

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD**  
**DELIBERATIVE SESSION #1**  
**February 04, 2017**

Moderator Jonathan Hutchinson opened the meeting at 9:05 am.

There is no smoking anywhere in this building.

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.

Moderator Hutchinson led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

**Introductions**

Welcome to the First Session of the 2017 Deerfield Town Meeting. The town officials seated before you this morning are:

Selectmen: Stephen Barry, Richard Pitman , Andrew Robertson, Frederick McGarry and Jeffrey Shute. Assistant Moderator, Erik Gross.

Town Clerk: Kevin Barry assisted by Deputy Town Clerk: Kelly Ann Roberts

Town Administrator: John Harrington, and Finance Director: Penny Touchette,  
Supervisors Checklist: Harriet Cady, Gloria Riel and Diana Allard.

Ballot Clerks: Barbara Daley, Cindy Tomilson, Cherie Sanborn and Kathy Berglund.

### **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 14<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 Moderator cannot judge a clear majority, he will move to a Division. Likewise if a member is not satisfied that the result announced by the Moderator is correct, he should request a Division. Division will be a count of the raised cards.

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

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

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

Similarly, if during the meeting, something is not clear to you, please rise to a point of inquiry and 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.

## **FIRST SESSION:**

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017 at 9:00 a.m. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the Warrant Articles numbered One (1) through Twenty-seven (27). 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** 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 \$3,858,139. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,896,266 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 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of the revised operating budget only.

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

*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

*Estimated Tax Impact Proposed Budget \$6.88*

*Estimated Tax Impact Default Budget \$6.95*

**Municipal Budget Committee Chairman Jim Spillane moved the article, seconded by Rick Pitman**

Jim Spillane stated that the MBC worked hard with the Board of Selectmen to come up with a fair budget. They had two major issues, one with the MBC members feeling that more money should be in the Highway Budget for Road reconstruction. The other was referencing the replacement of the roof with steel rather than asphalt shingles that would have a shorter life span.

**Chairman Barry made a motion to amend line # 01.4130.02.110 adding \$14,035 for the Town Administrator and Assistant Town Administrator seconded by Mark Tibbetts.**

**Moderator asked for a vote all in favor**

**Erik Berglund made a motion to increase line # 01.4153.01.320 by \$15,000 to deal with the Northern Pass Project, seconded by Andy Robertson.**

Andy Robertson explained the process of how the Northern Pass project is moving forward through the Technical Phase and onto the Trial phase.

Maureen Quinn stated that the Town Attorney is working with other towns and we should be getting prorated legal costs.

Much discussion surrounding the potential Tax Benefits and revenues to the Town regarding the proposed Northern Pass Project.

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator called for a vote on the amendment adding \$15,000.00 to the Legal line. Vote all in favor.**

**Seeing no further discussion on the article the moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the ballot as amended in the amount of \$3,927,216**

**Article # 2** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300,000 to provide handicap access to the second floor of the Town Hall in the form of an elevator, to be housed in an addition located at the back of the Town Hall. Construction of the elevator will result in the removal of the existing access ramp. The Heritage Commission will actively seek grant opportunities to offset the cost of the project. This is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until December 31, 2022. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0  
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee  
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.54*

**Fran Menard made a motion to move the article as written, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Fran Menard stated that the Town has been working on improvements to the Town Hall for a while. We added a Fire Suppression system in 2006. We have been attempting to keep the Town Hall as Historic as possible. The Heritage Commission is also investigating grant opportunities.

Jim Deely stated that he remembers working with Rod Swanson many years ago discussing the potential of installing a elevator to the Town Hall. He also stated that the Heritage Commission wants to do the work in compliance with the information from the National Registry of Historic Places.

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

**Article # 3** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$67,540) for the purpose of installing a

30,000 Gallon Emergency Water Cistern in the vicinity of the Town Hall, Highway Shed and Gazebo (10 Church Street).

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0  
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-1-1  
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.12*

**Chairman Barry moved the article, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Chairman Barry deferred to Fire Chief Tibbetts for additional information.

Chief Tibbetts discussed the need for a Cistern in the center of Town. He referenced a recent fire in the center of town that drained a nearby Fire Hole and how it was necessary to truck water in from other nearby fire holes. He also, mentioned how he had not used the Upham Drive cistern stating that he wanted to save that in case there was a fire at the senior housing complex.

Fran Menard asked for the location of the new cistern.

Chief Tibbetts stated that the final location has not been determined yet, but has some potential locations.

Kevin McDonald stated that the location should be left up to the new Fire Chief.

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

**Article # 4** To see of the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), to be placed in the previously established Fire Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0  
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0  
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.09*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Chairman Barry state that this article is putting additional funds into the Fire Apparatus Fund for the replacement of a Fire Engine. There is currently \$150,150 in the fund and the cost of a new engine is approximately \$450,000.

