



Deerfield Newsletter

2013 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 12, 2013 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 2013 Warrant Articles presented by the Board of Selectmen, explanations from the Deerfield School Board regarding the School District Warrant, and explanations from the Planning Board regarding Zoning Amendments.

♦ **Voting Date and Time: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 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 11, 2013

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 12, 2013

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

Article # 1**Estimated Tax Rate Impact \$0.61**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400,000.00 (two million, four hundred thousand dollars) for the design, engineering, construction, equipping, and furnishing of a Public Safety Complex, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,400,000.00 (two million, four hundred thousand dollars) of bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, NH RSA Chapter 33 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest and maturity date thereon; furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$330,300.00 (three hundred, thirty thousand, three hundred dollars) for the purpose of paying the first year's bond issuance costs and interest payments on the bond. (3/5 ballot vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-2

Explanatory Note: This warrant article is a bond article and requires a 3/5 ballot vote for passage. The proposed building is almost identical to the building that was proposed to voters in 2004. The only changes that have been made are site specific. This building will be constructed on North Road, just south of the convenience store located at the intersection of Route 43 on the opposite side of the road. This building will house the Police Department, the Fire Department (Central Station), the Rescue Squad, Emergency Management, and Animal Control. The amount of this warrant article is based on the costs provided by the designing architect. This project shall go through an official "Request for Bid" process.

Article # 2**Estimated Tax Rate Impact \$0.09**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Fire Apparatus and Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 (fifty thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund, and to name the Board of Selectmen as the agent to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-3

Explanatory Note: This warrant article is the first of five warrant articles establishing Capital Reserve Funds. This Capital Reserve Fund is being presented as part of establishing the Capital Improvement Program into the annual budget process. This money will be used toward the purchase of a new tanker. In 2015 the Fire Department is looking to replace their current tanker which is 25 years old.

Article # 3**Estimated Tax Rate Impact \$0.06**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 (thirty-five thousand dollars) for the purpose of replacing windows, siding and energy improvements to the George B. White Building.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1

Explanatory Note: The George B. White Building is comprised of three sections. The original, front section was built in 1951. The past two years had similar Warrant Articles pass which allowed for upgrades in the section of the George B. White Building that was built in 1951 with new windows, sheetrock, insulation and siding. This year this warrant article is being presented in order to continue

improving the energy efficiency in the middle section of the building. This section was constructed in 1966. The walls of the middle section are constructed with fiberglass panels. These panels have an insulation value of approximately R7. These panels will be replaced with sided, sheet-rocked, studded walls with an insulation value of R21. In addition, the old windows will be replaced with modern, more energy efficient windows. Other energy improvements will be made with any left over money.

Article # 4 **Estimated Tax Rate Impact \$0.05**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand dollars) for the purpose of stipends to be paid to the members of the Deerfield Fire Department as compensation for their service to the town.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-2

Explanatory Note: The Fire Department is proposing stipends to be paid to members of the Deerfield Fire Department. These stipends will be based on a point system. Members will be given points for responding to calls, and attending training and special functions.

Article # 5 **Estimated Tax Rate Impact \$0.05**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate from surplus the sum of up to \$25,000.00 to be placed in the previously established Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of repairs to Municipal Government Buildings and related Infrastructure.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1

Explanatory Note: This trust fund is similar to the fund currently in use by the School Board. In working to create a long-term maintenance plan for the town-owned buildings, it was determined that there are many potential emergency situations that the aged and aging town buildings could encounter. A failed septic, well, pump house, etc. are not budgeted for and cannot be properly budgeted for since these types of failures can occur without warning. This will be the second year funding this fund.

Article # 6 **Estimated Tax Rate Impact \$0.04**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,775.00 (nineteen thousand, seven hundred, seventy-five dollars) to side, maintain, repair, and improve the Fire Station located on Birch Road.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1

Explanatory Note: The Fire Station located on Birch Road was constructed in 1980. This building has not had any significant maintenance work performed since its construction. This warrant article will fund the following maintenance projects: raise and replace the second door, re-side the building, and repair the broken cement at the entrance of both doors.

