Deerfield Town Meeting that may prove an effective self government for us all. Guide us in our voting by a sense of purpose and human understanding. In our hands today lie the business affairs of the town for the future. Grant us the sense of fairness to allow all citizens to participate regardless of experience. Help us to express ourselves with restraint and dignity that we may work together harmoniously for the well-being of our town in the coming year.”

“So let it be.”

Please be seated. Those words were written by Joe Brown and used to open Town Meetings during his tenure as moderator. With your indulgence I will include them in our meetings henceforth to honor our ties with Joe and his generation.

**Introductions**

Welcome to the First Session of the 2010 Deerfield Town Meeting. The town officials seated before you this morning are:

Selectmen; Chairman Steve Barry, Vice Chair Andy Robertson, John Reagan, Walt Hooker and Alan O’Neal

Town Clerk: Kevin Barry

Deputy Town Clerk: Kelly Ann Roberts

On the floor:

Finance Director Cindy Kelley

Supervisors of the Checklist: Cherie Sanborn, Diane Valade, Meredith Briggs

Ballot Clerks: Barbara Daley, Sue Sherburne, Cindy Tomilson

### **Purpose, Rules, & Decorum**

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

Are there any individuals present who are not registered voters of the Town of Deerfield? Though you are not permitted to vote, by Deerfield tradition you are permitted to participate in debate.

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

Our meeting today is "for the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot." This first session "shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article." Our business today is to consider each warrant article and, within the limits of the law, determine the details of those articles to be voted by official ballot at the March 9<sup>th</sup> second session. Amendments to articles are in order and will be voted at this meeting. However at the conclusion of our deliberation on each article we will not vote. Instead, the chair will instruct the town clerk to place the article on the official ballot.

Our order of the day is the Town Warrant. The chair will read each article then request a motion to place it on the official ballot and a second for that motion. The maker of the motion will have the first opportunity to speak. Then the floor will be open to all. If you wish to address the meeting, please approach one of the microphones. The chair will recognize members at the microphones in turn.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Five voters may request a recount of a written ballot vote, “providing that the vote margin is not more than 10 percent of the total vote cast.” In this case, “the recount shall take place immediately following the public announcement” of that vote. (40:4-a)

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

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

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

## **Warrant**

We are ready to move to the Warrant.

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 Town Hall, 10 Church Street, on Saturday, the 30th day of January, 2010 at 9am. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the Warrant Articles numbered one (1) through nineteen (19). The Warrant Articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, and (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion as amended.

### **Article 1**

**To see if the Town of Deerfield will authorize the purchase of property located at 8 Church Street from the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Association and the Deerfield Rescue Squad, over a four-year period, at a total cost of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$114,540) and to raise and appropriate Twenty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$28,635) for the first year's installment. The purpose of the purchase is for future expansion of the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department, and Deerfield Rescue Squad, and parking space for general use during Town functions. This Article requires a 3/5's Vote to pass.**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1.  
Budget Committee 7-2.***

***Recommended by the Municipal***

***Chairman Stephen Barry Moved the question, Seconded by Andy Robertson***

Chairman Barry stated that this is the second year for the purchase of this property. The Warrant article originated from both the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department and the Deerfield Rescue Squad Associations. Chairman Barry also stated that the Board of Selectmen

feel that the Town should purchase the property. Chairman Barry also mentioned that there would be some deed restrictions placed on the property as part of the purchase.

Chief Mark Tibbetts stated that the Town has proposed building a new Safety Complex in the past at the cost of 3-5 Million dollars, but the proposals had failed. He went on to say that both Associations purchased the land for the expansion of the Central Fire Station as the current conditions at the station are inadequate.

Harriet Cady asked Chief Tibbetts if there was any possibility for a Grant for the construction of a new Fire Station at the land on Freeses Pond that the Town currently owns and possibly swap the parcels.

Chairman Barry stated that there has not been a discussion of a land swap.

Kathy Shigo asked if there was any stimulus money available for the construction of the station at Freeses Pond.

Chief Tibbetts stated that they had applied for a grant for stimulus money but were unsuccessful.

Bill Von Hassell stated that he feels that the deed restrictions should be part of the Warrant.

Chairman Barry stated that as part of the purchase negotiations the deed restrictions would be discussed.

