



Deerfield Newsletter

2017 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 14, 2017 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 2017 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 14, 2017 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 13, 2017

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 14, 2017

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 town@townofdeerfieldnh.com

*****Notes*****

Town of Deerfield Zoning Article



Zoning Amendment # 1:

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Delete "Accessory Apartment" and replace it with a new definition for an "Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)".

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Add a new Section 331, Accessory Dwelling Unit, including a definition and provisions such as one (1) ADU per single family unit, independent living facilities, independent means of ingress and egress, owner occupancy of either the principal unit or the ADU, a limitation on floor space, limit of no more than two (2) bedrooms and aesthetic continuity of the ADU with the principal dwelling unit.

What Zoning Amendment No. 1 Does: It deletes the term "Accessory Apartment" and replaces it with a new definition for an "Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)".

Explanatory Note: At present the Deerfield Zoning Ordinance (DZO) allows an accessory apartment but does not include any criteria other than limits on floor space. In 2016, the NH State Legislature passed RSA 674:71 – 73, Accessory Dwelling Unit (effective date this year on June 1, 2017) which states that a municipality with zoning authority shall allow an ADU either by right of owning the property, or by a special exception from the Deerfield Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA).

The legislation allows a municipality to establish criteria regarding an ADU. The Planning Board is proposing the following ADU criteria:

- Limit a single family unit to one (1) ADU;
- Provide for independent living facilities and independent means of ingress and egress (meaning those living there do not need to go through the principal dwelling to come and go);
- Require owner occupancy of either the principal unit or the ADU;
- Limit the floor space;
- Limit the unit to no more than two (2) bedrooms; and
- Require aesthetic continuity of the ADU with the principal dwelling unit.(meaning it goes along with the character of the main home)

Zoning Amendment # 2:

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“Intent.” This provision allows for a reduction in road standards for a subdivision of four lots or less and provides the opportunity to create new lots of record in an economical manner for family members. The term “private way” means a private road consistent with NH RSA 674:41. Those proposing to use this provision shall meet with the Planning Board for a Preliminary Conceptual Consultation. If, in the opinion of the Planning Board . . .”

What Zoning Amendment No. 2 Does: It amends current Dimensional Requirements in DZO Sec. 207.1 Minimum Frontage, by adding a definition of the intent of the so-called “Smith” Ordinance (which allows small private roads serving four lots or less to be constructed to standards less than typical subdivision roads, if there is no possibility of future subdivision).

Explanatory Note: The so called “Smith Ordinance” (in DZO Section 207.1. B.) allows a landowner to construct a private road to provide legal frontage that allows a subdivision for up to four single family dwelling units. Right now, these roads can be constructed to a lesser standard than a regular Town road. It was passed many years ago when Deerfield was less developed, to help local residents provide less expensive lots for their children if they wanted to live next door. But times are different now, and there is more development pressure. Also, in the future, residents on such a road could insist that the Town take over such roads, which may be too small or poorly engineered to allow municipal maintenance. In addition, new state law (RSA 674:41) and new National Fire Protection Association regulations have increased the standard for local roads. The Planning Board feels it is important to clarify the intent of the section, which if approved by voters, would then explicitly state that the purpose is to help local residents and not private developers. Also, the Planning Board wants to encourage any applicant who is considering such a road and subdivision meet informally with the Board for guidance and current information before spending money on plans and design.

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Explanatory Note: The U.S. Supreme Court landmark decision regarding signs means that local governments in the United States should review their sign ordinance to make sure they are “content neutral” and do not treat types of signs differently. With the assistance of Town Counsel, the Planning Board proposes this amendment in order to be consistent with the recent U.S. Supreme Court case and avoid legal challenges. This ensures that signs are regulated the same regardless of content or intent.

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The Floodplain District, Business Overlay District, Senior Housing Overlay District and Groundwater Protection Overlay District shall be considered as overlays of the above-listed districts. The floodplain development regulations cited in Section 211 shall be applicable within the Floodplain District.

Amend Section 212, Deerfield Business Overlay District, and Section 212.2 by deleting

“d. Mixed use development”

And reordering the list.

