

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 8, 2010
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30pm: Chairman, Steve Barry called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman Barry asked all to rise and pledge allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Stephen R. Barry, Chairman; R. Andrew Robertson, Vice Chairman; John Reagan, Walter C. Hooker, Alan E. O'Neal, Selectmen

Also Present: Cynthia Heon, Town Administrator

Citizen's Comments:

None

New Business:

Road Agent, Alex Cote addressed Cole Road where the water went over the bridge, washing away part of the road. It was repaired and then a few days later the same thing happened to the opposite side of the bridge and they noticed that part of the wing wall collapsed into the brook. He stated that he has met with Town Engineers and SCI and it has been determined that the wing wall needs to be removed and reconstructed. He has contacted the Department of Environmental Services (DES) for the necessary permits to start work on Monday. The Board decided that the road should be completely closed down until it is repaired.

Regular Business

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Vice Chairman Robertson made a Motion to approve the Minutes of February 22, 2010.

SECONDED: Selectman Reagan seconded the Motion.

VOTE: Chairman Barry took a Vote to approve the February 22, 2010 Minutes as written.

It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

Vouchers:

Payroll Manifest/ \$45,431.52 (netting at \$34,241.85)

Accounts Payable Manifest/ \$236,943.24 (of which \$200,000.00 is for the School),

\$262.13, \$26,932.85 & \$202,736.62 (of which \$200,000.00 is for the School)

Total of \$ 466,874.84

Payroll Manifest/ \$45,431.52

MOTION: Vice Chairman Robertson moved to approve the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$45,431.52.

SECONDED: Selectman Reagan seconded the Motion.

VOTE: Chairman Barry took a Vote to approve the Payroll Manifest.

It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

Accounts Payable Manifest/ Total \$466,874.84

MOTION: Vice Chairman Robertson moved to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest in the total amount of \$466,874.84.

SECONDED: Selectman Reagan seconded the Motion.

VOTE: Chairman Barry took a Vote to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest.

It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

Signatures:

Elderly and Disabled Tax Deferral Application/ Sarah Wicks, Walter Wicks

Map 405, Lot 053, Sub Lot 001/ Property Taxes 2009/ \$3,046.23

MOTION: Selectman Reagan made a moved to approve the Tax Deferral.

SECONDED: Vice Chairman Robertson seconded the Motion.

VOTE: Chairman Barry took a Vote to approve the Tax Deferral Application for 2009.

It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

Elderly and Disabled Tax Deferral Application/ Sarah Wicks, Walter Wicks
Map 405 Lot 053 Sub Lot 001/ Property Taxes 2008/ \$3,627.81

MOTION: Selectman Reagan made a moved to approve the Tax Deferral.
SECONDED: Vice Chairman Robertson seconded the Motion.
VOTE: Chairman Barry took a Vote to approve the Tax Deferral Application for 2008.
It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

Elderly and Disabled Tax Deferral Application/ Sarah Wicks, Walter Wicks
Map 405, Lot 053, Sub Lot 001/ Property Taxes 2007/ \$1,041.88

MOTION: Selectman Reagan made a moved to approve the Tax Deferral.
SECONDED: Vice Chairman Robertson seconded the Motion.
VOTE: Chairman Barry took a Vote to approve the Tax Deferral Application for 2007.
It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

Land Use Change Tax Warrant/ Richard Labore, Jeannine Labore/ Map 423 Lot 033

MOTION: Vice Chairman Robertson moved to approve the Land Use Change Tax Warrant.
SECONDED: Selectman Reagan seconded the Motion.
VOTE: Chairman Barry took a Vote to approve the Land Use Change Tax Warrant.
It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

Notice of Abatement/ Richard Labore, Jeannine Labore/ Map 423 Lot 033

Reason: While reviewing Current Use files it was noted that the home was built in 1999 and no Land Use Change Tax was ever assessed. Pursuant to RSA 79-A:7,II(c) states that the Land Use Change Tax should be assessed and mailed within 12 months of the notice of change of use.

MOTION: Selectman O'Neal moved to approve the Notice of Abatement.
SECONDED: Vice Chairman Robertson seconded the Motion.
VOTE: Chairman Barry took a Vote to approve the Notice of Abatement.
It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

Veteran's Tax Credit/ Paul A. Asselin/ Map 204, Lot 043
Renewal of Current Veteran's Tax Credit

The Board asked that the application be completed in its entirety before their signatures would be placed on the document.