Article # 7**Estimated Tax Rate Impact \$0.04**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,184.00 (nineteen thousand, one hundred, eighty-four dollars) representing salary, benefits and equipment for a part-time Police Officer who will serve as a School Resource Officer at the Deerfield Community School.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1 Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-3

Explanatory Note: This will create a part-time School Resource Officer. The amount of money included in this warrant article will fund an officer at the Deerfield Community School 6 hours per day for 180 days. The money in this warrant article will pay for an officer exclusively used as a School Resource Officer. This money will NOT pay for this officer to perform any type of duties outside the scope of School Resource Officer.

Article # 8**Estimated Tax Rate Impact \$0.02**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Highway Department Vehicles and Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund, and to name the Board of Selectmen as the agent to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-2

Explanatory Note: This purpose of this warrant article is to establish a Capital Reserve Fund as part of establishing the Capital Improvement Program into the annual budget process. This money will be used toward the purchase of Highway Department capital items.

Article # 9**Estimated Tax Rate Impact \$0.01**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Transfer Station Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund, and to name the Board of Selectmen as the agent to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-4

Explanatory Note: This purpose of this warrant article is to establish a Capital Reserve Fund as part of establishing the Capital Improvement Program into the annual budget process. This money will be used toward the purchase of Transfer Station Department capital items.

Article # 10**Estimated Tax Rate Impact \$0.01**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Police Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund, and to name the Board of Selectmen as the agent to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-4

Explanatory Note: This purpose of this warrant article is to establish a Capital Reserve Fund as part of establishing the Capital Improvement Program into the annual budget process. This money will be used toward the purchase of Police Department capital items.

Article # 11

Estimated Tax Rate Impact \$0.01

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Rescue Vehicles and Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund, and to name the Board of Selectmen as the agent to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-4

Explanatory Note: This purpose of this warrant article is to establish a Capital Reserve Fund as part of establishing the Capital Improvement Program into the annual budget process. This money will be used toward the purchase of Rescue Department capital items. In 2016 the Rescue Department must replace its current EKG machine. The estimated cost of a new EKG machine is between \$40,000 - \$50,000.

Article # 12

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 \$3,391,674.00. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,377,844.00 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 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of the revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-2

Deliberative Session Budget	\$3,391,674.00	Default Budget	\$3,377,844.00
Less Estimated Revenue	\$1,280,830.00	Less Estimated Revenue	\$1,280,830.00
Net Delib. Session Budget	\$2,110,844.00	Net Default Budget	\$2,096,945.00
Estimated Tax Impact	\$3.88	Estimated Tax Impact	\$3.86

Article # 13

To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of police special details. Only the portion of revenues received for police special details necessary for payment of wages and all necessary withholdings will be deposited into the fund. (The remaining portion of the revenues shall be deposited into the General Fund.) The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. This fund will be established and be effective beginning on April 1, 2013.

Explanatory Note: This warrant article was written to specifically include ONLY the amount of money that is paid to the staff member conducting the detail for wages, state and federal withholdings. ALL other monies collected for special details will be deposited into the General Fund as a revenue to offset property taxes. There will be NO accumulation of money in this fund. This article does not increase or decrease the amount of money paid to the police officers. The passage of this article simply removes the amount budgeted as payment to police officers from the town budget.

It has always been difficult to estimate how much money will be needed in the budget for special details. In the past, when all budget money has been spent, special detail requests have been given to neighboring communities. Giving these details to neighboring communities has provided these communities with the additional revenue that offsets their taxes instead of the Town of Deerfield's. During 2012 a great number of special details were given to neighboring communities because of the current was these have to be budgeted. As a result the revenue from these details went to these neighboring communities.