What Zoning Amendment No. 4 Does & Explanatory Note: This is a “housekeeping” amendment. Several “Overlay Districts” have been added to the DZO over the years (Floodplain, Business, Senior Housing, Groundwater Protection). The “overlays” already exist. This proposed amendment just recognizes that in “Section 201 Establishment of Districts.” In Section 212.2, the term “Mixed use development” is mentioned twice, rather than just once. This proposed amendment just removes the duplication.

Town of Deerfield Warrant Descriptive



Article # 1 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 \$3,927,216. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,929,850 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 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-0-0

Estimated Tax Impact Proposed Budget \$7.01

Estimated Tax Impact Default Budget \$7.01

(Voting "yes" on this article authorizes the town budget as recommended by both the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

Article # 2 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300,000 to provide handicap access to the second floor of the Town Hall in the form of an elevator, to be housed in an addition located at the back of the Town Hall. Construction of the elevator will result in the removal of the existing access ramp. The Heritage Commission will actively seek grant opportunities to offset the cost of the project. This is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until December 31, 2022. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.54

(Voting "yes" on this article will enable the Heritage Commission to begin planning and fundraising for the installation of an elevator allowing access to the upper level of the Town Hall. If passed this article will be non-lapsing until 2022, allowing the commission 5 years to raise offsetting funds).

Article # 3 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$67,540) for the purpose of installing a 30,000 Gallon Emergency Water Cistern in the vicinity of the Town Hall, Highway Shed and Gazebo (10 Church Street).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-1-1

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.12

(Voting "yes" on this article will allow the creation of a cistern in the town center as recommended by the Deerfield Fire Chief and both the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

Article # 4 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), to be placed in the previously established Fire Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.09

(As stated, this is a capital reserve fund, voting "yes" will set aside money to be used for anticipated future equipment purchases. The intended effect of reserving capital in smaller amounts over the years is to offset a large "hit" on the budget and tax rate in the year equipment is actually purchased).

Article # 5 **As amended Saturday, February 4, 2017** -To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of replacing the Town Hall roof.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.07

(Voting "yes" on this article will enable the Selectmen to replace the Town Hall roof with asphalt shingles).

Article # 6 **As amended Saturday, February 4, 2017** -To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the previously established Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund said funds come from unassigned fund balance. The fund will have a cap of \$100,000 in principle. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 4-6-0

(Voting "yes" on this article will allow up to \$25,000. of "fund balance" (provided there is a fund balance) to be placed in a Trust that can only be used for Winter Road Maintenance. This article is intended to offset the budget consequences of unforeseen, severe winter weather conditions).

Article # 7 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of up to Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) in principle to be placed in the previously established Municipal Government Buildings Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0

(Voting "yes" on this article will allow up to \$25,000 of "fund balance" (provided there is a fund balance) to be placed in a Trust that can only be used for town building infrastructure repairs or replacements. The intended effect of this article is to provide funding for unseen expenses such as failing plumbing, heating or roofs).

Article # 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) for the purpose of supplementing revolving-account funds, monetary donations and in-kind donations to complete the baseball, softball and soccer fields and supporting infrastructure on Hartford Brook Field. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.04

(Voting "yes" on this article will allow the completion of the athletic facilities at Hartford Brook Field. The land and much of the development have been donated by volunteers, the intent of this article is to supplement volunteer efforts and enable completion of the project).

Article # 9 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund said fund to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0

(Voting "yes" on this article will allow up to \$10,000 of "fund balance" (provided there is a fund balance) to be placed in a Trust that can only be used for fire vehicles and equipment. As stated, this is a capital reserve fund, the intended effect of reserving capital in smaller amounts over the years is to offset a large "hit" on the budget and tax rate in the year equipment is actually purchased).

Article # 10 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established Rescue Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02

(As stated, this is a capital reserve fund; voting "yes" will set aside money to be used for anticipated future vehicle and equipment purchases. The intended effect of reserving capital in smaller amounts over the years is to offset a large "hit" on the budget and tax rate in the year equipment is actually purchased).