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator instructed the Town 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 Six Thousand Six Hundred (\$26,600) for the purpose of replacing the Town Hall roof.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0*  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.05*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Chairman Barry stated that the current roof is 25 years old and curling and falling off.

Jim Deely asked what the costs of a metal roof as opposed a asphalt single roof.

Andy Robertson stated the costs are estimated at \$38,000.

Richard Pitman stated his concerns with the metal roof regarding some paint peeling after 15 – 20 years.

**Jim Deely made a motion to add \$13,400 to the costs of the roof bringing it to \$40,000, seconded by Jim Spillane.**

**The moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor, the amendment passes.**

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as amended.**

**Article # 6** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the previously established Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund said funds come from unassigned fund balance. The fund will have a cap of \$100,000. No amount to be raised from taxation.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 4-6-0*

**Chairman Barry move the question, seconded by Richard Pitman**

Chairman Barry stated that this is to add \$25,000.00 from the unassigned fund balance at the end of the year

**Kevin Verville made a motion, seconded by Andy Robertson to add the wording “up to” before the sum of.**

There was much discussion as to what would happen if there was not \$25,000 in the unassigned fund balance at the end of the year.

Chairman Barry stated that has never happened and does not foresee it now.

**Jonathan Winslow moved the question, seconded by Jim Deely, vote in the affirmative.**

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor.**

Back to the article as amended.

**Jim Sullivan amended the article, seconded by Jim Spillane to add the words “in principle” after “The fund will have a cap of \$100,000”.**

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor the amendment passes.**

**The Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as amended.**

**Article # 7** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the previously established Municipal Government Buildings Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

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

*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Chairman Barry stated that this last year we had to replace Well Tank and two Hot Water Heaters. The buildings are old and have required repairs in many places. Currently the account has a balance of \$60,931.

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town 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 \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) for the purpose of supplementing revolving-account funds, monetary donations and in-kind donations to complete the baseball, softball and soccer fields and supporting infrastructure on Hartford Brook Field. (Petitioned Warrant Article)  
*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee*  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.04*

**Zachery Langlois moved the question, seconded by Ernie Robert**

Ernie Robert stated that this money along with “in-kind donations” will be used for continuing improvements to the existing field.

Moderator Hutchinson turned over the meeting to Erik Gross so he could speak to the motion. He had stated that there has been \$50,000 to \$60,000 in donations, and “in-kind donations”. He spoke to the various contractors and residents that have assisted in the work so far. He also stated that the project is about half done and will be needing fences, and the interior of the building will need to be completed.

Jeffrey Shute stated that the Parks & Recreation Department is applying for a \$25,000 grant to help with completing this project.

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator instructed the Town 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 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund said fund to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Chairman Barry stated that this is for the continuation of the fund. Currently the fund has a balance of \$5,960.00.

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town 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 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established Rescue Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Chairman Barry stated that this is for the continuation of the fund. Currently the fund has a balance of \$10,008.00.

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 11** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be used by Northwood Lake Watershed Association to control the Milfoil in Northwood Lake.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 4-5-1*  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman**

Chairman Barry stated that a few years ago the Deerfield Board of Selectmen were approached by the Northwood Lake Association for monetary assistance in controlling Milfoil in Northwood Lake.

Frederick McGarry stated that 65 Deerfield Property owners have 8 thousand feet of frontage on Northwood Lake with \$16.3 million in assessments and pay \$363, 000 in taxes to Deerfield.

Andrew Robertson stated that the Northwood Lake Association has broken down the allotments proportionately.

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 12** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty One Dollars (\$5,661) for the purpose of installing LED light fixtures and 3 Paddle fans in the upstairs of the George B. White Building.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0*  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman**

The purpose is to install LED lighting and paddle fans in the front section of the George B. White building. As you have seen in the past we have replaced the walls on all three sections of the building, the roof on the rear building.

There was some discussion regarding the cost savings using LED lighting.

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 13** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be used by the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association to increase the number of hours for trained attendants to provide courtesy boat inspection at the public access ramp on Gulf Road to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic aquatic plants, like variable milfoil and aquatic nuisance animals like zebra mussels from entering Pleasant Lake.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0  
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 6-4-0  
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00*

**Richard Pitman moved the question, seconded by Andrew Robertson**

John Duffy stated that the lake host program is 15 years old and more hours are needed during the week for Boat Inspections.

Andrea Hotaling spoke in support to having additional hours for the Boat inspections to keep the Milfoil out of the lake and not get in the same situation as Northwood Lake.