Article # 14

Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5 V-b which states: "Any town may vote to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article. The determination of the estimated tax impact shall be subject to approval by the governing body."?

Explanatory Note: RSA 32:5 V-b is a new law which now allows towns to print the estimated tax impact of a warrant article on the ballot. The intention of this law is to provide voters with the estimated cost of a given warrant article at the time of voting.

Article # 15

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey whatever interest the Town of Deerfield may have held in the real property known as the Wheeler lots, identified in the Town of Deerfield tax records as Map 414, Lots 154 and 155, to Charles R. Sanborn and Cherie A. Sanborn, the current owners of Map 419, Lot 69; the Sanborn family having paid the taxes on Lots 154 and 155 since those lots were merged with Lot 69 and assessed and taxed to the Sanborn family since the 1950's.

Explanatory Note: The conveyance is to correct any misfiling of paperwork or errors. The lot was merged into the Sanborn Family lot sometime back in the 1950's. Following under the assumption that the Sanborn's owned the property the Town allowed these lots to be merged into his home lot and has since taxed the family for the land for almost 60 years.

Article # 16

Do the voters of the Town of Deerfield wish to allow the use of canoes, kayaks, and paddle craft by residents at an area of Veasey Park segregated from swimmers? (This is advisory in nature only.)

Explanatory Note: The Board of Selectmen are looking for guidance from the residents on this issue. Currently no boats of any kind are allowed at Veasey Park. The Board of Selectmen are considering creating a foot path through the woods to an area separate from the swimming area for the use of canoes, kayaks, and paddle craft. All usage would continue to be restricted to residents only.

Article # 17

To see if the Town of Deerfield shall state its opposition to any new overhead development of alternating current and direct current high voltage transmission lines within its borders; and in turn manifest the Town's strong preference for the burial of such lines, in a manner consistent with state and federal requirements, under rights of way and power line corridors now existing or to be established. Although burial in all instances is preferred, this statement of opposition shall not apply to distribution lines carrying electrical power and other utility lines, such as telephone and cable television, for Town residential or commercial use. (Petitioned warrant article)

Explanatory Note: This warrant article is asking voters if they are opposed to any new overhead development of high voltage transmission lines in town and if they prefer burial of any new transmission lines to be built. A YES vote indicates opposition to any new overhead transmission lines and expresses support for burial of any new transmission lines. A NO vote indicates support for any new overhead transmission lines and no preference for burying new transmission lines.

Article # 18

To see if the Town of Deerfield shall state its opposition to the Northern Pass Transmission project as currently proposed, which, as currently proposed, will cause the significant expansion of existing power line rights-of-way; the installation of steel towers of heights up to 135 feet, well above the tree height, resulting in the further impairment of Deerfield's rural, small town character and the further degradation of Deerfield's scenic vistas and natural scenic beauty; the development of the Town in a manner inconsistent with the Deerfield Master Plan; the diminishment of the value of private property and assets for residents in proximity to the towers; the corresponding loss of property tax revenue for the Town; and the strong possibility of negative health impacts. (Petitioned warrant article)

Explanatory Note: This warrant article is asking voters if they are opposed to the Northern Pass Transmission project. A YES vote indicates opposition to this project as currently proposed. A NO vote indicates support for this project as it has been proposed to date.

Article # 19

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default town budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? (Petitioned warrant article, 3/5 ballot vote required)

Explanatory Note: This article is a petition warrant article that requires a 3/5 majority of votes to pass. *The Board of Selectmen is not in favor of this article.*

The Town of Deerfield has adopted the SB2 (Official Ballot Referenda) form of government. Among other things, SB2 requires the preparation of both an operating budget and a default budget (should the proposed operating budget fail) for the upcoming year. If the warrant article for the proposed operating budget fails, the default budget is adopted instead of the proposed operating budget. A default budget is the same as last year with certain adjustments: it will be reduced and/or increased by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. Currently, the Finance Director prepares the default budget which is approved by the Board of Selectmen. If this petitioned warrant article were to pass, the responsibility to prepare and approve the default budget would pass to the Municipal Budget Committee.