**Bill Von Hassell made a motion to amend the Warrant Article to include “ with the passage of this article a deed restriction would be placed on the land for use by the Fire and Rescue Associations”, seconded by Richard Boisvert.**

Chief Tibbetts spoke to the amendment stating that the deed restrictions were given to the Board of Selectmen at a prior meeting.

Chairman Barry stated that at this time the restrictions do not exist and that if this article passes then the Board would enter into negotiations that will discuss the deed restrictions which would not apply until after year four. He went further stating that he does not see the necessity of the amendment.

Harriet Cady asked where the money from the purchase of this land would go. Would the money go towards the purchase of Fire Trucks or to reimburse the Trust fund from Bill O’Neal.

Chief Tibbetts stated that no money from Bill O’Neal’s trust was used in the Associations purchase of the land.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion on this matter called for the vote.**

The vote was too close to call and he asked for a hand count of the cards.

Moderator Hutchinson called for Ballot counters to come forward to count the cards.

**The count results Yes 46 and No 45.**

**Moderator Hutchinson called for a secret ballot vote due to how close the count was.**

**Moderator Hutchinson explained the procedures for the secret ballot.**

**Moderator stated that the voters are to use ballot A.**

Moderator Hutchison suggested that we go forward with Warrant Article 2 while the votes are being tallied.

## **Article 2**

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Four Dollars (\$111,764), of which Seventy Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$79,500) is for the purchase of a 2010 International Truck 7400 Series, six-wheel dump truck and Thirty Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Four Dollars (\$32, 264) is to purchase and install a body and sander.**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.  
Budget Committee 9-0.***

***Recommended by the Municipal***

***Chairman Stephen Barry Moved the question, Seconded by Andy Robertson***

Chairman Barry explained that the last new Highway truck was a 1994 that was still in excellent shape mostly due to the care that it was receiving from the Highway workers. The next oldest is 1993 that was purchased used and that truck is “falling apart”. Chairman Barry deferred to the Highway agent Alex Cote for any explanations.

Mr. Cote stated that the 1993 truck was purchased used in 2007 and was in disrepair and was causing problems with plowing. The major problem was that when this truck broke down it put a severe strain on the rest of the equipment used for plowing. Mr. Cote went further stating that the 1993 truck will be used as a “trash job” which will be utilized when they are removing ledge which would damage the other trucks and that if it was to be sold at “the White farm” it would get little or no money.

MBC Chairman Jim Spillane stated that the board was in support of the purchase of the truck new which would be carrying warranties where anything used would be in unknown condition.

Don Hellie asked what the tax impact would be for this purchase.

Chairman Barry stated that the tax impact would be 19c per thousand dollar assessment.

Don Hellie went on further asking if other models were looked at

Road agent Cote stated that yes they had looked at other models. This purchase would be part of the State bid under their specifications and would be the best price.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion instructed the Clerk to place the article on the ballot as written.**

**Back to the amendment to Article #1.**

**Moderator Hutchinson announced the results Yes 53, No 56, the amendment fails.**

Kathy Berglund questioned if the land would be used for Town parking, filled in or what are the plans.

Chairman Barry stated that all the options are open for discussion once the article is approved.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion instructed the Clerk to place the article on the ballot as written.**

### **Article 3**

**To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund (pursuant to RSA 35) for the future purchase of a fire engine (pumper) to bring the Town in compliance by 2013 with insurance requirements and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) towards this purpose, and appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. This amount represents approximately one fifth of the cost of a total purchase price. This is a Special Warrant Article.**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.  
Budget Committee 7-1-1.***

***Recommended by the Municipal***

***Chairman Stephen Barry Moved the question, Seconded by John Reagan.***

Chairman Barry stated that this is the second year for the Fire Department to request this Pumper. This equipment needs to be in place by 2013 in order to keep our fire insurance rates for the Townspeople.

Mr. Robertson explained that this is required insurance to keep Deerfield at a “level 9” which if we don’t get this truck in place prior to 2013 the majority of Deerfield would change to “level 10” which would increase their insurance costs.

Harriet Cady asked for the names of towns that were “level 10”.

Mr. Robertson stated that no surrounding towns to Deerfield were at “level 10” but Pittsburg and some surrounding towns in the North Country were.

Chief Tibbetts explained some of the requirements that the Fire Insurance companies have for the new truck.

Fred McGarry asked what the notation “special warrant article” meant.