Article # 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be used by Northwood Lake Watershed Association to control the Milfoil in Northwood Lake.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 4-5-1

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01

(Voting "yes" on this article will allow Deerfield to help fund milfoil mitigation in Northwood Lake. Deerfield has a significant number of taxable properties on Northwood Lake, the intended effect of this article is to control milfoil and in doing so protect lakefront property values).

Article # 12 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty One Dollars (\$5,661) for the purpose of installing LED light fixtures and 3 Paddle fans in the upstairs of the George B. White Building.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01

(Voting "yes" on this article would allow the installation of electrical components that are more efficient than those presently in place).

Article # 13 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be used by the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association to increase the number of hours for trained attendants to provide courtesy boat inspection at the public access ramp on Gulf Road to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic aquatic plants, like variable milfoil and aquatic nuisance animals like zebra mussels from entering Pleasant Lake.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-1-0

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00

(Voting "yes" on this article will allow Deerfield to help fund milfoil and invasive prevention in Pleasant Lake. Deerfield has a significant number of taxable properties on Pleasant Lake, the intended effect of this article is to keep Pleasant Lake free of milfoil and other invasive species and in doing so, protect existing water quality and lakefront property values).

Article # 14 Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services, or is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Deerfield under RSA 72:28.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0

(Voting "yes" on this article will allow the select board to extend the Veteran's Tax Credit to all eligible veterans. Presently there are restrictions in place preventing some veterans, depending on when they served, from receiving the credit. Voting "yes" will remove the restrictions).

Article # 15 To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation. This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

(Voting "yes" on this article will allow the Board of Selectmen to sell properties the town has taken by tax deed, allowing said properties to be put to appropriate use and to be placed back on the tax roll. At present the Board does not have the authority to do this without a vote of the legislative body).

Article # 16 To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 413 Lot 52 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

(Voting "yes" on this article will allow the Board of Selectmen to sell the specific property identified, returning it to the appropriate use and placing it back on the tax roll).

Article # 17 To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 424 Lot 67 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

(Voting "yes" on this article will allow the Board of Selectmen to sell the specific property identified, returning it to the appropriate use and placing it back on the tax roll).

Article # 18 To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 0424 Lot 0109 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

(Voting "yes" on this article will allow the Board of Selectmen to sell the specific property identified, returning it to the appropriate use and placing it back on the tax roll).

Article # 19 I, as the undersigned resident of Deerfield, NH, support the proposal to pave the currently unpaved portion of Middle Road between Birch Road and Stage Road, by way of town vote at the next available Town Meeting. Such proposal shall be presented to the Town for vote in the form of a Warrant Article, according to the laws of New Hampshire under RSA Chapter 39. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 0-5-0

(Although a petitioned article, the Board of Selectmen offers the opinion that, as there is no appropriation (dollar amount) specified, this article would not be actionable if approved).

Article # 20 As amended Saturday, February 4, 2017 -Shall we express a non-binding option that Thurston Pond Road from Mt. Delight Road to Middle Road and Ridge Road from Range Road to Thurston Pond Road are what they are. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

(Petitioned warrant article, no narrative provided)

Article # 21 We the undersigned Deerfield voters hereby petition to have an article that proposes rescinding the authority of the Deerfield Municipal Budget Committee placed on the town warrant in accordance with sections II, III and V of New Hampshire RSA 32:14. If the article receives a majority of votes in the affirmative the Municipal Budget Committee shall be made an advisory committee. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

(Petitioned warrant article, no narrative provided)

Article # 22 As amended Saturday, February 4, 2017 -Shall we express an advisory opinion that the Town assess the impacts of the Northern Pass project, including tax impacts, the depreciation of Northern Pass taxable assets over time, and the long-term economic impact resulting from the Northern Pass project and its effect of Deerfield's property values, scenic vistas, and rural New England character. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

(Petitioned warrant article, no narrative provided)

