
DEERFIELD NEWSLETTER

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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 changes, as well as dates of importance.

The Town of Deerfield Board of Selectmen welcomes your comments or suggestions.

Please feel free to contact us at Board of Selectmen: dfldbos@townofdeerfieldnh.com or The Town Offices: dfldtwn@townofdeerfieldnh.com. You can also visit our website at www.townofdeerfieldnh.com.

DEERFIELD FORESTRY COMMITTEE PRESENTS...

Informational Presentation
Forestry Management Plan
Rockingham County Forester
UNH Cooperative Extension
Saturday
June 20, 2009
9AM
Dowst-Cate Town Forest
Nottingham Road

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This will be an informational presentation on the various aspects and benefits of an active Forest Management Plan. The presentation will be about an hour long and will cover an overview of forestry management practices and considerations for developing and implementing a management plan. This information should be beneficial for people with private forested lands and also serve as a primer for a better understanding of the Town's Forestry Management Plan, which is currently in development. Everyone is welcome to attend. The program will be held rain or shine. Bring your bug spray. If you have questions, in advance, e-mail them to: [klhbcini@metrocast.net](mailto:klhbcini@metrocast.net).

Kevin Cini  
Phil Bilodeau  
Deerfield Forestry Committee

## UPCOMING EVENT

**Deerfield Old Home Day August 15, 2009**  
**Rain Date August 16, 2009**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

NEW TRANSFER STATION STICKERS AVAILABLE:  
TUESDAYS OR THURSDAYS 11AM to 7PM  
SATURDAYS 11AM to 1PM (through June 20<sup>th</sup>)  
SATURDAYS 7AM to 4PM (after June 20<sup>th</sup>)

## EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

EVERY VEHICLE MUST HAVE A GOLD STICKER TO DROP TRASH/RECYCLABLES AT THE TRANSFER STATION

## TRANSFER STATION

### Notification from the Board of Selectmen

#### Effective July 1, 2009

The Town of Deerfield will be issuing new stickers for the Transfer Station and Veasey Park.

In order to make this a smooth transition, stickers can be obtained at the Transfer Station, from an attendant, during the following times:

Tuesday or Thursday: 11am to 7pm Year Round  
Saturdays: 11am to 1pm (through June 20<sup>th</sup>)  
Anytime attendants are not busy (after June 20<sup>th</sup>)

Deerfield residents (property owners or renters) must present appropriate documentation (vehicle registration, current utility bill, or other evidence of residence) to the Transfer Station Attendant to receive the new sticker. Residents using company vehicles may also obtain a sticker.

Only one sticker will be given out per vehicle; residents must bring each vehicle to the Transfer Station to get a sticker. Residents must also affix the sticker to the windshield in the presence of the Attendant, a Town Employee, or Selectman. Old stickers should be removed prior to coming to the Transfer Station to receive a new one because no one at the Transfer Station is authorized to remove old stickers.

After July 1<sup>st</sup>, Officers of the Deerfield Police Department will be periodically patrolling throughout the hours of operation to ensure compliance.

New car registration and sticker can both be obtained at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office.

Any vehicle that does not have the sticker properly displayed will be turned away.

NOTE: The Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

## **VEASEY PARK**

Opening for the Season: June 19, 2009

Hours 6:00AM to 10:00PM

Lifeguard on Duty: 10:00AM to 6:00PM

## **VACANCY**

### **MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE**

The Municipal Budget Committee (MBC) is looking to fill a vacancy on the Committee. Interested individuals can contact Jim Spillane, MBC Chairman, at [Spillane@metrocast.net](mailto:Spillane@metrocast.net) or the Cindy Heon, Town Administrator, at 463-8811 Ext. 309 [dfldbos@townofdeerfieldnh.com](mailto:dfldbos@townofdeerfieldnh.com)

### **FROM THE PLANNING BOARD:**

#### ***PSNH's Tree Cutting Program***

In a few weeks, the Public Service Company of NH will begin its regular four year tree and brush cutting program in Deerfield along many State and Town roads. On May 27th, the Deerfield Planning Board conducted a public hearing regarding PSNH's request to cut specific trees along several scenic roads in accordance with NH RSA 231:158. PSNH proposes to cut specific trees along the following scenic roads: Candia, Meetinghouse Hill, Cate, Stevens Hill and Coffeetown Roads. A copy of the list of trees is on record in the Planning Board's files. Following the presentation by PSNH and after receiving input from the members of the audience present, the Planning Board voted to approve PSNH's request.

PSNH's vendor, Asplund Tree Service, will be chipping the brush and smaller branches that will be cut and will deliver the wood chips to anyone in the neighborhood that requests them at no charge.

If residents and property owners have questions or comments regarding PSNH's tree cutting program, please contact David R. Crane, PSNH Arborist by U.S. mail at PSNH, P.O. Box 330, Manchester, NH 03105-0330, by telephone at (603) 634 - 3867 or by e-mail at [cranedr@nu.com](mailto:cranedr@nu.com). The following website provides information on PSNH's approach to vegetation management along its distribution and transmission lines.