Chairman Barry explained that the money could only be used for this purpose.

**Moderator Hutchison seeing no further discussion instructed the clerk to place the warrant on the ballot as written.**

#### **Article 4**

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the reconstruction of 1,000 feet of Church Street from Lang Road to house number 35 on Church Street. This Warrant Article will be offset, in its entirety, by Impact Fees in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000).**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.  
Budget Committee 9-0.***

***Recommended by the Municipal***

***Chairman Stephen Barry Moved the question, Seconded by John Reagan***

Chairman Barry explained that this article is to raise \$ 30,000 for the work and will be totally offset by impact fees and have no effect on the tax rate.

Harriet Cady asked what the total cost of the work would be.

Chairman Barry stated that the total cost is \$30,000.

Richard Granger requested that the Board of Selectmen announce what the tax impact would be for all future warrant articles.

Moderator Hutchinson stated they will try to announce the impact.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion instructed the Clerk to place the article on the ballot as written.**

#### **Article 5**

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred Forty Nine Dollars (\$24,349), Twenty One Thousand One Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$21,177) of which represents a 2.5% COLA increase for full time and part time employees; Two Thousand Twelve Dollars (\$2,012) of which represents retirement cost; Eight Hundred Fifty Three Dollars (\$853) of which represents the cost of FICA; and Three Hundred Seven Dollars (\$307) of which represents the cost of MEDI.**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.***

***Recommended by the Municipal***

***Budget Committee 9-0.***

***Chairman Stephen Barry Moved the question, Seconded by Andy Robertson***

Chairman Barry stated that the Board of Selectmen had decided not to offer raises to the employees in 2010, but had opted to propose the Warrant Article offering a 2.5% COLA increase.

Harriet Cady asked if the Town Employee were on a “step and track” program.

Chairman Barry answered “No”.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion instructed the Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

#### **Article 6**

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000) for the purpose of stipends to be paid out to the members of the Deerfield Rescue Squad for compensation for their service to the Town. (Requested by the Deerfield Rescue Squad.)**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.***

***Recommended by the Municipal***

***Budget Committee 9-0.***

***Chairman Stephen Barry Moved the question, Seconded by Andy Robertson***

Chairman Barry stated that this article was brought to the Board of Selectmen by the Rescue Squad, and, deferred to the Rescue Squad for explanations.

Matt Fisher explained that they would be setting up a “point system” for calls. When a member went out on a call he/she would get a point and they would be compensated for their service from the \$16,000 requested.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion instructed the Clerk to place the article on the ballot as written.**

**Article 7**

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$39,600) for the design phase of the reconstruction of the intersection of State Routes 43 and 107 (Lamprey River Intersection). This appropriation is offset by a two thirds (\$26,400) State reimbursement. One third to be raised by taxes (\$13,200).**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.  
Budget Committee 7-2.***

***Recommended by the Municipal***

***Chairman Stephen Barry Moved the question, Seconded by John Reagan.***

Chairman Barry deferred to Road Agent Alex Cote for any explanations.

Mr. Cote stated that the State could not act on the allotment of the money for engineering studies until the Town had approved the expenditure. Once the town approves the article then the State would reimburse 2/3 of the Engineering study. At that time the Engineering study would be made part of the 10 year highway plan at the State.

Harriet Cady asked if either the Governor’s office or the Governor’s council had been contacted as they would be the ones to put the work on the 10 year plan.

Chairman Barry answered by saying “No” as they were informed by the Department of Transportation that it was not required.

Selectman Reagan explained that they were informed by the State that some money was available to use once we approve the money. Once we approve then they would free up money for the Engineering study.

Jim Cannon explained that the State was willing to swap the money that was proposed for the Church St. intersection for this project so we would not have to wait for the 10 year plan.

Chairman Barry agreed with the statement made by Jim Cannon.