Personnel Action Request Form/ Judith Marshall, On-Call Employee
Planning Board/Assisting with files
The Board signed the request.

Personnel Action Request Form/ Chad Woods, Primary Care Giver Aid
Parks and Recreation Department
The Board signed the request.

Federal Excise Tax Ultimate Purchase Certificates/ Sullivan Tire Co., Inc.
For: The Town of Deerfield and the Deerfield Police Department
The Board signed the request.

Timber Tax Levy/ Map 424 Lot 095/ Dick and Delores Holland
The Board signed the Timber Tax Levy.

Estimate for Repairs on the Road Grader/ Herb Allard
The Board approved the estimate.

Transfer Station/Loader Repair List
The Board requested the cost of these items before making a decision.

Letter/Kevin Barry-School Board Member

Chairman Barry acknowledged a letter from Kevin Barry regarding fuel for the generator for Deerfield Community School (DCS).

Review of Correspondence

Chairman Barry acknowledged a letter and recommendation from Town Counsel regarding Mr. Weigle.

MOTION: Selectman Hooker moved to go along with his recommendation and to let the attorney handle responding to Mr. Weigle.

SECONDED: Vice Chairman Robertson seconded the Motion.

VOTE: Chairman Barry took a Vote to approve the recommendation.

It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

Red Cross/ Annual Heroes Breakfast/ March 24, 2010 Grappone Conference Center

The Selectmen were invited to attend.

Letter/Rescue Squad Association/Reply to Chris Gamache

The Board approved the letter to the Rescue Squad Association in response to Chris Gamache.

Unfinished Business

Request for Naming Road/ John & Lisa Andrikowich/ 98 South Road/ Map 419, Lot 008 and Map 419, Lot 008, Sub Lot 001
Name Requested: Dorothy's Way

Chairman Barry acknowledged the approval from Mark Tibbetts and Rick Pelletier to rename this road.

MOTION: Selectman O'Neal moved to approve the renaming of the road.

SECONDED: Vice Chairman Robertson seconded the Motion.

VOTE: Chairman Barry took a Vote to approve the renaming of the road.

It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

There was discussion on how it should be renamed with the full name, "Dorothy Smith Way".

MOTION WITHDRAWN: Selectman O'Neal withdrew his Motion and Vice Chairman Robertson withdrew his second.

The Board agreed to ask the requestors to consider naming it Dorothy Smith Way, and to run it by the Planning Board and the Heritage Commission.

Town Administrator's Report

1. Follow-up/ Re: Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct Policies

Suggestions, corrections, additions or edits to either of the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct policies were requested. There were none. The policy will be forwarded to Town Counsel for review.

2. 2009 Audit

Melanson Heath and Company has obtained all the Town's data and returned to their offices to begin writing the reports. Karen Snow of Melanson Heath expects to have the reports to the Town by the end of this month or the beginning of April.

3. Lakes Region Public Access TV

Denise Beauchesne called and indicated the Board of Directors, for LRPA, is still looking to have Deerfield sign a contract. Ms. Beauchesne said she was working with Steve Jamele to see what can be accomplished in terms of grants for equipment and how the return line can be used.

4. Cable Committee

Town Administrator, Cindy Heon spoke with Joe Serio, Cable Committee Chairman, who stated he had changed e-mail address which somewhat explains the communication breakdown. The most recent e-mail has been sent with the request that Mr. Serio work towards setting another meeting date for the Cable Committee.

He reported that few members, sometimes only one, were showing up for meetings; that is why the meetings were discontinued.

He does have a lot of information compiled with regards to what Deerfield might want for cable services. He is anxious to share this

information with the Cable Committee in preparation of negotiations beginning for the renewal of the Franchise Agreement.

Mrs. Heon will follow-up prior to the next Board meeting to be sure the meeting date has been established. Mr. Serio will be inviting all the original members. To encourage others to attend, a notice will be placed on the Website and Reader Board.

5. From the Police Department:

Chief Greeley reported that the #5 car broke the back axle. It is anticipated to cost \$600 or greater to have the repairs done.

6. Vacation Leave for Town Offices Staff

Mrs. Heon has a request from Town Office employees to take vacation days in smaller increments than a week at a time. This is due to deadlines and workload. Scheduling time in shorter increments will eliminate overtime and/or comp time. The employees are comfortable with this as it will provide a better workflow in the Office, with less stress and they will still get time away. The Board granted the request for the Town Office employees.

