



Deerfield Newsletter

2011 Citizens Voting Guide

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Deerfield...

Voting session to act on all Warrant Articles, as amended, including the proposed budget, as a result of the action of the "First Session" will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at the Town Hall, 10 Church Street. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Deerfield Voter's Guide is issued to help citizens prepare for the Second Session of the Town Meeting-Official Ballot Voting (SB2). This guide contains Town, Zoning and School sample ballots; explanations of the 2011 Warrant Articles presented by the Board of Selectmen, explanations from the Deerfield School Board regarding the School District Warrant, explanations from the Planning Board regarding Zoning Amendments, and explanation from the Deerfield Conservation Commission regarding the Conservation Warrant Article.

♦ **Voting Date and Time: Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at Town Hall, 10 Church Street, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.** ♦

SAMPLE BALLOTS

The Sample Ballots contained in this newsletter may be duplicated.

Copies are available at:

www.townofdeerfieldnh.com or

The Deerfield Town Offices or
The Philbrick James Library or
The Deerfield Community School

Marked Sample Ballots may be taken into the voting booth to assist citizens with the voting process.

This is encouraged to help reduce the amount of time in the voting booth.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Applications for Absentee Ballots are available on the Town of Deerfield's Official Web site at:

www.townofdeerfieldnh.com

or in person at the Town Clerk's Office. Absentee Ballots must be received and accepted prior to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2011

OR

Can be mailed by the U.S. Postal Service to:

Town Clerk

P.O. Box 159

Deerfield, NH 03037-0159

Mailed Absentee Ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Absentee ballots cannot be

Delivered to the election polling place.

Questions about Absentee Ballots should be addressed to the Town Clerk's Office 463-8811, ext. 308 or 312 or via email at tw@townofdeerfieldnh.com

TOWN OF DEERFIELD WARRANT DESCRIPTIVE

(Revised: Deliberative Session, February 5, 2011)

Zoning Amendment # 1:

Are you in favor of the adoption of zoning amendment # 1, as proposed by the Deerfield Planning Board for the Deerfield Zoning Ordinance as follows: To add a new section entitled **Section 311 Multifamily Workforce Housing** by permitting multifamily buildings, multifamily workforce housing and accessory buildings in an eligible area within 0.5 miles of the Deerfield Town Hall, provided that other provisions of this section are met and that the Planning Board grants a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the proposed residential development. The amendment includes Design Standards and Requirements and an affordability requirement among other items. The amendment also restricts the maximum number of multifamily workforce housing units to 2% of the total housing stock, which is approximately 35 units. The intent of this amendment is to provide for workforce opportunities in conformance with NH RSA 674:58 – 62.

Approved by the Planning Board

Explanatory note:

At present, new multifamily housing units are not allowed in Deerfield, except through the conversion of an existing residential building. This proposed amendment permits multifamily housing, with certain design standards and requirements, within 0.5 miles of Deerfield Center. This includes about 503 acres. Multifamily housing means a residential building containing five (5) or more dwelling units not to exceed six (6) units per building. Each of the units shall have separate entrances and exits and shall be separated by a common fire wall. An application for multifamily housing will require site plan review approval. The Planning Board proposes this amendment in response to the new state law addressing workforce housing requirements. A complete text and map is available on the Planning Board page of the Town's website.

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Approved by the Planning Board

Explanatory note:

The proposed amendment adds a single family workforce housing component to the existing Open Space Development (OSD) provision in the Deerfield Zoning Ordinance (DZO). In order to encourage workforce housing, the Planning Board will be able to allow a reduction of the minimum lot size for workforce housing in order to accommodate increased site density as long as soil conditions permit the siting of septic systems and private water wells within the decreased lot size. All other existing requirements and standards in the current Open Space Development remain. The Planning Board proposes this amendment in response to the new state law addressing workforce housing requirements. A complete text and map is available on the Planning Board page of the Town's website.