Mr. Cote stated that there may be some mitigation money available as this was flooded in the past and FEMA is aware of the situation.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion instructed the clerk to place the article on the ballot as written.**

#### **Article 8**

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of holding a Hazardous Waste Day at the Deerfield Transfer Station. The funds will be combined with Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) appropriated in 2009 and encumbered for 2010.**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.***

***Recommended by the Municipal***

***Budget Committee 9-0.***

***Chairman Stephen Barry Moved the question, Seconded by John Reagan.***

Chairman Barry stated that the voters had approved \$7000.00 for a Hazardous Waste day last year but one was never scheduled and that this year we would schedule two days with the additional money this year.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion instructed the Clerk to place the article on the ballot as written.**

#### **Article 9**

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$4,686) for the Police Department for the purpose of Speed Patrols and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$4,686) to offset the appropriation in its entirety. This Warrant Article is contingent upon the grant being awarded by the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency.**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.***

***Recommended by the Municipal***

***Budget Committee 9-0.***

***Chairman Stephen Barry Moved the question, Seconded by Andy Robertson***

Chairman Barry stated that this article is one that money needs to be raised in order to apply for a grant and that if the grant does not get approved the money will not be spent.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion instructed the clerk to place the article on the ballot as written.**

**Article 10**

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$4,686) for the Police Department for the purpose of Impaired Driver Patrols and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$4,686) to offset the appropriation in its entirety. This Warrant Article is contingent upon the grant being awarded by the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency.**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.***

***Recommended by the Municipal***

***Budget Committee 9-0.***

***Chairman Stephen Barry Moved the question, Seconded by Andy Robertson***

Chairman Barry stated that this is the same as #9 and #11 but this was for Impaired Driver patrols.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion instructed the clerk to place on the ballot as written.**

**Article 11**

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Nine Dollars (\$3,749) for the Police Department for the purpose of Impaired Driver Sobriety Check Points and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Nine Dollars (\$3,749) to offset the appropriation in its entirety. This Warrant Article is contingent upon the grant being awarded by the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency.**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.***

***Recommended by the Municipal***

***Budget Committee 9-0.***

***Chairman Stephen Barry Moved the question, Seconded by Andy Robertson***

Chairman Barry stated that this was the same as the previous two but for Impaired Driver Sobriety Check Points.

Kevin Chalbeck asked the police Chief that if the Federal Money was not available for these grants would we still go forward and if these are worthy causes?

Police Chief Greeley stated that if the federal money was not available we would not do the checkpoints. He went on further stating that yes, these are worthy causes as they are for the safety of our citizens.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion instructed the clerk to place the article on the ballot as written.**

### **Article 12**

**Shall the Town of Deerfield raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$3,408,321. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,397,725 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Deerfield or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13,X and XVI, to take up the issue of the revised operating budget only.**

***The Selectmen's Recommended Budget is \$3,445,923 / 5-0.      The MBC's Recommended Budget is \$3,408,321 / 8-1.***

MBC Chairman Jim Spillane joined the Board of Selectmen in the front of the room.

**Mr. Spillane moved Article #12 as written, Seconded by Don Daley**

Mr. Spillane stated that the MBC had spent many hours in many sessions to get to the final numbers that were brought forward at the Public Hearing. In essence the Board looked at parts of the budget that they felt were not needed at this time. They thought that the Traffic Counter and Monitoring device could be deferred another year and that they were in support of the warrant article for the Highway truck and they felt that there was no need for the \$35,000 in the budget for a backup. They felt that if the truck remained in the budget it may cause some confusion.

Chairman Barry stated that the proposed budget is \$190,000 over last year. This is due to \$154,000 required for the Town Reevaluation which is required by law and the \$35,000 for the

Highway truck should the Warrant Article fail. Chairman Barry stated further that if the Article for the Highway truck passed then the \$35,000 would not be used.

Chairman Barry stated that they felt that the \$3922.00 for the Traffic Counter and Monitoring device would be used to monitor the roads in town. At different times of the year the Planning Board and other departments request traffic studies that this could be used for.

Erick Berglund asked why the differences in the default budget with some departments line increasing and some decreasing.

Chairman Barry and Selectman Hooker explained the procedure for determining the default Budget.

**John Dubiansky made a motion to amend budget line #01.4290.01.740 from \$500.00 to \$4422.00. This is to add the purchase of the Traffic Counter and Monitoring device. Seconded by Chairman Barry.**

John Dubiansky deferred to Police Chief Greeley for further explanations regarding the device.

Chief Greeley stated that the device was about the size of a breadbox and will record the speeds, time and number of vehicles traveling by the device. If we attempt to put a cruiser in the same spot, once the cruiser is spotted, then everyone slows down.

Jim Spillane asked if any grant money would be available for this equipment.

