

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JANUARY 14, 2008
MINUTES
POSTPONED TO WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2008**

Call to Order

6:00 pm Chairman Stephen Barry called the Meeting to Order.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman Barry asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:

Present: Stephen R. Barry, Chairman; Joseph E. Stone, Selectman. Selectman John Reagan arrived 6:05pm. Selectman Walter Hooker arrived 6:17pm.

Also Present: Cynthia Heon, Town Administrator, and Diane LaFrance Recording Secretary.

Meeting Recessed

6:02 pm

Chairman Barry declared the Meeting in Recess as a quorum of the Board of Selectmen was not present. He indicated the Selectmen present would begin their meeting with Counsel and when a quorum of the Board was present the regular business of the day would be taken up.

Meeting Reconvened

6:05 pm

Chairman Barry Reconvened the Meeting stating a quorum was now present and the Board would begin with the Town Moderator, Jack Hutchinson.

March 11, 2008 Elections/SB-2

- Jack Hutchinson, Town Moderator

Mr. Hutchinson stated he felt the Presidential Primary Election went well and the only problem he saw was in the afternoon there was a 5-10 Minute wait. Chairman Barry responded stating he thought everyone had done a great job and whatever happened was handled. Mr. Hutchinson then stated the goal was, and is, to have no line at all.

Chairman Barry asked if Mr. Hutchinson would be willing to experiment with the elections (March) being held at the Town Hall instead of the School. Mr. Hutchinson responded if the Board, or anyone, sees the Town Hall as possibility and has a better way to use the space there, then he was all for it.

Chairman Barry mentioned one problem area at the Primary Election was the check-in counter and suggested maybe some people did not know where to line up. Mr. Hutchinson responded all the check-in lines were clearly marked A-Z so he didn't feel the problem was with people not knowing where to check in.

Selectman Stone stated he thought the problem area of Elections past was at the end when the votes are being cast. Selectman Stone then stated he believed the Board had agreed to try holding the elections at the School as an experiment. While the experiment worked, it was thought that the voting could be held at the Town Hall.

March 11, 2008 Elections/SB-2 Continued

Mr. Hutchinson stated he believed there would only need to be three pages to the ballot this year and maybe it could work this year at the Town Hall. Mr. Hutchinson pointed out that when lines form, and there becomes a wait, is when there us a risk of people leaving and not voting.

Chairman Barry asked if the Town had 1,500 people vote last Election. Chairman Barry's question was unable to be answered. Chairman Barry continued stating the actual number of voters was not relevant at this time and he knew Mr. Hutchinson would do whatever necessary for the elections to run smoothly.

Mr. Hutchinson stated there would be more choices made by the voters making the need for more booths and space. Mr. Hutchinson also mentioned trying to set up two machines this year and not just one.

Mr. Hutchinson asked how contentious did the Board feel the items on the ballots were going to be. Chairman Barry responded he did not know of any contentious items at this time.

Mr. Hutchinson then asked the Board when the decision would be made as to where the Elections were to be held. Chairman Barry responded the Board would be making their decision by the end of tonight's Meeting if possible, if not the Board has until January 28, 2008 to decide.

Selectman Reagan mentioned there would be three Zoning changes decided on at the Elections totaling about half a page. Mr. Hutchinson responded he could work with that.

Chairman Barry asked if the Board wanted to set the voting place at this time. Selectman Stone wanted to wait until Selectman Hooker arrived. The Board members present stated they would like to wait for Selectman Hooker.

Kevin Barry of the School Board asked that the Board of Selectmen vote at this time without Selectman Hooker so he would know what necessary actions he would need to take for the School Board's Warrant. Chairman Stephen Barry responded the Board would notify Kevin Barry of their vote by a phone call after the Meeting. Mr. Kevin Barry thanked the Board.

6:15 pm

The Selectmen's Meeting was Recessed. The Board of Selectmen entered a closed meeting with Town Counsel.

6:45pm

The Selectmen's Meeting was Reconvened.

Review of Outstanding Minutes December 26, 2008

MOTION: Selectman Joseph E. Stone made the motion to approve the December 26, 2007 as written and corrected. Seconded by Selectman John Reagan.

Corrections: Page 2 of 4, fourth paragraph, after "VOTE:", first sentence, after "the", change the end of the sentence to read "if the Town would be doing the same.".

Page 3 of 4, under "Signatures", Parks and Recreation/Joe Manzi, second sentence after "Chairman Barry stated", replace "the" with "that".

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote; all votes were in favor.

Point of Inquiry

Selectman Hooker commented there was no camera being used to tape the January 16, 2008 Meeting. Mrs. Heon responded the camera was in Mrs. Bonnie McPherson's Office and the videotapes ordered had not come in.

Point of Information

Selectman Stone stated he had seen several of the Board Meetings on TV and was not happy with the clarity. Selectman Reagan agreed with Selectman Stone adding you couldn't make out what was being said by Board members and it was hard to understand the residents in attendance.