Article # 23 As amended Saturday, February 4, 2017 - Shall we express an advisory opinion that the Town assess the impacts of the Northern Pass project with a focus on the expansion of the Deerfield substation, including the tax impacts, the depreciation of Northern Pass taxable assets over time, and the long-term economic impact resulting from the Northern Pass project and its effect on Deerfield's property values, scenic vistas and rural New England Character? (Petitioned Warrant Article)

(Petitioned warrant article, no narrative provided)

Article # 24 As amended Saturday, February 4, 2017 -Based on your current understanding do you support Northern Pass coming to Deerfield. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

(Petitioned warrant article, no narrative provided)

Article # 25 As amended Saturday, February 4, 2017 -Shall we express an advisory view that the position of Police Chief be an appointed position as it is at the present time. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

(Petitioned warrant article, no narrative provided)

Article # 26 Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the Deerfield default town budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? (Petitioned Warrant Article)

(Petitioned warrant article, no narrative provided)

Article # 27 As amended Saturday, February 4, 2017 -Shall we express an advisory view that the position of Deerfield Welfare Director be appointed as it is at the present time. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

(Petitioned warrant article, no narrative provided)

Given our hands and seal this 30th day of January in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Stephen R. Barry, Chairman

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*TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

A True copy,
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*TOWN OF DEERFIELD
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Town Seal



ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2017

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 J. COTE ☐

LAURA HUGHES ☐

R. ANDREW ROBERTSON ☐

JEFFREY R. SHUTE ☐

☐ (Write-in)

☐ (Write-in)

TREASURER

Three Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One

LORENA SINAMMON ☐

☐ (Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF
TRUST FUNDS

Three Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One

HARRIET E. CADY ☐

☐ (Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF
PHILBRICK-JAMES LIBRARY

Three Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than Two

JANICE CLARK ☐

ANNE K. DEELY ☐

☐ (Write-in)

☐ (Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Three Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One

☐ (Write-in)

WATER COMMISSIONER

Three Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One

☐ (Write-in)

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Three Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One

MARK M. YOUNG ☐

☐ (Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

One Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One

GREGORY MITCHELL ☐

☐ (Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

Three Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One

DAVID G. DORAN ☐

☐ (Write-in)

MUNICIPAL BUDGET
COMMITTEE

Three Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than Three

JOHN DUBIANSKY ☐

BENJAMIN MINERD ☐

PHILIP H. BILODEAU ☐

IAN SCOTT ☐

ALDEN DILL ☐

☐ (Write-in)

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NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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NO ☐

ARTICLES

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-1-1
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.12*

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



**ABSENTEE
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BALLOT 2 OF 2

H. J. Barry
TOWN CLERK

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Article # 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of replacing the Town Hall roof.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.07

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article # 6 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the previously established Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund said funds come from unassigned fund balance. The fund will have a cap of \$100,000 in principle. No amount to be raised from taxation.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 4-6-0

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article # 7 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of up to Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) in principle to be placed in the previously established Municipal Government Buildings Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article # 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) for the purpose of supplementing revolving-account funds, monetary donations and in-kind donations to complete the baseball, softball and soccer fields and supporting infrastructure on Hartford Brook Field. (Petitioned Warrant Article)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.04

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article # 9 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund said fund to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article # 10 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established Rescue Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article # 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be used by Northwood Lake Watershed Association to control the Milfoil in Northwood Lake.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 4-5-1
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article # 12 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty One Dollars (\$5,661) for the purpose of installing LED light fixtures and 3 Paddle fans in the upstairs of the George B. White Building.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article # 13 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be used by the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association to increase the number of hours for trained attendants to provide courtesy boat inspection at the public access ramp on Gulf Road to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic aquatic plants, like variable milfoil and aquatic nuisance animals like zebra mussels from entering Pleasant Lake.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-1-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00

YES ☐
NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article # 14 Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services, or is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Deerfield under RSA 72:28.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0

Article # 15 To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation. This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Article # 16 To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 413 Lot 52 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article # 17 To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 424 Lot 67 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article # 18 To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 0424 Lot 0109 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Article # 19 I, as the undersigned resident of Deerfield, NH, support the proposal to pave the currently unpaved portion of Middle Road between Birch Road and Stage Road, by way of town vote at the next available Town Meeting. Such proposal shall be presented to the Town for vote in the form of a Warrant Article, according to the laws of New Hampshire under RSA Chapter 39. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 0-5-0