Chief Greeley stated yes, that the information regarding the money was available after the public hearings were held and that they would be applying for any available grants.

Bernie Cameron asked what would happen to the information once it is retrieved.

Chief Greeley stated that the information would be compiled and put with other information as this would be the first step in lowering the speed limit on the roads.

Selectman Robertson stated that this is more than a speed survey device, that it is a State requirement for providing Traffic counts to the Planning Board and other Committees.

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator requested a vote on the amendment.**

**Harriet Cady requested a secret ballot.**

**Moderator Hutchinson overruled Ms. Cady stating that the request for the secret ballot needed to be in writing.**

**Moderator Hutchison called for a vote on the amendment, the Ayes have it. The amendment passes.**

Harriet Cady stated that with money left over in the Assessment budget “Did any money become encumbered?” If so why do we need to raise more?

Selectman Hooker stated that No, money was not encumbered.

**Harriet Cady made a motion to reduce the bottom line of the Assessing by \$15,000 to \$205,241, seconded by Kathy Shigo.**

Harriet Cady feels that if the entire Town is being reevaluated, there would not be a need for updates in the Assessing system.

Selectman Robertson stated that more than reevaluations of properties would be accomplished and that some taxpayers would be requesting some Abatements and other things that would require updates.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion called for the vote on the amendment, the Nays have it, and the amendment fails.**

Kathy Shigo asked what the salary of the librarian was before and after the wage increase input by the Board of Selectmen.

Maureen Mann, Library Trustee, stated that the Librarian’s salary now is \$16.37. They did a wage Survey of surrounding towns that were within \$15,000 per-capita of Deerfield and found that range was \$ 18.03 - \$22.00. The average salary of an individual with the equivalent education and service was \$20-\$21 per hour. The Trustee’s requested a 5% raise to \$16.67.

**John Dubiansky made a motion to restore the \$35,000 to line 01.4312.01.740 an increase of \$34,999, seconded by Matt Fisher.**

Mr. Dubiansky stated that at the Board of Selectman meetings they had discussed the rational of how that if the Warrant Article passes then the money in this line would not be used. It would allow the Board the flexibility of purchasing a used vehicle if it fails.

Chairman Barry stated that the Road Agent had originally requested a used vehicle, but they had felt that a new one would be to the Town’s benefit. Chairman Barry went to reiterate that if the Warrant Article passes then this would not be used.

Erick Berglund stated that he feels that the Warrant Article was the proper way to go and the he will vote against the amendment.

**Moderator Hutchinson called for the vote on the amendment, the Nays have it. The Amendment fails.**

**Don Daly made a motion to reduce the Planning Board contract line 01.4191.01.399 by \$18,000 to \$6,000, seconded by Harriet Cady.**

Mr. Daly stated that the contract line was added many years ago to assist the Planning Board to catch up with the workload. He stated that he feels now with the reduced workload this is not required and we can utilize other support services.

Planning Board Fred McGarry stated that if this amendment passes then the position would be reduced to 1/3 time in Deerfield. He went on to state that the planner has assisted with: Planning Board meetings, Updating the Master plan, Assembling the Grants to CTAP and Housing Finance Authority for the Work Force Housing requirements. He is also looking at other ways that Deerfield could apply for grants and other funding sources.

Selectman Reagan stated that the Planner is also keeping the Town out of legal problems by working closely with the Planning Board with the Work Force requirements.

Peter Menard spoke against the amendment stating that if the three work force articles do not pass then he would need to work closely with both the Planning and Zoning Boards.

**Moderator Hutchinson called for a vote on the amendment, the Nays have it. The motion fails.**

**Don Daley made a motion to remove the notation at the bottom of the Warrant Article # 12 stating the dollar amount approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee, seconded by Jim Spillane.**

Moderator Hutchinson stated that the notation is required per RSA's.

Jim Spillane stated that he has contacted the DRA and they said that the notation stating "approved by the Board of Selectmen and MBC" is allowable but having the dollar amount is inappropriate.

Chairman Barry stated that they had concurrence from Legal Council.

Moderator Hutchinson asked the Board of Selectmen if the notation would be on the ballot.

Chairman Barry stated that they would remove the notation.

