

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MARCH 10, 2008
MINUTES**

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; R. Andrew Robertson, Vice Chairman; Joseph E. Stone and John Reagan, Selectmen

Absent: Walter C. Hooker, Selectman

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

Deerfield Women's Club/Kathy Shigo

- Donation of Bench for Rob Swanson Gazebo Area

Mrs. Shigo of the Deerfield Women's Club stated the Women's Club was asking the Board's permission to donate a granite 4 foot slab bench to be located in the Rob Swanson Gazebo Area.

Mrs. Shigo gave the Board and residents attending background information about the Deerfield Women's Club and started by stating the club was established in 1936. Mrs. Shigo continued stating the club had just celebrated their 70th anniversary.

Mrs. Shigo named several past Presidents of Deerfield Women's Club; Mrs. White, Mrs. Dearborn, and Mrs. O'Neal just to name a few.

Mrs. Shigo gave examples of donations the Deerfield Women's Club has made such as assisting with a dental clinic for the children whose parents could not afford dental care, arranging for the Town Seal to be designed and painted (now located in the Town Hall) and scholarships to the children of the community.

Mrs. Shigo stated most members are over the age of 65 but aggressively get the jobs done. Mrs. Shigo stated all the women of the club are dedicated to the community and positive change.

MOTION: Selectman Joseph Stone made the motion to accept the bench donation for the Rob Swanson Gazebo Area by the Deerfield Women's Club. Seconded by Selectman John Reagan.

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

Chairman Barry thanked Mrs. Shigo and the Deerfield Women's Club for their generous donations, and also for the dedication and hard work they have given to the community.

Chairman Barry asked Mrs. Shigo to contact Mark Tibbetts regarding the date and time the Women's Club would like to deliver the bench. Mrs. Shigo stated she would do that.

Review of Outstanding Minutes

- February 25, 2008

MOTION: Vice Chairman Andrew Robertson made the motion to approve the February 25, 2008 Minutes as written. Seconded by Selectman John Reagan.

Corrections: Page 2 of 6, under Vouchers, first bullet, replace "n" with "in".
Page 5 of 6, last paragraph, third sentence, replace "by" with "to".

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

Vouchers

- Payroll in the amount of \$152.20

MOTION: Vice Chairman Andrew Robertson made the motion to approve the Payroll in the amount of \$152.20. Seconded by Selectman John Reagan.

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

- Payroll in the amount of \$46,512.20

MOTION: Selectman Joseph Stone made the motion to approve the Payroll in the amount of \$46,512.20. Seconded by Vice Chairman Andrew Robertson.

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

- Accounts Payable Manifests totaling \$294,442.96 of which \$250,000 goes to the School.

MOTION: Vice Chairman Andrew Robertson made the motion to approve the Accounts Payable Manifests totaling \$294,442.96. Seconded by Selectman Joseph Stone.

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

Signatures Requiring a Vote

- Elliott Hospital Agreement

MOTION: Selectman Joseph Stone made the motion to approve the Elliott Hospital Agreement. Seconded by Vice Chairman Andrew Robertson.

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

- Inspectors of Elections

Chairman Barry stated the Board needed to appoint the Inspectors of Elections. Chairman Barry then read the names of the appointees.

George Keech
Anne Crown
Kara Dickson
Thomas Dillon
John Collins
Gary Clark
Karen Mailhot

Denise Greig
Elaine Alexander
Melissa Buckner
Alia Hazen
Cynthia Kelsey
Cynthia Tomilson
Colleen Guardia

MOTION: Vice Chairman Andrew Robertson made the motion to accept the Inspector of Elections listed. Seconded by Selectman Joseph Stone.

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

Point of Order

Chairman Barry stated he wanted noted for the record Selectman Walter Hooker was not in attendance.

Signatures Requiring a Vote

- Assistant Moderators

Chairman Barry stated he had a number of people to be appointed for the Assistant Moderators.

Frances Menard

Roger Hartgen

James Alexander

Richard Boisvert

Town Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, informed the Board they did not need to sign or vote on the Assistant Moderator list. The Assistant Moderator forms are to be signed by the Moderator.

- Election of Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Chairman Barry read the names of:

Cynthia Tomilson

Cynthia Heon

Judith Marshall

Frances Menard

MOTION: Selectman Joseph Stone made the motion to accept the Assistants to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector as listed. Seconded by Vice Chairman Andrew Robertson.

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

- Notice of Abatement

Chairman Barry stated the Board had already voted on the Abatement in the amount of \$43.31 and the Board only needed to sign.

Linda Bandecchi

Map 418

Lot 13

Review of Correspondence

- Email Gail Wolleck/State of New Hampshire

Chairman Barry read the letter from the Land and Water Conservation Fund stating their support of the grant for the Basketball Court.

Vice Chairman Robertson stated to his understanding the Town may be receiving more then they had originally thought.

