

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
May 9, 2022
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30 – Chairman McGarry called the meeting to order.

Present: Fred McGarry, Chairman, Richard Pitman, Vice Chairman, Alden Dill, Cynthia McHugh and Will Huebner, Selectmen.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2020 town diesel bid from Irving opened. The variable price is \$5.4013 per gallon as of May 9, 2022. The fixed diesel price is \$3.939 per gallon starting September 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023.

Vote Approved was unanimous.

Fred Wallace recognized. Recommendation for Road recon award.
Fred recommends Deerfield Sand and Gravel.

Vote approved unanimous.

Kelly Roberts recognized. First 2022 tax bill. Due date July 1, 2022. Total tax bill is \$7,232,283.00

Vote approved unanimous.

Paul Smith recognized. Updating the Bridge on Blakes Hill Road.

Discussion about the Condition of the bridge. Fred Wallace will take a look at the state's report of the bridge and if there are any questions, a structural engineer will need to be brought in to look at the bridge.

Fred Wallace recognized. Surplus Property Disposition request. Getting rid of miscellaneous scrap metal to Harding. Fred would like to auction off; three Larochelle plows, one Larochelle Wing plow, one three-yard stainless steel spreader, 1 six-wheeler tailgate, one military surplus water tank.

Vote approved unanimous.

Review of outstanding minutes, April. 25, 2022 John Harrington has a correction. Page 28, line 35, part of the Solar exemptions, the minutes currently read, George Thompson Family Revocable Trust, it should be The George Family Revocable Trust.

Motion Amended and amended minutes voted and approved unanimously.

Vouchers and Payroll.

Payroll manifest, gross \$7,405.91 with a net of \$4,964.72. This is for the final check for Nick Lawrence.

Vote approved unanimous.

Accounts payable manifest for May 9, 2022, in the amount of \$34,465.68.

Vote approved unanimous.

Signatures and correspondence.

Report of a Timber cut for 2 E.R. Ames out of Wolfeboro total amount of \$4,215.77. This is how much has been cut.

Vote approved unanimous.

Notice of intent to cut for property on Mountain rd., owned by Diana Stevens, Stevens Family Trust.

Notice of intent to cut for property on mountain rd., owned by Janet Rich out of Duxbury, MA. Map showing location provided to the BOS.

Notice of intent to cut for property on Dow rd., owned by Jeffery and Rachel Eames.

Property tax exemption for wood heating energy system for Richard Pelletier at 29 Old Centre Rd. in the amount of \$8,300.00.

Vote approved unanimous.

Solar Energy Systems Exemption for Malcolm Beaulieu at 168 South rd. in the amount of \$7,200.00.

Vote approved unanimous.

Solar Energy Exemption for John L. Sherburne Revocable Trust at 190 Nottingham rd. in the amount of \$15,810.00.

Vote approved unanimous.

Appointments to various offices:

Cynthia McHugh for AOC.

Joshua Freed alternate to the board of adjustment,

Denise Greig as Welfare Administrator.

Denise Greig as Co-Director of Emergency Management.

Denise Greig as Deputy Health Officer.

Kevin Barry as Co-Director of Emergency Management.

Richard Pelletier as Health Officer.

Chloe Gross for Conservation Commission.

Deb Boisvert for Heritage Commission.

Richard Boisvert for Heritage Commission alternate.

Erroll Rhodes for Heritage Commission.

Vote approved unanimous.

Richard Pelletier for Building Inspector until retirement date of June 30, 2022.

Vote approved unanimous.

Haley Andreozzi for Conservation Commission.

Vote approved unanimous.

Correspondence.

Email DD Drywall to Ray Ellis. Quote for repairing the plaster at town hall. \$3,600.00. This is the only quote Ray was able to obtain for the project.

Vote approved unanimous.

Shutter repair and paint for the town hall from Prominent Painting Services LLC. 16 Shutters along the 2 long sides of the town hall. \$3,200.00. Only quote Ray was able to obtain.

Vote approved unanimous.

Letter from Mr. Pelletier stating he is retiring on July 1, 2022, his last day being June 30, 2022.

Letter from the Cohen's about logging on mountain rd. to add to the records.

A citizen came to April 11th meeting this year questioning the percentages of different properties and different classifications. The town looked into this for her.

Deerfield Parcels by Classification – Percent Data

For conservation, as that is just an easement and they would still be in current use, no separate use for conservation easement etc.

There are 2,424 parcels in Deerfield.

499 (20.59%) are in current use (Comprised of 251 Vacant/Land only parcels, 244 Land & Buildings and 4 Commercial)

1,603 (66.1%) Residential (not including current use) (Comprised of 148 Vacant/Land only, 1,372 Residential Land & Building, 83 Manufactured Homes on own land)
124 Duplex & Multi-Family (5.1%, this would not count the Commercial/Apartments)
80 Commercial/Industrial Land & Buildings (3.3%) (not including current use or utilities) (Comprised of 56 Vacant/Land only and 24 Land & Buildings)
102 Exempt-Municipal & Exempt-State (4.2%) (Comprised of 87 Exempt-Municipal, 15 Exempt-State)
Totals
Parcels not in Current Use or Exempt – 74.5%
Current Use & Exempt – 24.8%

Board of adjustment notes of decision. 3 cases.
Planning board notice.
Rockingham county delegation.
Report from Council Gatsas.
Eversource Letter regarding the town pole license requirements.
Planning Board minutes for April 26th.
Planning Board Agenda for May 11th.
Notice from the planning board in regards to properties on Blakes Hill rd. and ? rd.
Conditional use permit for public service which will be taken up at the Planning board meeting coming up.
Minutes for April 27th for the Planning Board.

Town Administrative Report.
John Harrington has one item. He was contacted by NH DOT bridge construction division. They are looking to hold a public hearing about completing work they started a few years ago NH route 107 bridge going over Freeses pond. The public hearing will be held at George B. White Building on May 26th at 6:00pm. They will handle all the public hearing posting and advertisement for the meeting.

Unfinished business.
Meeting with the fair association and the fire chief. Workshop that reports back to the BOS. 2 or 3 fair association directors, fire chief and a BOS representative to be present. Date to be determined.

New Business.
Wage adjustment for the Town Administrator salary. This will be tabled for 2 weeks so salaries can be researched.

Vote: 4 yea, 1 nay -motion carries

Board would like to possibly do a wage study to understand what town employees earn. They would like to like to look at possibly raising salaries once a year during performance reviews. Also, to possibly add exit interviews (can be opted out of).

Non-Public Session requested RSA 91-A:3, II (c).
Vote approved unanimous.

No votes taken during the non-public session.
Minutes sealed.
Vote approved unanimous.

Meeting adjourns by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 23, 2022 at 5:30pm

The Minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Randi Long, Recording Secretary
Pending approval by the Board of Selectmen

Corrected minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on 5.23.22
Submitted by John Harrington