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

**Article # 14** Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services, or is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Deerfield under RSA 72:28.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0  
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman**

Chairman Barry stated that if this passes all veterans' will be eligible for the credit no matter when they served active duty.

Jim Spillane stated that the State Representatives have corrected the law but it is up to the individual towns to accept the change.

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

**Article # 15** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation. This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded.

*Recommended by the Board of*

*Selectmen 5-0-0*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman**

Chairman Barry stated that the last thing that the Board of Selectmen wants to do is to take property by Tax Deed. This article will enable the Board to sell the properties that have been taken by deed and get them back on the Tax Rolls.

There was discussion as to how the Town can sell the property.

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

**Article # 16** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 413 Lot 52 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Chairman Barry stated that this property is located at 278 South Rd, with 2.9 acres and the town is looking for permission to sell this property as well as the properties in articles 17 & 18.

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 17** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 424 Lot 67 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Chairman Barry stated that this property is located at 205 Raymond Rd with 1.8 acres

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 18** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 0424 Lot 0109 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

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

**Chairman Barry Moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman**

Chairman Barry stated that this property is located at 157 Raymond Rd

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 19** I, as the undersigned resident of Deerfield, NH, support the proposal to pave the currently unpaved portion of Middle Road between Birch Road and Stage Road, by way of town vote at the next available Town Meeting. Such proposal shall be presented to the Town for vote in the form of a Warrant Article, according to the laws of New Hampshire under RSA Chapter 39.(Petitioned Warrant Article)

*Recommended by the Board of*

*Selectmen 0-5-0*

Kate Hartnett asked what the costs would be for this undertaking.

Chairman Barry stated that the Road Agent estimated the costs to be \$630,000 for this project.

Chairman Barry gave a history as to how this Petitioned Article come to be stating that is advisory only as it does not include and money for the project.

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 20** To see if the Town will vote to designate the following as Scenic Roads: Thurston Pond Road from Mt. Delight Road to Middle Road and Ridge Road from Range Road to Thurston Pond Road under RSA231:157. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

**Rachael Stuart moved the question, seconded by Zachery Langlois.**

**George Thompson moved to amend the article, seconded by Chairman Barry to change the article to read:**

**“Shall we express a non-binding option that Thurston Pond Road from Mt. Delight Road to Middle Road and Ridge Road from Range Road to Thurston Pond Road are what they are.”**

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor.**

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as amended.**

**Article # 21** We the undersigned Deerfield voters hereby petition to have an article that proposes rescinding the authority of the Deerfield Municipal Budget Committee placed on the town warrant in accordance with sections II, III and V of New Hampshire RSA 32:14. If the article receives a majority of votes in the affirmative the Municipal Budget Committee shall be made an advisory committee. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

Michael Schou moved the question, seconded by Maureen Quinn

**Andrea Hotaling made a motion to amend the article, seconded by Kevin Verville to change the article to read: “To see if the Town will vote to maintain the authority of the Deerfield Budget Committee in accordance with sections II, III and V of RSA 32:14”**

Andrea Hotaling feels that having the Budget Committee act as a second set of eyes in the budgeting process.

Kevin Verville stated the current procedure that the Budget Committee reviews the budgets.

Jonathan Winslow moved the question, seconded by Chairman Barry.

The moderator called for a recess at 11:50 to investigate if the article can be amended and if so how it can be accomplished.

The Moderator resumed the meeting at 12:10.

There were two requests for a secret Ballot:

The Moderator instructed the audience as to the procedures for secret ballot voting.

**Secret Ballot vote results YES 39 NO 117, amendment fails.**

Back to the main article.

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as printed.**

**Article # 22** We petition to the Voters of Deerfield the following question, Do you support Northern Pass to follow through its proposal to use Deerfield's sub-station and its Right of Way and pay the town between \$775,000 dollars to \$1.4 million dollars in taxes which reduce taxes to every property owner.  
(Petitioned Warrant Article)

**Harriet Cady moved the question, seconded by Karen Cote**

Harriet Cady spoke in support of the article

**Nate Oxnard mad a motion to amend the article, seconded by Chris Coombs to change the article to: "Shall we express an advisory opinion that the Town assess the impacts of the Northern Pass project, including tax impacts, the depreciation of Northern Pass taxable assets over time, and the long-term economic impact resulting from the Northern Pass project and its effect of Deerfield's property values, scenic vistas, and rural New England character."**

John Dubiansky spoke against the amendment.

Jeannie Menard read some parts of "Economic Impact Analysis and Review of the Proposed Northern Pass Transmission Project".

There mush discussion both in favor and against the Northern Pass project in general.

