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Deerfield Newsletter

The Deerfield Town Newsletter is published for the sole purpose of better informing the citizens of Deerfield by containing information about boards, committees, departments, laws or fee charges as well as dates of importance.

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The Town of Deerfield Board of Selectmen welcome your comments or suggestions. Please feel free to contact us at Board of Selectman: dflbos@townofdeerfieldnh.com or The Town Office: dfltown@townofdeerfieldnh.com. You can also visit our website at www.townofdeerfieldnh.com

BUDGETARY EDITION

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Access the 2009 SB2 Budgetary information online as is becomes available at

<http://www.townofdeerfieldnh.com/2009budgetary.php>

MBC DECEMBER 13, 2008 MEETING AGENDA

8:00am

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 Roll Call
 Approval of Minutes
 School Budget
 Warrant Articles

10:30am

Library
 Municipal Budget Committee
 Memorial Day
 Cemeteries
 Planning Board
 Zoning Board
 Transfer Station

11:00am

Police Department
 Animal Control
 Highway Safety
 Emergency Management
 Ambulance
 Rescue Squad
 Fire Department
 Water Holes/Forest Fires

12:15pm-Lunch Break

1:00pm

Highway Department
 Road Resurfacing
 Road Maintenance
 Road Reconstruction
 Bridges
 Gravel
 Dams

2:00pm

Parks and Recreation
 Veasey Park
 Heritage Commission
 Forestry Commission
 Conservation Commission
 Health Department
 Welfare Administration

2:30pm

Revaluation of Property
 Data Processing
 Legal
 Building Inspection

3:00pm

Government Buildings
 G. B. White Building
 Town Hall
 Supervisors of the Checklist
 Town Meeting/Elections
 Advertising and Regional Assoc

4:00pm

Town Clerk/Tax Collector
 Executive
 Town Administration
 Personnel Administration
 Insurance
 Debt Service
 Warrant Articles

Closing

Citizen's Comments
 Adjourn

FROM THE TOWN OF DEERFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Explanation of Tax Rate -- 2008 as Compared to 2007

<u>2007 Tax Rate Calculation</u>		<u>2008 Tax Rate Calculation</u>	
Town Rate	\$ 2.49	Town Rate	\$ 3.74
Local School Rate	12.09	Local School Rate	12.87
State School Rate	2.15	State School Rate	2.08
County Rate	.80	County Rate	.82
Total 2007 Rate	<u>\$ 17.53</u>	Total 2008 Rate	<u>\$19.51</u>

**Revenues
MS-4 (Revenue Form Used to set the Tax Rate)**

<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
\$2,190,779.00*	\$1,515,256.00
<i>*Included a Conservation Easement</i>	
	MS-7 /March..... 1,591,904.00
	MS-4/August..... 1,545,442.00
	MS-4/October..... 1,515,256.00

During the past two year's revenues for motor vehicles decreased as has Building Permit Fees. Land Use Change Tax is less this year due to the lack of development. Interest on investments is tied to the current interest rates. In addition to that, this year approximately \$60,000 in revenue was moved to the Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund, an account established at Town Meeting 2008.

Revenues move up and down during the course of a year. Just prior to the Tax Rate Setting the estimates are evaluated again and adjustments made to the MS-4. Many variables go into revenue that is allowed on the MS-4.

	<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>Used to Offset Rate</u>	<u>Remaining Balance</u>
2007.....	\$1,495,778.00	\$360,000.00	\$1,135,778.00
2008.....	\$1,165,899.00	.00	\$1,165,899.00

The Board of Selectmen uses the fund balance, when possible, as a means of adjusting the tax rate downward. This year, the Selectmen did not know if the funds would come from FEMA (tornado) prior to year-end and that left the possibility of over-spending the bottom line of the Town Budget, something that permission must be received for and funds must be available for -- \$200,000. The possibility of N. E. Electric Coop seeking an abatement drove the need to set aside \$100,714 in the Overlay Account. Given these two factors the Board chose not to take additional funds from the Fund Balance to offset the tax rate as it was thought to lower the Fund Balance would not be prudent.

IMPORTANT MEETING AND SESSION DATES

Saturday	December 13, 2008, 8am	MBC Review Town/School Budgets
Monday	December 15, 2008, 2:15pm to 3:15pm	Representative from Senator Greggs Office Available in the G. B. White Building Selectmen's Conference Room
Monday	December 15, 2008, 6pm	Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Municipal Budget Committee

Wednesday	January 14, 2009	MBC Public Hearing town/school (tentative)
Saturday	January 31, 2009 9am	First Session/Deliberative Session (Town) Town Hall, Church Street
Saturday	February 7, 2009 9am	First Session/Deliberative Session (School) Town Hall, Church Street
Tuesday	March 10, 2009 7am to 7pm	Second Session/Voting Day Ballot Town Hall, Church Street

For Information on the 2009 Town Budget and 2009 Warrant Articles

Go to: www.townofdeerfieldnh.com

Click on: "2009 Budgetary Info"

This section of the Website will be update as more information becomes available.

FROM THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

With tax bills being received everyone starts to question their assessment. If you would like to view your property record card, they are now available on line at www.avitarofneinc.com or through the Town's web page. For those who would prefer to come into the office for information I am available Monday through Friday 8:00 through 2:30 pm.

If you have questions regarding your assessment, elderly exemptions, veteran's credit or need information on how to file for abatement, I can be reached at 463-8811 x315 to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Forms for abatements can be obtained through the town office or on the web at www.nh.gov/btla/forms/index.htm Abatement Application to Municipality.

Penny Touchette, Assessing Clerk

FROM TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

The Second half 2008 tax bills have been issued on November 07, 2008 with a due date of December 08, 2008. Starting December 09, 2008 the unpaid balance on the taxes will be assessed a 12% penalty. In order to assist the taxpayers the Tax Collector's office can accept partial payments towards the tax bill. The powers of the Tax Collector are limited and any request for alternate payment schedules would need Board of Selectmen approval.

Kevin Barry, Town Clerk Tax Collector

TOWN OF DEERFIELD OFFICE HOURS

Selectmen's Office..... 463-8811 Monday 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM Tuesday – Friday 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM Board of Selectmen Meets Mondays..... 6:00PM Town Clerk/Tax Collector 463-8811 Monday 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM Transfer Station 463-7705 OPEN Tuesday & Thursday 11-7 Saturday 7-4 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Permits are Required / Closed on Holidays</i></p>	Planning Board..... 463-8811 Meets the 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday 7:00PM Board of Adjustment Meets the 4 th Tuesday 7:30PM Conservation Commission Meets the 1 st Wednesday Philbrick-James Library 463-7187 Monday 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM Tuesday 9:00AM – 5:00 PM Wednesday..... 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM Thursday 9:00 PM – 5:00 PM Friday..... 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM– 12:00 PM Sunday CLOSED
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FROM THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The activity on Church Street, next door to the Fire Station, has brought about much discussion and commentary as to who purchased the property. The property was purchased by the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Association and the Deerfield Rescue Squad Association.

Next Newsletter: Prior to the MBC Public Hearing on Town/School Budgets

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