Article # 20 Shall we express a non-binding option that Thurston Pond Road from Mt. Delight Road to Middle Road and Ridge Road from Range Road to Thurston Pond Road are what they are. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article # 21 We the undersigned Deerfield voters hereby petition to have an article that proposes rescinding the authority of the Deerfield Municipal Budget Committee placed on the town warrant in accordance with sections II, III and V of New Hampshire RSA 32:14. If the article receives a majority of votes in the affirmative the Municipal Budget Committee shall be made an advisory committee. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article # 22 Shall we express an advisory opinion that the Town assess the impacts of the Northern Pass project, including tax impacts, the depreciation of Northern Pass taxable assets over time, and the long-term economic impact resulting from the Northern Pass project and its effect of Deerfield's property values, scenic vistas, and rural New England character. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article # 23 Shall we express an advisory opinion that the Town assess the impacts of the Northern Pass project with a focus on the expansion of the Deerfield substation, including the tax impacts, the depreciation of Northern Pass taxable assets over time, and the long-term economic impact resulting from the Northern Pass project and its effect on Deerfield's property values, scenic vistas and rural New England Character?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article # 24 Based on your current understanding do you support Northern Pass coming to Deerfield. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article # 25 Shall we express an advisory view that the position of Police Chief be an appointed position as it is at the present time. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article # 26 Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the Deerfield default town budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? (Petitioned Warrant Article)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article # 27 Shall we express an advisory view that the position of Deerfield Welfare Director be appointed as it is at the present time. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

YES ☐

NO ☐

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

*****Notes*****

Deerfield School Warrant Article



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 **\$13,018,326**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$12,939,365** 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.

School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]

Budget Committee Does Not Recommend Approval [2-6-0]

If passed, the new estimated tax rate will be \$18.94 [per thousand], which will result in a \$1.40 increase over the previous year tax rate.

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

Explanatory Note - Asks the voters to approve the budget for the 2017-2108 school year, which was approved at the Deliberative Session on February 11th. The Deerfield School District's proposed operating budget is \$13,018,326. This is an overall increase over the current school year's voter-approved budget of 3.8%, or \$479,899.33.

Major increases in expenses over this year's budget that are not within the Board's control include:

- Special Education INCREASE \$183,529
- Salary and Benefits INCREASE \$97,007
- Transportation and Safety INCREASE \$78,451

The Default budget for the 2016-2017 school year is \$78,961 lower than the proposed budget.

The tax impact of the Warrant Article #1 is an estimated increase in the tax rate of **\$ 1.40**

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 Para Educators Association for the 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 fiscal years, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

2017/18	\$31,540
2018/19	\$32,773
2019/20	\$36,650

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,540 for the 2017/18 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 [5-0-0]

Budget Committee Recommends Approval [6-2-0]

[Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.06 per thousand]

Explanatory Note - Asks the voters to approve a 3-year collective bargaining agreement (a contract) that was negotiated by the School Board and the Para-educators. The proposed contract includes a higher co-pay insurance plan that results in a savings to the district of **3.9%** as well as language that would allow the contract to reopen and protect the district from any tax penalties that may result from the Affordable Care Act. Para-educators who have

toileting responsibilities for students in grades 2-8 would earn an extra \$0.50 per hour. The first year of the contract eliminates the first 2 steps of the salary table in order for the district to be more competitive. Salary increases for each year are 1.5%, 1.5% and 0.5%.

The tax impact of the Warrant Article #2 is an estimated increase in the tax rate of \$0.06 cents

3. Shall the Deerfield School District, if article 2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 2 cost items only? (Majority vote)

Explanatory Note - Asks the voters to authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 2 cost items only. This would allow a special meeting to be held should Article #2 be defeated, and would prevent the need to petition the court for this meeting.