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2013**

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

REBECCA HUTCHINSON ☐

WILLIAM A. PERRON ☐

RICHARD W. PITMAN ☐

☐ (Write-in)

☐ (Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Three Year Term Vote for not more than Three

CHRISTOPHER CARR ☐

CHRISTINE JOHNSON ☐

LINDA McNAIR-PERRY ☐

☐ (Write-in)

☐ (Write-in)

☐ (Write-in)

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET
COMMITTEE**

Three Year Term Vote for not more than Three

JAMES SPILLANE ☐

DAVID H. CARBONE ☐

☐ (Write-in)

☐ (Write-in)

☐ (Write-in)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

One Year Term Vote for not more than One

R. ANDREW ROBERTSON ☐

☐ (Write-in)

WATER COMMISSIONER

Three Year Term Vote for not more than One

KELLY A. ROBERTS ☐

☐ (Write-in)

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET
COMMITTEE**

One Year Term Vote for not more than One

LAURA HUGHES ☐

CAROL LEVESQUE ☐

CHARLES K. REESE ☐

☐ (Write-in)

**TRUSTEE OF
TRUST FUNDS**

Three Year Term Vote for not more than One

☐ (Write-in)

**PLANNING BOARD
MEMBER**

Three Year Term Vote for not more than One

PETER J. SCHIBBELHUTE ☐

☐ (Write-in)

ARTICLES

Article # 1

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YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-2

Article # 2

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NO ☐

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TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

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YES ☐
NO ☐

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GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
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MARCH 12, 2013**

BALLOT 2 OF 2

H. J. Barry
TOWN CLERK

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YES ☐
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YES ☐
NO ☐

Article # 16

Do the voters of the Town of Deerfield wish to allow the use of canoes, kayaks and paddle craft by residents at an area of Veasey Park segregated from swimmers? (This is advisory in nature only.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

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To see if the Town of Deerfield shall state its opposition to any new overhead development of alternating current and direct current high voltage transmission lines within its borders; and in turn manifest the Town's strong preference for the burial of such lines, in a manner consistent with state and federal requirements, under rights of way and power line corridors now existing or to be established. Although burial in all instances is preferred, this statement of opposition shall not apply to distribution lines carrying electrical power and other utility lines, such as telephone and cable television, for Town residential or commercial use. (Petitioned warrant article)

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article #18

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YES ☐
NO ☐

Article #19

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default town budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? (Petitioned warrant article, 3/5 ballot vote required)

YES ☐
NO ☐

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

Notes

DEERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT DESCRIPTIVE

Warrant Article #1 asks the voters to approve the budget for the 2013-2014 school year, which has been thoroughly vetted by the MBC. The Deerfield School District's proposed operating budget is \$11,986,253. This is an overall increase over the current school year's appropriated budget of 1.6%, or \$192,901.

Major increases in expenses over this year's budget are:

- Retirement INCREASE \$88,298 – a 25% increase over the current year.
This single increase makes up 46% of the overall increase and is out of the school board's control.
- Special Placements INCREASE \$31,950 – a 4% increase over the current year.

Major decreases in budget expense items are:

- Special Ed Transportation decreased \$31,138 (-27%).
- Teachers, Special Ed decreased \$42,689 (-6%)
- High School Tuition \$27,318 (-1%)

A major reduction in Revenues expected next school year is:

- Expected reduction in State Funding - Adequate Education Grant revenue reduction of \$147,722.

In addition, the school district is anticipating that the State Education Tax revenue, an amount that is raised through property taxes, will be less by \$49,891.

The Default budget for 2013-2014 is \$69,656 lower than the proposed budget.