- Transfer Station Request/Jim Alexander

Chairman Barry read a request from Mr. Alexander that the Transfer Station opens at 1pm on March 25, 2008 rather than 12pm, due to training classes.

MOTION: Selectman John Reagan made the motion to approve the request of Mr. Alexander and open the Transfer Station at 1pm on March 25, 2008. Seconded by Selectman Joseph Stone.

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

- Deerfield Cooperative Preschool/Town Gazebo Rental

Chairman Barry stated the Board had received the request to waive rental fees as discussed in the March 3, 2008 Meeting. Chairman Barry stated after doing some research it has been determined the Board has waived the rental fees in the past.

MOTION: Selectman Joseph Stone made the motion to approve the request of the Deerfield Cooperative Preschool and waive the rental fees and only charge the clean up. Seconded by Vice Chairman Andrew Robertson.

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

Chairman Barry stated there were a number of other informational items in the correspondence file for the Board to review at their leisure.

Unfinished Business

None

Other Business

Vice Chairman Robertson stated he had seen the movie Community Consequences saying the movie lasted about 1 ½ hours. Vice Chairman Robertson stated there were several people in the movie from the Town of Deerfield and recommended seeing the movie.

Citizen's Comments

None

Recognition of Selectman Joseph E. Stone

Chairman Barry stated that it was an honor and privilege for the Board of Selectmen to honor Selectman Joe Stone. Chairman Barry stated it was time to grant Selectman Stone some long needed rest. Chairman Barry noted it was an honor to sit beside such a man and thanked Selectman Stone for all his time, and wisdom which he had brought to the Board. As is customary, the nameplate bearing Selectman Stone's name was handed to him.

Chairman Barry presented Connie Stone with a bouquet of flowers stating often the spouse is forgotten, but wanted her to know the Board thanked her for all she had contributed just being a Selectman's wife.

Vice Chairman Robertson read a letter thanking Selectman Stone for his dedication, work ethic, and effectiveness in all he did. Vice Chairman Robertson stated Selectman Stone had helped in cutting through much red tape with all his connections. Vice Chairman Robertson stated there was no one Selectman Stone did not know and if there were he had never met that person.

Vice Chairman Robertson stated Selectman Stone worked tirelessly for his community and never held a grudge and if he did, he never showed it.

Vice Chairman Robertson stated Selectman Stone will certainly be missed.

Selectman Reagan stated he was filling in for Senator Barnes. Selectman Reagan read a Certificate of Recognition from the NH Senate for all Selectman Stone's years of service to the Town of Deerfield and the State.

Selectman Reagan then stated he had a Certificate of Recognition from Governor Lynch stating his best wishes to Selectman Stone and recognized Selectman Stone, on behalf of the citizens, for all his hard work and dedication to the State of NH and the Town of Deerfield.

Selectman Reagan stated he followed Selectman Stone on to the Legislature and the House of Representatives. He noted that all of Selectman Stone's choices for committee assignments were never the easiest.

Selectman Reagan then presented Selectman Stone with a Certificate of Recognition from the House of Representatives for all Selectman Stone's decades of service to the House of Representatives. The Certificate was signed by the Speaker of the House.

Town Administrator Cindy Heon presented Selectman Stone with a candy dish of Selectman Stone's favorite candy from all who have had the opportunity and privilege to work with him.

Chairman Barry then presented Selectman Stone with 2 Red Sox tickets to the April 20, 2008 game stating this March 10, 2008 Meeting was Selectman Stone's last. Selectman Stone noted that conveniently April 20th is his birthday.

Chairman Barry then read a letter from Alex Cote to Selectman Stone sharing his well-wishes and a big thank you. Mr. Cote stated Selectman Stone had shared much wisdom and will be greatly missed.

Town Moderator, John Hutchinson told several stories for moments and projects he shared with Selectman Stone and thanked him for all his wisdom. Mr. Hutchinson stated Selectman Stone is a very hard working and impressive man. Mr. Hutchinson then thanked Selectman Stone.

Selectman Stone thanked everyone who had attended the Meeting to wish him farewell. Selectman Stone stated he was overwhelmed and has many, many memories of the Town in which everyone is his friend. Selectman Stone then introduced his dear friend at a State level, Bob Wheeler with whom he had lost many games of Cribbage but still remained a true friend.

Selectman Stone then thanked his family for all the late suppers they have had to deal with due to his Meetings and athletic schedule. Selectman Stone then thanked his wife one more time.

Selectman Stone then stated most important to him it had been his pleasure to work for all the kids. Selectman Stone then gave examples of several of the children he remembered and what they are doing now.

Selectman Stone finished saying thank you to all in attendance, his family, friends, and fellow colleagues. There was a standing ovation.

Adjournment

6:35 pm

On the motion of Selectman Joseph Stone, seconded by Vice Chairman Andrew Robertson, Chairman Stephen Barry called for the Vote to Adjourn. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor. The Selectmen's Meeting of March 10, 2008 is adjourned.