4. To see if the Deerfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the **Facilities Repair and Improvement Expendable Trust Fund** previously established. This sum to come from the June 30, 2017 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2017. No amount to be raised from taxation.

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [10-0-0]*

Explanatory Note - Asks the voters to authorize the School Board to set aside up to \$30,000 from surplus to be added to the Facilities Repair and Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established by the voters. This will allow the Board to raise funds to be used towards upcoming repairs and has no impact on the tax rate.

5. To see if the Deerfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to one-hundred and two thousand dollars (\$102,000) for the purpose of replacing the Deerfield Community School gym floor.

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]
Budget Committee Does Not Recommend Approval [3-5-0]
[Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.19 per thousand]*

Explanatory Note - Asks the voters to raise up to \$102,000 for the purpose of replacing the DCS gymnasium floor. The tax impact of the Warrant Article #5 is an estimated increase in the tax rate of \$0.19 cents

6. To see if the Deerfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the **Facility Paving Plan Expendable Trust Fund** previously established. This sum to come from the June 30, 2017 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2017. No amount to be raised from taxation.

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [10-0-0]*

Explanatory Note - asks the voters to authorize the School Board to set aside up to \$35,000 from surplus to be added to the Facility Paving Plan Expendable Trust Fund previously established by the voters. This will allow the Board to continue to raise funds towards the paving of the main parking lot and has no impact on the tax rate.

7. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to form a committee (consisting of representatives from the school board, school administrators, teachers, and community members) to recommend alternative world-class academic standards?

Further, that the Deerfield School District vote to instruct the Deerfield School Board to notify parents of their children's participation in the 'Smarter Balance Assessment' by way of notification in the Deerfield Community School newsletter, 'The Bridge'. [This article is submitted by petition]

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**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2017**

Juli 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

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

JAMES DEELY ☐

KENNETH C. HECKMAN ☐

LEILA THOMPSON ☐

KEVIN VERVILLE ☐

☐ (Write-in)

☐ (Write-in)

MODERATOR

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

ERIK E. GROSS ☐

☐ (Write-in)

TREASURER

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

JUDITH LYNN MARSHALL ☐

☐ (Write-in)

DISTRICT CLERK

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

LIE A. O'BRIEN ☐

☐ (Write-in)

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT ARTICLES

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Budget Committee Recommends Approval [6-2-0]*

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VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

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Budget Committee Recommends Approval [10-0-0]

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WHAT'S HAPPENING in 2017!

APRIL 22: Save the Date!! Come celebrate Earth Day! Pitch in at Town Cleanup in the morning and/or join us for lunch at TOWN HALL for the CHILI & CHOWDER FESTIVAL!

Need alcohol/drug treatment? Statewide Addiction Crisis Line at 1-844-711-HELP (4357). Go to nhtreatment.org or to www.drugfreenh.org.

Senior Luncheon - 12 noon on 2nd Thursday, Deerfield Community Church, 15 Church St.

NEED A RIDE - Lamprey Health Care has a FREE transportation service for seniors & disabled. Weekly grocery trips or scheduled medical visits – simply call 800 582 7214.

Meals On Wheels provides meals to seniors/disabled & offers FREE rides to Raymond, Epping & Exeter for shopping & appointments -- call 395 5347.

SERVICELINK. CALL 866 634 9412 or go to www.servicelink.nh.gov. Free info/referrals for seniors, disabled & their caretakers!

TAX HELP! CALL 211 for a list of places with FREE tax preparation! Local property tax relief - Elderly Exemptions & Veterans' Credits - visit Assessing in GBW Bldg or call 463 8811X315.

Apply NOW for Fuel Assistance & Electric Assistance at Community Action! CALL 895 2303.

Deerfield Food Pantry – last Friday, 10 am – 12 noon, DCC, 15 Church Street, call 463 7800 if you need help or want to volunteer!

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MESSAGES!

SAVE A LIFE! AEDs (defibrillators) are available: Rescue Squad, Police Dept, Town Offices, P&R Dept., Highway Shed (seasonal / outdoors), Deerfield Community School, Deerfield Community Church, Veasey Park (when open). Coming soon to Transfer Station, Town Hall.