March 11, 2008 Election/SB2 Location

Chairman Barry suggested with Selectman Hooker having arrived the Board should vote on where the Elections are to be held.

MOTION: Selectman John Reagan made the motion all Town Elections were to be held in the Town Hall this year. Seconded by Selectman Joseph E. Stone

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote; all votes were in favor of the Town Elections being held at the Deerfield Town Hall.

The Board then clarified whether this was to include all elections this year or just the Town/School Elections, March 11, 2008. It was agreed that this vote only concerned the March 11, 2008 Town/School Elections.

Signatures

- Warrant/Deliberative Session and Voting Session

Selectman Reagan stated he had a problem with two of the Warrant Articles. Selectman Reagan then stated he would like to have it noted he voted no on Article 7. Selectman Reagan asked why the votes were not recorded in the Articles. Selectman Hooker responded he would also like to see the votes recorded in the Articles. Mrs. Heon responded she would see what could legally be accomplished.

Chairman Barry stated the Warrant needed to be posted.

Selectman Stone asked if the MBC had the numbers. Chairman Barry responded asking if it would solve the problem if the Board had the numbers on its fact sheet. Selectman Stone then asked how long it would take Mrs. Heon to get the numbers. Mrs. Heon then responded she could most likely have the numbers for Thursday, January 17, 2008 noting the final day for posting is January 28, 2008

Chairman Barry stated the Board needed a motion.

- The Warrant/Article 8

Selectman Reagan stated he would like the Board to reconsider their decision on Article 8.

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ARTICLE 8:

Selectman John Reagan made the motion the Board reconsider Article 8. Seconded by Selectman Joseph E. Stone.

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote. Votes in favor John Reagan, and Walter E. Hooker; Selectman. Opposed Selectman Joseph E. Stone and Chairman Stephen R. Barry. Motion to reconsider Article 8 did not pass.

MOTION: Selectman Joseph E. Stone made the motion to approve the Warrant with the number of votes and new language put in place. Seconded by Selectman John Reagan.

Discussion: Chairman Barry clarified the motion by saying that the requested changes would be researched and if legal would be put on the Warrant.

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote to approve the Warrant with the changes and the Board signs the Warrant later once the changes have been made. Votes were 4 favor; 0 Opposed.

- Article 12

Selectman Reagan stated he had not fully understood Article 12 and wished he voted no.

Chairman Barry explained the Budget is no longer the Board of Selectmen's Budget but the MBC's Budget.

Selectman Stone stated all other Articles are approved by both the Board and MBC why not Article 12. Chairman Barry responded stating the Board did not recommend Article 12 because it is the MBC's Budget. Selectman Stone continued asking why the Board was not included in Article 12. Selectman Stone then suggested the Warrant Articles be sent to Jeane Samms of the Department of Revenue Administration for review. Mrs. Heon is to ask what is appropriate.

Selectman Reagan then stated he wishes to have the Warrant reflect how he voted, if possible.

Vouchers

- Payroll in the amount of \$ 46,386.66

MOTION: Selectman Joseph E. Stone made the motion to approve the Payroll amount of \$46,386.66. Seconded by Selectman John Reagan.

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote; all votes were in favor.

- Accounts Payable Manifests totaling \$407,158.21 of which \$350,000 goes to the Deerfield School

MOTION: Selectman Joseph E Stone made the motion to approve the Accounts Payable Manifests totaling \$407,158.21. Seconded by Selectman John Reagan.

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote; all votes were in favor.

Signatures Requiring a Vote

- Pole Petitions

Chairman Barry read off the Pole Licenses for Public Service Company of New Hampshire for poles deemed to need replacement or a new installation.

North Road	65-324	65-418
South Road	65-417	
Birch Road	65-396	
Parade Road	65-406	

MOTION: Selectman Joseph E. Stone made the motion to grant the Pole License request. Seconded by Selectman Walter E. Hooker.

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote; all votes were in favor.

Discussion

Chairman Barry stated he wished to note the dates in the top right hand corner as December 2006. Chairman Barry continued stating this is part of the number of ongoing problems which are not in Mrs. Heons' control.

The Board then noticed Highway Agent, Alex Cote had skipped a couple documents needing his signature. Mrs. Heon added if a pole is on a State Road Mr. Cote would not need to sign the documents.

Selectman Hooker asked if the Poles were being added or replaced. The response was the Poles could be either or replaced or added.

Selectman Hooker asked if the companies involved had ever asked what was being done with their requests. Chairman Barry responded the companies had and that is why the Board was addressing the issue today.

- Town Clerk/Tax Collector Refund Requests Property Tax Overpayment
 1. Ronnie & Tracy Bakios \$ 104.81

MOTION: Selectman John Reagan made to motion to accept the Refund Property Tax Request. Seconded by Selectman Joseph E. Stone.