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor, the amendment passes.**

**Back to the article as amended.**

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as amended.**

**Article # 23** We petition to the taxpayers of Deerfield the following question, Do you want Northern Pass to go through Deerfield's sub-station and thus pay the town between \$775,000 dollars to \$1.4 million dollars which will reduce taxes to every property owner. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

**Harriet Cady moved the question, seconded by John Dubiansky**

**Suzanne Steele made a motion to amend the article, seconded by Joan Bilodeau to change the wording to: "Shall we express an advisory opinion that the Town assess the impacts of the Northern Pass project with a focus on the expansion of the Deerfield substation, including the tax impacts, the depreciation of Northern Pass taxable assets over time, and the long-term economic impact resulting from the Northern Pass project and its effect of Deerfield's property values, scenic vistas and rural New England Character?"**

There was much discussion regarding the wording of the amendment and the determination of the Tax impact of the project to the Town.

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor, the amendment passes.**

**Back to the article as amended.**

**Kevin Verville made a motion to amend the article, seconded by John Dubiansky to read: "To see if the Town will vote to support the Northern Pass Project through the Deerfield Substation and thus pay taxes."**

Kevin Verville stated that the main reason for his amendment is to determine if the Town is in favor of having Northern Pass come into Deerfield.

Stephen Barry, speaking for himself, stated the he is in support of the amendment.

**The moderator called for a vote on the amendment, the amendment passes.**

**Frank Mitchell made a motion to amend the article, seconded by Chairman Barry removing “and thus pay taxes.”**

**The moderator called for a vote on the amendment, the amendment passes.**

**Kevin Verville made a motion to amend the article, seconded by Chairman Barry to remove “Deerfield Substation”.**

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, the vote was too close to call. The Moderator called for a hand count, YES 61, NO 67, the amendment fails.**

There was much discussion regarding the 2013 and 2015 votes of the Town regarding the Northern Pass Project.

**Richard Pitman moved the question, seconded by Chairman Barry.**

**The Moderator called for a vote to move the question, all in favor.**

**The Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the ballot as amended.**

**Article # 24** We the undersigned registered voters in the town of Deerfield petition the voters asking “Would you want Northern Pass to come to Deerfield if it would pay approximately \$800,000 in taxes which would reduce taxes to every property owner? Further that our town boards and committees actions be only to assure the allowance of power lines which will pay these taxes to Deerfield. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

**Kevin Verville made a motion to amend the article, seconded by Richard Pitman to read: “Do you support Northern Pass coming to Deerfield.”**

**Amanda Sears made a motion to change the amendment, seconded by Kevin Verville to read: “Based on your current understanding do you support Northern Pass coming to Deerfield.”**

**Lynn Hapke moved the question.**

**The Moderator called for a vote to end debate, all in favor.**

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor the amendment passes.**

Back to the article as amended.

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amended article, all in favor.**

**The moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as amended.**

**Article # 25** We the undersigned registered voters of Deerfield petition the Deerfield Police Chief be an elected position not to be appointed by any board as of March 2017 to be paid \$65,000 per year with cost of living increases each year if voted by the taxpayers. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

**Harriet Cady moved the question, seconded by Gloria Riel.**

**Joanne Bradbury made a motion to change the article, seconded by Zachery Langlois to read: "Shall we express an advisory view that the position of Police Chief be an appointed position as it is at the present time?."**

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor.**

**The moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as amended.**

**Article # 26** Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the Deerfield default town budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14?  
(Petitioned Warrant Article)

**Harriet Cady moved the question, seconded by Kevin Verville.**

Harriet Cady feels that there needs to be a more transparency procedure as to how the Default budget is determined. By having the MBC determine the public would have more information as how the budget prepared.

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

**Article # 27** We the undersigned registered voters of Deerfield petition the Deerfield Welfare Director be an elected position not appointed by town officials, as of March 2017 to be paid no more than \$5,000 per year with no raises as an employee but raises to be given if voted by the taxpayers by a Warrant Article.  
(Petitioned Warrant Article)

**Rachael Stuart moved the question, seconded by George Marshall.**

**Judith Marshall made a motion to change the wording of the article, seconded by Chairman Barry to read: “Shall we express an advisory view that the position of Deerfield Welfare Director be appointed as it is at the present time.”**

Judith Marshall feels that Deerfield needs the most qualified individual for the position, if it was elected; you would be limiting the potential candidates to Deerfield residents only.

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor.**

**The Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as amended.**

The Moderator asked if there was any other business for this meeting.

Kate Hartnett wanted to applaud the Board of Selectmen, and various committees for all their hard work in keeping Deerfield as Deerfield.

Ernie Robert would like to thank Jack Hutchinson for all his hard work as Moderator all of these years. Jack received a standing ovation.

**Jon Winslow moved at adjourn, many seconds.**

**The moderator called the meeting at 1:55 pm.**

**Kevin J. Barry  
Town Clerk**