The tax impact of the Warrant Article #1 is an estimated increase in the tax rate of \$ 0.88.

Warrant Article #2 asks the voters to approve a collective bargaining agreement (a Teachers' contract) that was negotiated by the School Board and the Teachers. The proposed contract contained many wording changes and clarifications, concerning communication technology, personnel files, sick leave, child-rearing leave, longevity, and the Grievance procedure. The School Board has the flexibility to consider retaining a teacher who is exceptional, in a RIF or Reduction in Force situation.

Cognizant of the fact that the teachers have been without a contract for 3 out of the last 4 years, and have had no increase in steps, the proposed contract is to run for three years if approved by the voters, and grants a step increase for each year. Going with a theme of "threes", the contract limited the increase to the salary expense line to 3% for each year. The salary schedule was also leveled out or 'harmonized', to make the steps more of a regular pattern, and not filled with anomalies as in the past.

The Year 1 tax impact would be an estimated 20.9¢ per thousand.

Warrant Article #3 asks the voters to approve a collective bargaining agreement or contract that was negotiated by the School Board and the Para-Professional educators. This proposed contract also contained wording changes and clarifications, concerning notification to Para-Educators of evaluation matters, contract notification timing, sick leave, and reduced the number of wage schedules to only one. The proposed contract will run for 2 years.

The Year 1 tax impact would be an estimated 7.1¢ per thousand.

Warrant Article #4 asks the voters to set aside \$25,000 from surplus to be added to the Facilities Repair and Improvement Expendable Trust Fund that was previously established by the voters. This is to be a reserve fund to be tapped for unforeseen repairs needed for the DCS facilities.

Warrant Article #5 asks the voters if they would authorize the School Board to retain, out of budget surplus, up to 2.5% of town's net assessment. This figure is \$230,274, and duplicates what the town is allowed to do to level out drastic swings in tax burdens to taxpayers.

Warrant Article #6 asks the voters if they want to delegate the determination of the default school budget to the Municipal Budget Committee.

This article is a petition article that requires a 3/5 majority of votes to pass. The School Board does not support this article.

Under Deerfield's SB2 form of government, the proposed operating budget is prepared, as well as a default budget (in case the proposed operating budget fails.) The default budget is the same as last year's budget with certain adjustments: it will be reduced and/or increased by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. Presently the default school budget is prepared by the SAU, with the approval of the School Board. If this petitioned warrant article were to pass, that responsibility will go to the Municipal Budget Committee.



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2013**

Julie A. O'Brien
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 One (1)

KARA DICKSON ☐

KEVIN J. BARRY ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**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 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

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

JULIE A. O'BRIEN ☐

(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 \$11,986,253? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$11,916,597 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Deerfield 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 #4.]
School Board Recommends Approval [5-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [9-1]

2. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to approve the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Deerfield School Board and the Deerfield Education Association for the 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 fiscal years, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

YES ☐

NO ☐

2013/14	\$113,718
2014/15	\$117,183
2015/16	\$120,767

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$113,718 for the 2013/14 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels?

School Board Recommends Approval [5-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [9-1]

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

3. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to approve the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Deerfield School Board and the Deerfield Para-educators Association for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 fiscal years, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

YES ☐
NO ☐

2013/14	\$38,634
2014/15	\$27,929

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,634 for the 2013/2014 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels?

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [7-3]*

4. To see if the Deerfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$25,000 to be added to the Facilities Repair and Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30, 2013 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2013.

YES ☐
NO ☐

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [9-1]*

5. Shall the school district vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, the retention of year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II? Such fund balance retained can only be used to reduce the tax rate or for emergency expenditures and over-expenditures under RSA 32:11 which are approved by the Department of Education.

YES ☐
NO ☐

6. Shall the Deerfield School District adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default school budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? [Petitioned Warrant Article 3/5 Ballot Vote Required]

YES ☐
NO ☐

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

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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 12, 2013**

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