POWER OUT? Call Your Provider – let them know it's out & ask when it's coming back on! Eversource – call 800-662-7764 or go to www.eversource.com. Check Twitter, Facebook. New Hampshire Electric Cooperative – call 800-343-6432 or visit www.nhec.coop.

BE READY for the Next Emergency or Power Outage!
MAKE A KIT, MAKE A PLAN, STAY INFORMED, HELP OTHERS!

FOR info re: Deerfield shelter openings, CALL 211 or 608 8222

TV: WMUR Channel 9 or FM RADIO: (95.7) & (97.5)

FOLLOW TOWN WEBSITE, TWITTER OR FACEBOOK PAGES FOR UPDATES!

SIGN UP FOR NH ALERTS AT READYNYH.GOV.

FOR INFO GO TO READYNYH.GOV OR CALL Denny at 463 8811x310!

24 HOUR HOTLINES

911. For emergencies &, after hours, child or elderly abuse

211 – call 211 24/7 or go to www.211nh.org for info re: resources/shelter

HAVEN 24-hr Hotline: 603-994-SAFE (7233) <http://havennh.org>. Domestic Violence.

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE: (800) 273-8255

VETERANS CRISIS LINE. CALL (800) 273-TALK (800-273-8255) PRESS 1

STATEWIDE ADDICTION CRISIS LINE at 1-844-711-HELP

FOCUS News

Tricky Tray is coming – May 11th 2:30p – 7:00p Preview - DCS Gymnasium

May 12th 10:00a – 6:30p Preview; 7:00pm - Drawing - DCS Gymnasium

Tricky Tray is here again! Over 100 organizations and individuals donate goods and services; On Thursday night and Friday residents are encouraged to come and take chances on the items. Friday evening the winners of each “tray” is drawn.

For over 25 years, FOCUS has funded Deerfield activities both at the school and in the community at large and Tricky Tray is the major fundraising event every year. Past recipients of FOCUS support include author visits to the school, extra equipment such as canoes for school and public use, Girl Scouts, Rescue Squad, Senior Luncheon, Food Pantry, the Welcome Packets for newcomers, the annual Sherburne Award and a scholarship to a Deerfield high school senior. Requests for donations for Deerfield activities may be submitted to any FOCUS member: Rebecca Hutchinson, Jenn Verville, Nancy Shute, Ray Nash, JoAnn O’Connell, Megan Augusta.

High School Senior Scholarship - \$500; Essay applications deadline: May 1st, 2017

Many years ago, FOCUS established a scholarship to recognize Deerfield high school seniors who have actively participated in community service. \$500 is awarded to a graduating senior to support his/or her future goals. Any senior is welcome to submit an essay, answering the following two questions:

- 1) Describe what your involvement has been in community service
- 2) If you were awarded this scholarship, how would this help you in achieving your future goals?

Essays should be sent to JoAnn O’Connell, 26 Haynes Road, Deerfield, 03037 and are due by May 1st.

Sherburne Award - Nominations due June 1, 2017

The Sherburne Award was created by FOCUS to recognize outstanding contributions made by a Deerfield resident serving our community. We look for inspirational contributors who have provided service to a specific segment of our community or the community at large. The award is named after Suzie Sherburne, a founding member of FOCUS and community volunteer extraordinaire. She served every corner of our community with endless energy and commitment. Suzie passed away in 2012. The winners of the award are recorded on a plaque which can be seen outside the Town Clerk’s office at the GB White Building.

Contact FOCUS member JoAnn O’Connell (perch59@msn.com/463-9848) for the Sherburne Award Nomination Form. Completed nomination forms, including signatures of support from a minimum of 10 Deerfield citizens, are due June 1st and must be sent to JoAnn O’Connell, 26 Haynes Road, Deerfield, 03037.

**Town of Deerfield
P.O. Box 159
Deerfield, NH 03037-0159**

**PRSRT STD
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Postal Customer**

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. – 6:45 p.m. Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 3:45 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 14, 2017

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