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Are you in favor of the adoption of zoning amendment # 3, as proposed by the Deerfield Planning Board for the Deerfield Zoning Ordinance as follows: To establish a Groundwater Protection Overlay District which applies to areas identified on the map designated as “Town of Deerfield Public Water Supply and Wellhead Protection Areas.” The proposed amendment establishes prohibited uses, a Condition Use Permit system and allows for exemptions such as a single family residence among other items. The types of uses prohibited in the wellhead protection areas are a hazardous waste facility, solid waste landfill, wastewater and septage lagoon, a sludge facility and the like.

Approved by the Planning Board

Explanatory note:

At present, the Town of Deerfield lacks a zoning provision to protect the groundwater of the community as residents and businesses rely entirely upon public and private wells for drinking water. A Source Water Protection Plan, prepared by the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission, is a planning guide for local officials to use to protect drinking water sources within their community. An important goal of the plan is to create a Groundwater Protection District, which is based on a model prepared by the NH Department of Environmental Services.

The Groundwater Protection Ordinance, with the associated map, identifies five wellhead protection areas in Deerfield where offensive land uses, such as a hazardous waste disposal facility, solid waste landfill, septage lagoon, sludge composting facility, a junkyard and similar uses are not allowed. Underlying uses permitted in the DZO are allowed. The proposed amendment establishes performance standards, conditional uses and exemptions. The intent of the proposed amendment is to protect the community’s groundwater supplies. A complete text and map is available on the Planning Board page of the Town’s website.

The complete text of each proposed zoning amendment is available at the Town Clerk’s Office, Town of Deerfield, G. B. White Office Building, NH Route 107, Deerfield, NH and online at <http://www.townofdeerfieldnh.com>.

Article 1

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: \$0.224

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$114,540 (One Hundred, Fourteen Thousand, Five Hundred Forty Dollars), for the purpose of purchasing land at 8 Church Street from the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Association and the Deerfield Rescue Squad.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
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Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-

Explanatory Note: The Deerfield Volunteer Fire Association and the Deerfield Rescue Squad purchased this land through donations. This property is located in between the Town Hall and the Fire Station. This land was purchased by the two organizations with the intention of selling it to the Town. The purchase of this land would secure all land from the Town Hall to the Philbrick James Library as Town-owned land. Both associations have voted to **not** have any deed restrictions on this conveyance.

Article 2

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: \$0.195

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars), for the purpose of purchasing a new or used front-end loader.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-

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Explanatory Note: This is to replace a 1986 Loader currently used at the Transfer Station. This is a necessary piece of equipment at the facility. This loader is in poor condition. The cost to repair the current loader would be approximately \$17,000.00. The current loader has a net trade-in value of approximately \$10,000.

Article 3

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: \$0.176

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 (Ninety Thousand Dollars), to be placed in the Fire Engine (pumper) Capital Reserve Fund already established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 *Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-2-1*

Explanatory Note: In the Year 2013, the Town will be required to purchase a new Class A fire engine. Currently the Town of Deerfield's fire rating by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) standards is Class 9. ISO requires the purchase of a new Class A engine every 20 years. Maintaining a Class 9 fire rating helps prevent home-owners insurance rate increases. The Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department is offering this Warrant Article this year to lessen the burden on the taxpayer in 2013. As of 12/31/2010 there is \$93,744.75 saved in this Capital Reserve Fund towards the purchase of this new Class A engine.

Article 4

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: \$0.111

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,920 (Fifty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred, Twenty Dollars), of which \$40,301 (forty thousand, three hundred, one dollars), is for the purchase of a 2011 Ford F550 and \$16,619 (Sixteen thousand, six hundred, nineteen dollars) is to purchase and install a dump body and central hydraulics.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 *Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-0-1*

Explanatory Note: This truck is replacing a 2004 Ford F450. The F450 has had a lengthy history of significant problems. There has been a leak in the roof. This leak allowed water to get into the rest of the cab rusting out the fuse panel and causing many wiring shorts in the electrical system. The truck's computer system has failed and has been replaced. The cab is seriously rusted and has done so from the inside-out. The entire suspension system has been replaced twice, as well as two starters and various smaller items. In addition to the above, the rear end has been replaced as well as the transmission. A Ford F550 is being proposed because it is built much heavier, offering the ruggedness that is needed for the work that this truck will be expected to do on a daily basis.