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote; all votes were in favor.

2. Patrick & Sandra Cassier \$3,333

MOTION: Selectman Joseph E. Stone made the motion to accept the Refund Property Tax Request. Seconded by Selectman Walter E. Hooker.

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote; all votes were in favor.

3. William Andrews \$3563

MOTION: Selectmen Walter E. Hooker made the motion to accept the Refund Property Tax Request. Seconded by Selectman John Reagan.

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote; all votes were in favor.

- Appointing of Fire Ward

Chairman Barry read the request of the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Association to appoint David Farrar as the Deerfield Fire Ward (Secretary).

MOTION: Selectman Joseph E. Stone made the motion to accept David Farrar as Deerfield Fire Ward. Seconded by Selectman Walter E. Hooker.

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote; all votes were in favor.

- Director of Deerfield Rescue Squad

Chairman Barry stated the Board had voted at the January 7, 2008 to appoint Mark Tibbetts as Director of Deerfield Rescue Squad. The Board had received documentation of their decision requiring only signatures and no vote.

- Timber Cut Abatement/Daniel Briggs \$289.34

MOTION: Selectman Joseph E. Stone made the motion to accept the Timber Tax Abatement of \$289.34. Seconded by Selectman John Reagan.

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote; all votes were in favor.

- Notice of Abatement and Refund 2007 Taxes

Chairman Barry stated there were four Abatements all due to drawings being incorrect which have now been corrected by Avitar.

MOTION: 1. Stephen J. Hogan & Deborah N. Hogan
Selectman Joseph E. Stone made the motion to approve the 2007 Abatement and Refund request. Seconded by Selectman John Reagan.

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote; all votes were in favor.

MOTION: 2. Cindy Longval
Selectman Joseph E. Stone made the motion to approve the 2007 Abatement and Refund request. Seconded by Selectman John Reagan.

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote; all votes were in favor.

MOTION: 3. Andrew Smellie
Selectman John Reagan made the motion to approve the 2007 Abatement and Refund request. Seconded by Selectman Joseph E. Stone.

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote; all votes were in favor.

MOTION: 4. Herbert J. & Valerie
Selectman John Reagan made the motion to approve the 2007 Abatement and Refund request. Seconded by Selectman Joseph E. Stone.

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote; all votes were in favor.

- Town Default Budget

Chairman Barry stated the Town Default Budget of \$3,338,038

MOTION: Selectman Joseph E. Stone made the motion to approve the \$3,338,038 Default Budget. Seconded by Selectman John Reagan.

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote; all votes were in favor.

Signatures

- Timber Tax Levy
Martha Anne Curry, Etal/Map 408 Lots 45 and 46

Review of Correspondence

- Letter from PSNH

Chairman Barry stated PSNH had sent a notice to the Board stating the Board may have a visitor in the near future. The visitors name is Donna Cearly and she is new with the PSNH Public Communications Department.

- Healthy Kids/Governor Lynch

Chairman Barry stated at the Healthy Kids Banquet Colleen Guardia, Overseer of the Welfare, received an award for all her hard work in successfully providing the children of Deerfield with the Healthy Kids insurance.

Selectman Stone suggested a letter be sent to Mrs. Guardia congratulating her on her award.

- Sander Request/Alex Cote

Chairman Barry read the request from Highway Agent Alex Cote asking the Boards permission the Highway Department purchase a new sander.

MOTION: Selectman Joseph E. Stone made the motion to approve the request from Highway Agent Alex Cote purchase the new sander. Seconded by Selectman John Reagan.

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote; all votes were in favor.

Unfinished Business

Chairman Barry stated the Board had someone in mind last week to fill the vacancy in the part time position in building maintenance. The individual has declined the offer. Chairman Barry proceeded stating the position will now need to be posted.

Point of Information

Selectman Hooker brought to the attention of the Board one of the Abatements signed earlier in the meeting appeared not to have consideration given to the year of construction being 1999. Chairman Barry then asked Mrs. Heon to refer the Abatement back to Avitar Associates for correction.

New Business

Selectman Hooker had questions regarding the election season, when filing started, and the confusion of the rules and regulations of the campaigning signs.

Chairman Barry stated the rules and regulations are available. Selectman Hooker asked the rules be given when the candidate comes to register.

Citizen's Comments

Don Daley asked how many tapes of the Selectmen's Meeting had been shown on TV stating he had only seen two.

The Board responded there was a problem with hearing the audio of some tapes but that all other tapes had been sent in. It had also been learned the LRPA might be in the middle of moving locations.

Adjournment

7:45pm

MOTION: Selectman Joseph E. Stone made the motion to adjourn the January 16, 2008 Meeting.
Seconded by Selectman Walter E. Hooker.

VOTE: Chairman Stephen R. Barry called for the Vote; all votes were in favor. The January 16, 2008 Board of Selectmen's Meeting was adjourned.