**Moderator Hutchinson asked for a motion to see if voters still wanted the Board of Selectmen's and the MBC's recommendation and vote counts but not the money amount at the bottom of Article #12. Motion agreed to by Don Daley, Seconded by Jim Spillane. The vote was in the affirmative.**

Moderator Hutchinson asked Finance Director Cindy Kelley what the bottom line budget number was at this time.

Cindy Kelley stated the number is \$ 3,412,243.00.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion instructed the Clerk to place the article on the ballot as amended.**

### **Article 13**

**To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to create a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of providing public safety services by municipal employees or volunteers outside of the ordinary detail of such persons, including but not limited to public safety services in connection with special events, highway construction, and other construction projects. The revolving fund will be broken into specific sections for each Town Department. Only the fees collected to offset the direct and indirect labor costs and direct expenses associated with said details shall be deposited into said fund and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the towns' general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund which may only be expended on order of the Selectmen for the direct and indirect labor costs and direct expenses of said details.**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.***

***Chairman Stephen Barry Moved the question, Seconded by John Reagan.***

Chairman Barry stated that the purpose of this article is to fix the budgetary problems that we are having with Police details. The existing procedure is to pay for the details from the employee lines within the budget which would reflect the over expenditure of these lines. This procedure will allow for the contractor to put the anticipated payments in the fund and have the Details paid directly from the fund.

Harriet Cady asked if this fund had any excess money could it be used for the purchase of equipment and avoid having to go to the Town Meeting for approval.

Chairman Barry stated that it is the belief of the Board of Selectmen that this will be a wash with the money being placed in the account would be the same as being paid from the account.

Selectman Robertson stated that the primary reason for the Revolving Account would to avoid the estimation of what the details would be for the future. In doing it this way the budgets would correctly reflect the expenses.

Jim Spillane stated that he feels that this is a “neater” way to budget for the details.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion instructed the Clerk to place the Article on the ballot as written.**

#### **Article 14**

**To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Parks and Recreation Commission to consist of Seven (7) members. Members will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to three year terms with one-third of those terms expiring each year. The Commission will act on behalf of the Board of Selectmen in the management and planning of all parks and recreational areas and activities within the Town with the exception of Veasey Park which shall remain under the direct management and control of the Veasey Park Commission. The Parks and Recreation Commission will assist and advise the Parks and Recreation Director in planning, execution and evaluation of projects and programs.**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.***

***Chairman Stephen Barry Moved the question, Seconded by Andy Robertson.***

Chairman Barry stated that the purpose of the article was to amend the action of a prior Town meeting vote in which the membership of the Committee would be three from the Veasey Park Commission and four appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion instructed the Clerk to place the article on the ballot as written.**

#### **Article 15**

**To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Deerfield Rescue Squad to provide emergency medical care within the Town of Deerfield under the provisions of RSA 153-A. The Deerfield Rescue Squad is a voluntary corporation under RSA 292 with the authority to adopt by-laws for the regulation and management of its affairs, including the appointment of all officers. The Deerfield Rescue Squad is not a Town department and its members are not Town employees. An affirmative vote will effectively rescind the 1984 vote.**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.***

***Chairman Stephen Barry Moved the question, Seconded by John Reagan.***

Chairman Barry stated that this is a housekeeping article that in researching it was found that the Rescue Squad has not kept up with the reauthorization process. We need to do this more frequently as this has not been done in about 10 years.

Harriet Cady asked if these are Town Employees and would be covered under the Town insurance?

Chairman Barry stated that as with the Fire Association the town owns the buildings and equipment, but the employees are not town employees. Over the past three – four years Chief Tibbetts has been appointed as the Director of the Rescue Squad. The direction of the 1984 was that the Director needed to be a certified EMT, which Chief Tibbetts is not. We are attempting to put Chief Tibbetts back as Director of the Rescue Squad but we are unable to do due to the prior vote of this town.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion instructed the Clerk to place the Article on the ballot as written.**

#### **Article 16**

**To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 154:1(I)(a) to provide that the fire chief shall be appointed by the Selectmen and firefighters by the fire chief. This Article changes the existing procedure, which no longer conforms to State law, under which the Selectmen appoint as Firewards those persons the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Association elects as President, Secretary and Chief, with the person elected as Chief being designated Chief Fireward.**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.**

***Chairman Stephen Barry Moved the question, Seconded by John Reagan.***

Chairman Barry stated that existing procedure that was voted on at a prior town meeting no longer conforms to State Law. As per the advice of Town council this is the method by which we were recommended to put forth to the people to have the Selectmen appoint the Fore Chief and have the Fire Chief appoint the Firefighters.