Article 5

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: \$0.068

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 (Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars), for the purpose of replacing the front windows and closing off some of the existing windows, insulating, sheet-rocking and siding the front of the George B. White Building or other improvements to the building if recommended by an Energy Audit.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 *Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-0*

Explanatory Note: The windows in front of the George B. White Building were installed sometime during the 1970's. These windows no longer function correctly. There is significant leaking, some windows are broken and there is a large amount of heat loss that occurs. This will replace windows, sheetrock off some of the existing windows and side the front of the George B. White Building.

Article 6**Estimated Tax Rate Impact: \$0.062**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,785 (Thirty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred, Eighty-Five Dollars), for salaries and benefits to be set aside in a merit wage pool for full-time and part-time Town personnel. (Salaries: \$27,386 Benefits: \$4,399)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-0-1

Explanatory Note: This will provide a merit wage pool for pay increases for Town Employees. It is an average of 2.4%, however, raises will be based on performance and current wage scales. The majority of town employees have not received any pay increases since April of 2008.

Article 7**Estimated Tax Rate Impact: \$0.043**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 (Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars), for the purpose of repairing and improving the parking lot, sidewalk, handicapped walkway and retaining wall at the Library/Fire/Rescue departments.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-1-1

Explanatory Note: This Warrant Article will address many of the current parking and safety issues that exist at the parking lot and area that is shared by the Philbrick James Library, Fire and Rescue Departments. Additional parking spaces will be created; a handicapped ramp and railings will be installed at the elevator entrance of the Library; sagging pavement in front of the Fire Department will be fixed; the concrete retaining wall will be refaced; a new walkway will be installed at the top of the stairs in front of the Library; and a painted sidewalk on Church Street will be created.

This Warrant Article also works in conjunction with the traffic calming on Church Street and address pedestrian traffic safety.

Article 8

Shall the Town of Deerfield raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$3,313,643.00. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,327,717.00 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Deerfield or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of the revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-0

Explanatory Note: The Deliberative Session Proposed Budget is \$14,074.00 less than the 2011 default budget and \$84,082.00 less than the 2010 default budget.

Deliberative Session Budget	\$3,313,643.00	Default Budget	\$3,327,717.00
Less Estimated Revenue	\$1,378,141.00	Less Estimated Revenue	\$1,378,141.00
Net Delib. Session Budget	\$1,935,502.00	Net Default Budget	\$1,949,576.00
Estimated Tax Impact	\$3.78	Estimated Tax Impact	\$3.80

Article 9

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the real property held by the Town for the non-payment of taxes and identified as Map 208 – Lot 47.1 & Map 208 – Lot 47.2 to Daniel Anibal and Leah Anibal, the current owners of Map 208 – Lot 46, for an amount equal to the taxes that should

have been paid during Town ownership. This conveyance is to correct an erroneous but inadvertent division of property that had been previously merged by the Deerfield Planning Board. A portion of the home and septic system located on Map 208 – Lot 46 by the Anibals or their predecessors extends onto Lots 47.1 and 47.2.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Explanatory Note: The conveyance is to correct an erroneous but inadvertent division of property that had been previously merged by the Deerfield Planning Board. A portion of the home and septic system located on Map 208 – Lot 46 owned by the Anibals or their predecessors extends onto Lots 47.1 and 47.2.

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 231:45-a(I), to discontinue subject to gates and bars that portion of Swett Road, aka Sidmores Road, which is currently a Class V, Town maintained highway.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Explanatory Note: The Board of Selectmen has recently determined that this Warrant Article would not be legally binding if passed and therefore no longer supports the article. If this Warrant Article were to pass, legal action against the town and legal expense to the town would be very likely.