7. Boston Post Cane

Joe Stone is verifying the exact ages of John Crummy, Waddy Winslow, Irene Shores, Gertrude Mann, Elsie Brown and Jeanette Winslow. The names that have been brought forward as possible recipients of the Boston Post Cane. Confirmation is expected by the March 22nd Meeting.

8. Town Counsel/Cost Associated with Alvah Chase Forest

Town Counsel has indicated the entire bill for the title search, legal work, documents, and conferences with surveyors and landowners came to approximately \$9,000.00. Town Counsel is requesting the firm discount the bill to approximately \$5,000.00. As of today, the Town has not received an invoice.

Other Business:

February 2010 Windstorm/ Fueling the Generator

Chairman Barry acknowledged that the generator was put into place for the Emergency Shelter. There was discussion on how a schedule should be set to periodically check on the operation. The problem with a lack of hot water has been corrected.

Vice Chairman Robertson suggested that going forward, it should be clear that when the Town is under an emergency it will be the Emergency Management Director's call as to whether or not school should be in session.

New Business:

None

Citizen's Comments:

Harriet Cady stated that she was unable to find the posting for the Testing of the Ballots. The Board informed her that she needed to speak to Kevin Barry regarding that.

Resolution/Individuals to be Recognized

Chief of Police, Michael Greeley, Police Officer, Joel Hughes, Corporal Eric Hardy, Deputy Fire Chief, Gary Clark, Jeanne Menard, Rescue Squad Member and Cindy McHugh, Rescue Squad Member

MOTION: Vice Chairman Robertson moved to approve the Resolution.

SECONDED: Selectman O'Neal seconded the Motion.

VOTE: Chairman Barry took a Vote to approve the Resolution.

It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

RESOLUTION

Whereas Police Officers, Fire Fighters, and Rescue personnel for the Town of Deerfield reported to duty on January 5, 2010;

And Whereas, in the line of duty, responded to a call on that day;

And Whereas, arrival at the scene caused the first responders to take immediate and innovative action that changed line of duty actions to above and beyond the call of duty without thought for their own well-being;

The Deerfield Board of Selectmen on behalf of the residents of Deerfield commends everyone involved, on January 5th, for saving the life of a young girl.

Without the quick thoughts and actions of Police Chief, Michael Greeley, Officer Joel Hughes, Corporal Eric Hardy, Deputy Chief Gary Clark, Rescue personnel Jeanne Menard and Cindy McHugh the outcome might have been tragic. The impact of the day's events caused sleepless nights, for those involved, as they wondered if their efforts were enough to save the young girl's life.

Recounting the day's events; at 3:38pm Rockingham County Dispatch notified Deerfield of a motor vehicle rollover on Route 107 between Candia and Cole Roads with the possibility of a 16 year old female trapped under the vehicle.

Chief Greeley was the first to arrive on scene at 3:40 PM and confirmed that there was a female trapped under the vehicle. Seconds later, Officer Hughes, Corporal Hardy and Deputy Fire Chief Gary Clark arrived. It was confirmed the young girl was unconscious.

An attempt to lift the vehicle off the young girl was made but due to the depth of the snow in the area the safety personnel could not get sufficient footing to perform the lift. Chief Greeley entered the garage located on the property in search of something that could be used to lift the vehicle. A floor jack was located and everyone moved quickly to lift the car off the young girl.

Officer Hughes and Deputy Chief Clark pulled the young girl from under the vehicle and noted that she was not breathing and did not have a pulse.

Deputy Chief Clark immediately started CPR and the young girl responded. Rescue Squad members Cindy McHugh and Jeanne Menard arrived and took over the medical treatment. Cindy McHugh and Jeanne Menard kept the young girl breathing until Raymond Ambulance arrived to transport her to an awaiting Med-Flight to be airlifted to a Boston hospital.

While each of the individuals involved would say they were just doing their job, it is important to recognize that life saving techniques in the text book and the field are very different. Safety Services Personnel must apply what is learned to the task at hand in order to resolve problems and save lives. It for this reason the Board of Selectmen recognizes these individuals.

Be it resolved, this 8th day of March 2010 the Town of Deerfield commends the aforementioned individuals, for a job well done.

Chairman Barry presented each individual being recognized with a signed copy of the Resolution.

Adjourned:

6:15pm

MOTION: Selectman O'Neal made a Motion to adjourn.

SECONDED: Selectman Hooker seconded the Motion.

VOTE: Chairman Barry called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

The March 8, 2010 meeting is adjourned.