Meredith Briggs stated her disappointment as to how this is being handled by the Board of Selectmen. She asked if the Volunteer Fire Department Officers have voted on these changes.

Chief Tibbetts stated that the Fire Officers have discussed these issues with Legal Council and that under the law the Fire Chief is to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Chairman Barry stated that the Board of Selectmen are only trying to conform with RSA 154:1. If the Fire Association recommends a person for Chief then the Board would be “hard pressed” to appoint a different one.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion instructed the Clerk to place the article on the ballot as written.**

**Article 17**

**To see if the Town will go on record in support of establishing conservation easements to permanently protect the following Town-owned Town Forest and Conservation Area properties:**

<b>Dowst-Cate Town Forest</b>	<b>Tax Map 416 Lot 16</b>	<b>100 acres</b>
<b>Hart Town Forest</b>	<b>Tax Map 403 Lot 2</b>	<b>71 acres</b>
<b>Lindsay Conservation Area</b>	<b>Tax Map 415 Lot 30</b>	<b>58 acres</b>
<b>McNeil Conservation Area</b>	<b>Tax Map 406 Lot 12</b>	<b>63 acres</b>
<b>Weiss Town Forest</b>	<b>Tax Map 416 Lot 18</b>	<b>93 acres</b>
<b>Wells Town Forest</b>	<b>Tax Map 411 Lot 39</b>	<b>80 acres</b>

*(Conservation easements will assure that these public properties will be used only for open space purposes such as wildlife habitat conservation, forestry, and recreation. This warrant article is non-binding and advisory only.)*

**Chairman Stephen Barry Moved the question, Seconded by Andy Robertson.**

**Chairman Barry moved to amend this article to include:**

<b>Arthur Chase Town Forest</b>	<b>Tax Map 414 Lot 73</b>	<b>40 acres</b>
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**This parcel was omitted from the article in error, seconded by Andy Robertson.**

**Moderator Hutchinson asked for a vote on the amendment, the ayes have it. The amendment passed.**

Serita Frey stated that the Conservation Commission had brought this forward in order to permanently protect the properties and will not have a tax impact.

**Moderator Hutchinson seeing no further discussion instructed the Clerk to place the article on the ballot as written.**

### **Article 18**

**To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President.**

**Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines “marriage”.**

**Chris Tidwell moved the article as written, seconded by Kathy Shigo**

Chris Tidwell stated that this article does not take a position. The purpose is to ask the voters whether or not they want the opportunity to vote on the situation.

Maureen Mann asked if this was to amend the Constitution.

Chris Tidwell stated that this vote will not change the Constitution but to inform the Legislators how the constituents feel.

**Jim Deely made a motion to amend Article 18 to say “To see”, Seconded by Rebecca Hutchinson.**

There were many citizens commenting both for and against the amendment.

**Jonathan Winslow moved the question.**

**Chris Tidwell supplied the moderator a request for a secret ballot.**

Moderator Hutchinson asked all the signers of the request if they still wanted a secret ballot as the article was amended. The majority stated “yes”.

Moderator Hutchinson explained the process for the secret ballot again and said to use Ballot “B”.

### **Article 19**

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

Chairman Barry asked Moderator Hutchinson if the Board of Selectmen can hold business under Article # 19 as this is a legally posted meeting while waiting for the vote results.

Moderator Hutchinson stated “yes”.

Chairman Barry referred to the issue of the Library’s furnace that has been shut off and can no longer be utilized. He asked Mark Tibbetts if he had other bids on the furnace and Mr. Tibbetts said “no”. He said that the only quote he had received was from Logan Heating for \$4500.00.

Selectman David O’Neal moved to accept the quote from Logan Heating, Seconded by Selectman Reagan.

Chairman Barry called for the vote, All in favor. The vote passes.

**Moderator Hutchinson announced the results of the vote YES 92 NO 28. Moderator Hutchinson announced that the amendment to Article 18 passed.**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Barry, seconded by Thomas Foulkes.**

**Moderator called for the vote all in favor**

**Meeting adjourned at 12:39 am**

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Barry

Town Clerk/Tax Collector