Article 11

To see if the Town shall vote to convey conservation easements to one or more qualified conservation organizations for the following Town-owned Town Forests and Conservation Areas, which will permanently restrict their use to open space purposes, including wildlife habitat conservation, forestry, and recreation:

Arthur Chase Town Forest	Tax Map 414	Lot 73	40 acres
Dowst-Cate Town Forest	Tax Map 416	Lot 16	100 acres
Hart Town Forest	Tax Map 403	Lot 2	71 acres
Lindsay Conservation Area	Tax Map 415	Lot 30	58 acres
McNeil Conservation Area	Tax Map 406	Lot 12	63 acres
Weiss Town Forest	Tax Map 416	Lot 18	93 acres
Wells Town Forest	Tax Map 411	Lot 39	80 acres

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Explanatory Note from the Conservation Commission: This warrant article guarantees permanent conservation of seven Town-owned Forest and Conservation Area properties. In March 2010, 76 percent of voters showed their support for this project, and passage of this warrant article will provide the legally required binding vote needed to move the project forward. **The Town will continue to own and manage these properties. This project will have no impact on the tax rate, and there will be no request for additional town funds to cover project costs.**

The fundamental purpose of establishing conservation easements for Deerfield's Town Forests and Conservation Areas is to assure that these properties remain a permanent living legacy. This means they will continue to provide open space, productive forests, wildlife habitat, clean water and air, and places people can visit for recreation, education, or just to enjoy the natural beauty. Other nearby towns that have public land protected by conservation easements include Candia, Epsom, Raymond, Nottingham and Strafford. The Conservation Commission (DCC) intends to use the Conservation Fund to cover the cost of completing the technical steps of the project (e.g., surveys, recording fees etc). The DCC will seek grants to cover some of the costs, as has been done in the past for several other conservation projects.



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2011**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

H. J. Barry
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☐
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than Two

JOHN REAGAN ☐

ALAN O'NEAL ☐

☐ (Write-in) ☐

☐ (Write-in)

TOWN TREASURER

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than One

LORENA A. SINNAMON ☐

☐ (Write-in)

**TRUSTEE OF THE
TRUST FUNDS**

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than One

☐ (Write-in)

**TRUSTEES OF THE
PHILBRICK-
JAMES LIBRARY**

One Year Term Vote for not
more than One

MAUREEN R. MANN ☐

☐ (Write-in)

**TRUSTEES OF THE
PHILBRICK-
JAMES LIBRARY**

Two Year Term Vote for not
more than One

EVE M. HAZEN ☐

☐ (Write-in)

**TRUSTEES OF THE
PHILBRICK-
JAMES LIBRARY**

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than Two

JOAN C. BILODEAU ☐

☐ (Write-in)

☐ (Write-in)

WATER COMMISSIONER

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than One

ROBERT E. KILHAM, JR. ☐

☐ (Write-in)

HIGHWAY AGENT

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than One

RICHARD HEON ☐

ALEX COTE ☐

☐ (Write-in)

**PLANNING BOARD
MEMBER**

Two Year Term Vote for not
more than One

PETE SCHIBBELHUTE ☐

☐ (Write-in)

**PLANNING BOARD
MEMBER**

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than One

LISA WOLFORD ☐

☐ (Write-in)

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET
COMMITTEE**

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than Three

RICHARD W. PITMAN ☐

ELIZABETH D. MURPHY ☐

☐ (Write-in)

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ARTICLES

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GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING			



ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2011

BALLOT 2 OF 2

H. J. Barry
TOWN CLERK

ZONING ARTICLES

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YES ☐

NO ☐

Approved by the Planning Board

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

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SCHOOL WARRANT

1. Shall the Deerfield School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$11,758,684? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$11,768,977 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district, or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

[Note: Warrant Article #1 (operating budget article) does not include separate Warrant Articles #2, #3 and #5.]

*School Board Recommends Approval
Budget Committee Recommends Approval*

Explanation of Article 1

Approval of the requested budget will result in an estimated \$0.29 per \$1,000 decrease in the tax rate.

Article 1 is the operating budget for the Deerfield School District which includes the Deerfield Community School (preschool through grade 8) and tuition costs to area high schools that Deerfield high school students attend. Note these key points:

- The requested budget is \$10,293 lower than the default budget.
- The requested budget is 4.2% (or \$514,323) lower than the current year's budget.
- Fewer high school students, improved accounting of those students, and a lower Concord High annual tuition increase (1.42%) result in a high school tuition cost that is \$303,531 less than the current year's budgeted amount.
- Less special education out-of-district placements and costs represent a \$379,037 reduction from the current year's budgeted amount. Special education transportation cost reductions result in a savings of \$63,194 from the current year's budgeted amount.
- The requested budget includes the addition of one teacher required by educational needs of students (\$55,580 salary and benefits).
- Areas of the budget with major increases include Health Insurance (a \$147,433 increase), and Teacher Retirement (a \$35,038 increase). While there is only a 6.3% annual premium increase in Health Insurance, more employees have enrolled leading to the significant increase in cost. The Teacher Retirement increase is due to reduced funding from the State.

2. Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Deerfield School Board and the Deerfield Education Association for the 2011/12 fiscal year, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits totaling:

2011/12	\$92,655
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and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$92,655 for the 2011/12 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year?

Note: Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed.

Clarification: [In February 2011 RSA 273-A:12 was repealed, ending the automatic continuation of pay plans until new agreements are executed (the “Evergreen” clause). Pay plans must now be renegotiated once they expire. The above note will be printed on the ballot due to the time restrictions associated with Collective Bargaining, but will be null and void due to the repeal of RSA 273-A:12.]

School Board Recommends Approval
Budget Committee Recommends Approval

Explanation of Article 2

Approval of this collective bargaining agreement will result in an estimated \$0.18 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate.

The proposed one-year teachers’ contract, negotiated between the Deerfield Education Association (DEA) and the School Board, calls for the following changes:

- Lengthening the school day by thirty minutes. The addition of thirty minutes of instructional time each day will promote educational improvements and increased learning opportunities for each student. There will be no additional compensation provided to teachers specifically for this longer school day. As it stands now, Deerfield Community School (DCS) barely meets the minimum state standard for length of the school day. Lengthening the school day will also help Deerfield’s students prepare for Concord High School. DCS students’ Concord counterparts, who all attend Rundlett Middle School in Concord, have the advantage of a school day at Rundlett that is one hour longer than Deerfield’s.
- Teachers salary increase; total cost \$92,655. How this is determined: one “step” increase (raise) in the salary scale for teachers with less than 10 years experience, and a 1.5% increase for teachers with over 10 years experience (those who have reached the top of the “step” scale). Teachers have not received a salary increase since 2008.
- A phase-out of the benefit that allows teachers who don’t live in Deerfield to enroll their children at DCS. The new contract will not allow teachers who live outside of Deerfield to enroll new students at DCS. Existing students may continue until the completion of 8th grade; at the Board’s discretion.
- Health Insurance – teachers choosing not to subscribe to health insurance benefits for the entire contract year will receive a \$1,500 “buyout” (increased from \$700). *Example:* A teacher using the school district’s health insurance for their family switches to their spouse’s health insurance and receives the \$1,500 buyout. Savings to the district: \$15,181.50 (Cost to the district of a POS family plan is \$16,681.50. Subtract the \$1,500 buyout, and the savings to the school district is \$15,181.50.)
- Additional changes to the teacher’s contract: Personal illness language – will define immediate family as “spouse, life partner, significant other, unmarried children, or dependent family residing in the employee’s household.” Sick leave bank – Sick days will be deposited at start of the contract year and no later than October 1st. Child rearing leave –adds “Certified personnel are eligible to use at least 15 days of sick leave per year to prepare for or care for a newborn or adopted child. Leave may be extended at the discretion of the

Board. Adoptive/Paternity leave is used consecutively and shall be taken within the six month period surrounding the day the child is brought home.”

3. Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Deerfield School Board and the Deerfield Para-educators Association for the 2011/12 fiscal year, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits totaling:

2011/12	\$48,684
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and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,684 for the 2011/2012 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year?

[Note: The total cost associated with the collective bargaining agreement above is \$2,000. The remaining \$46,684 will compensate the paraprofessionals (who are hourly employees) for an additional 30 minutes per day if the teachers' contract passes.]

Note: Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed.

Clarification: [In February 2011 RSA 273-A:12 was repealed, ending the automatic continuation of pay plans until new agreements are executed (the “Evergreen” clause). Pay plans must now be renegotiated once they expire. The above note will be printed on the ballot due to the time restrictions associated with Collective Bargaining, but will be null and void due to the repeal of RSA 273-A:12.]