<http://www.psnh.com/Energy/Vegetation/default.asp>

#### ***PSNH's Proposed New Transformer***

On October 12, 1971, the Town of Deerfield Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) granted a special exception for PSNH to construct a transformer on Tax Map 408, Lot 49 off Cate Road. When the

project was originally proposed, the plan provided for two (2) transformers but only one was constructed. PSNH now would like to install the second transformer at the Cate Road substation. This new transformer would serve as a back up to the existing transformer until the new unit goes into service in late 2010 or early 2011.

PSNH desires to amend the existing site plan by removing the 40 feet by 65 feet building currently on the site, 12 concrete piers, (2 ft by 2 ft each) and 2 concrete piers (4 ft by 4 ft each) and by adding a 20 ft by 40 ft transformer pad, transformer, transformer oil containment system with 3 manhole covers, 3 circuit breaker pads at 9 ft by 9 ft each and 31 concrete piers at 2 ft by 2 ft each. The 345 KV substation is a restricted facility and there will be no public use of the facility. The 345 KV substation serves many communities throughout western Rockingham County and southern Strafford County. **On June 10<sup>th</sup>, representatives from PSNH will attend a Planning Board site plan hearing on the proposed transformer.** The new transformer will add about \$25 million to the Town's tax base.

#### ***Workforce Housing Activities***

The Planning Board and the Workforce Housing Committee remain active in preparing informational literature to inform and educate the electorate on the workforce housing issues in Deerfield and how they can be addressed. The materials include a summary of the new state law which becomes effective January 1, 2010, almost six months away, a description of the issues in Deerfield and the details of the proposed zoning amendment. With a suitable workforce housing zoning amendment in place, the Planning Board can help design the type of workforce housing most appropriate for Deerfield. Without such an ordinance, the Town is at risk of a developer proposing a workforce housing development, with limited input from the Town, which a Court could require the Town to accept. For further information, contact the Planning Board at the Town office, Gerald Coogan, Town Planner at (603) 526 - 9888 or Jack Mettee, Planning Consultant at (603) 749 - 4321.

#### ***Deerfield Master Plan Update***

The Deerfield Planning Board continues to seek public comments on the draft Deerfield Master Plan Update. Interested citizens can review the Town of Deerfield Master Plan online at [http://www.townofdeerfieldnh.com/offices/documents/2009\\_master\\_plan.pdf](http://www.townofdeerfieldnh.com/offices/documents/2009_master_plan.pdf). In addition, citizens can review a hard copy of the Master Plan at the Library, Town Clerk's Office and Planning Board's Office. Residents can provide comments by

**Master Plan Update Continued...**

writing to the Planning Board at the Town Office, sending an e-mail to [dfldplan@townofdeerfieldnh.com](mailto:dfldplan@townofdeerfieldnh.com) or by attending a Planning Board Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.

**FROM THE TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:**

***Explanation of the Tax Bill***

Assessment

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Total Land Assessment            | \$205,800 |
| Total Building Assessment        | \$364,600 |
| Credit for Current Use           | \$-77,429 |
| Other Val. for Shed, Porch, etc. | \$ 5,900  |
| Total Value                      | \$498,871 |
| Total Acres                      | 18.20     |

Tax Rate

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| County Rate  | \$ 0.41 |
| Local School | \$ 6.44 |
| State School | \$ 1.04 |
| Town Rate    | \$ 1.87 |
| Total        | \$ 9.76 |

Half of 2008 tax rate of \$19.51

Tax Calculation

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Gross Total Value         | \$ 498,871 |
| Less Exemptions (Elderly) | 0          |

Net Taxable \$ 498,871

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| County Tax       | \$ 205   |
| Local School Tax | \$ 3,213 |
| State School Tax | \$ 519   |
| Town Tax         | \$ 933   |
| Total Tax        | \$ 4,870 |

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Less Credits (Vet Credits) | 0 |
| Less Pre-Payments          | 0 |
| Minus any Pre-payments     | 0 |

Current Tax Due \$ 4,870

The first half taxes are due July 01, 2009. If payments are received after July 01 there will be a 12% penalty imposed.

Interest Calculation

Example:

2008 Second half bill due 12/08/2008

Amount owed \$974

Days late as of 06/05/2009 = 179 (calendar days)

\$974 times 0.12= 116.88 divided by 365= \$.32 times 179 = \$57.28

**FROM THE ASSESSING OFFICE:**

First half bills are an estimated bill; usually half of the previous year's final bill plus or minus any changes due to building permits and/or abatements. This payment goes towards the final bill that is due in December. If any changes are made after the first half they will be reflected and adjusted for in the final bill. If after receiving your final bill, you're still aggrieved by your assessment and feel it is disproportionate to other homes in Deerfield, you are able to file for abatement. All abatements need to be received by the Town by March 1 following the final bill. If, after appeal to the Town, you are still aggrieved you can appeal your abatement to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals no earlier than after your response is received from the Town and no later than September 1 of that year. There is a filing fee for the appeal with the BTLA. All forms for Abatements to Municipality and Appeals to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals can be obtained at <http://www.nh.gov/btla/appeals/propertytax.htm>.