*School Board Recommends Approval
Budget Committee Recommends Approval*

Explanation for Article 3

Approval of this collective bargaining agreement will result in an estimated \$0.10 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate.

The proposed one-year para-educators’ contract, negotiated between the Deerfield Para-educators Association and the School Board, calls for the following changes:

- Increase job related workshop reimbursement by \$2,000. This amount is a pool for all para-educators, and is not an individual benefit for each para-educator. This is the total cost associated with the collective bargaining agreement.
- Increased workday costs – \$46,684. The para-educators’ work day will increase by thirty minutes if the teachers’ contract passes. As a result, para-educators – who are hourly employees – will need to be compensated for the extra thirty minutes per day. There will be no hourly rate increases or step increases for the para-educators.
- Phase-out of the benefit that allows para-educators who don’t live in Deerfield to enroll their children at DCS. The new contract will not allow para-educators who live outside of Deerfield to enroll new students at DCS. Existing students may continue until the completion of 8th grade; at the Board’s discretion.
- Employee re-hire. When a para-educator who has left the district is rehired within one calendar year they will return at the same wage and benefit level if they occupy the same or

substantially the same position. Generally, when the student a para-educator has been working with leaves the school district, that para-educator loses his or her job. Once another student needing a para-educator moves into the district, this benefit will guarantee that the para-educator is rehired at the same wage and benefit level at which he or she left.

4. To see if the Deerfield School District will vote to change the purpose of an existing Building Repair Expendable Trust Fund to the Facilities Repair and Improvement Expendable Trust Fund. (2/3 Majority Vote Required)

Explanation of Article 4

This language change would allow the School Board to repair or improve facilities related to the building, such as the septic system, which are not actually located “in” the building. Essentially this change would expand the scope of the original purpose of the article. This article has no monetary impact on the tax rate.

5. To see if the Deerfield School District will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c, to be known as the Playground Expendable Trust Fund, for the purpose of building a new playground at Deerfield Community School and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$25,000 (from surplus) towards this purpose. The Deerfield School Board is the agent to expend these funds.

School Board Recommends Approval
Budget Committee Recommends Approval

Explanation of Article 5

This article creates an expendable trust fund for the purpose of building a new playground and raises up to \$25,000 from surplus toward this purpose. The existing twenty year-old playground at DCS is deteriorating rapidly and has had several broken components removed. The cost to replace is estimated at \$50,000. Citizens groups have expressed interest in generating the remaining necessary funds.



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2011**

Harriet E. Cadby
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Three Year Term ☐ Vote for not
more than Two (2)

PETER F. MENARD ☐

TIMOTHY GODBOIS ☐

DON GORMAN ☐

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☐ (Write-in)

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT
MODERATOR**

One Year Term ☐ Vote for not
more than One (1)

JONATHAN "JACK" HUTCHINSON ☐

☐

☐ (Write-in)

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
TREASURER**

One Year Term ☐ Vote for not
more than One (1)

JUDITH LYNN MARSHALL ☐

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☐ (Write-in)

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

One Year Term ☐ Vote for not
more than One (1)

JULIE A. O'BRIEN ☐

HARRIET E. CADY ☐

☐

☐ (Write-in)

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT ARTICLES

1. Shall the Deerfield School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$11,758,684? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$11,768,977 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district, or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES ☐

NO ☐

[Note: Warrant Article #1 (operating budget article) does not include separate Warrant Articles #2, #3 and #5.]

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Budget Committee Recommends Approval*

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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Budget Committee Recommends Approval*

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Town of Deerfield Office Hours

Assessing Office 463-8811 x 315	Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Building Department 463-8811 x 302	Monday thru Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Town Clerk – Tax Collector’s Office 463-8811 x 308 or 312	Monday 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Transfer Station 463-7705	Tuesday & Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Board of Selectmen Meets Every Other Monday 5:30 p.m.	
Planning Board Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	
Zoning Board of Adjustment Meets the 4th Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	
Conservation Commission Meets the 2nd Monday	

VOTING DAY

(Town Meeting SB2 Second Session)

Tuesday, March 9, 2011

Polling Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 10 Church Street

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