

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
December 5, 2022
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30 – Chairman McGarry called the meeting to order

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman McGarry: We have a meeting to conduct if you folks would, please, have any conversations outside, thank you. All right, uh, we'll take up, uh, I believe we'll end up taking up the accounts payable and, uh, you get the payroll too, John?

John Harrington: (inaudible, sounds like mic is off and people in audience still talking)

Chairman McGarry: All right. Accounts payable in the amount of a hundred thousand five hundred forty-five dollars and ninety cents.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: Uh, we have a... you know want to have anyone make a motion to adjourn to...

John Harrington: No, I can hear you all right.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Can the warrant articles wait until next Monday?

Chairman McGarry: Outstanding minutes for, uh, November twenty-eighth.

Motion: Selectwoman McHugh

Second: Selectman Huebner

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: All right.

Selectman Huebner: Shall I make a motion to adjourn?

Chairman McGarry: Who wants to do the intent to cuts? All right, we have, uh, intent to cut on Mountain Road for Bruce Herrmann and it's just one we end up signing off on. It's seventy-seven or thirty acres supposed to be cut. Seventy-seven in the lot. I have a second one Whittier Road. Acreage of the lot, two hundred forty-eight acres and average of the acreage of the cut of fifty acres total and this property owned by Peter Lyon. All right, um, can we take these personnel requests after, at a subsequent meeting?

John Harrington: You should do them tonight. The personnel action request and there's an oath in there that needs to be taken up.

Inaudible talking.

John Harrington: Uh, yeah, if you wanted to do non-public.

Chairman McGarry: We got a personnel action request, uh, for Adam Christie for highway maintainer at nineteen dollars an hour for forty hours a week, full-time.

Motion: Selectwoman McHugh

Second: Selectman Huebner

Discussion:

Selectman Huebner: So, I need just a little more information about the... this is a replacement job, John?

John Harrington: This is the highway maintainer position that's been open for several months since Fred left, uh, we had a gentleman step forward that is interested in the position. Pete Schibbelhute has talked to him twice and offered him the position pending your approval tonight.

Selectman Huebner: So, this is replacing the three, when we had three, and then we went down to two...

John Harrington: Correct. This is replacing an existing position that has been vacant for about three or four months.

Selectman Huebner: So, what is the pay comparison between the two? The one that left and the one that we're hiring?

John Harrington: This is equal.

Selectman Huebner: Equal. Okay. I have no further questions.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. Any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion and authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the board signify by saying aye.

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: All right. We also have a full-time police officer appointment for Kyle Burroughs.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Selectman Huebner: That's for the oath I think, right?

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectman Huebner: Because we already approved the hiring of him it was just, uh, now this is the oath.

Vice Chairman Pitman: He already came.

Selectman Huebner: Yep.

Chairman McGarry: Non-public.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman Makes a motion to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Chairman McGarry: Will?

Selectman Huebner: Aye.

Chairman McGarry: Cindy?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: Dick?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: And McGarry, yes.

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: No votes were taken in the non-public session. Motion to seal the minutes?

Motion: Selectwoman McHugh

Second: Selectman Huebner

Discussion:

Chairman McGarry: Will?

Selectman Huebner: Aye.

Chairman McGarry: Cindy?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: Dick?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: And McGarry, yes

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman Makes a motion on a personnel action request to hire Dianne L. Kimball deputy town clerk tax collector at twenty hours a week with twenty dollars an hour.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Chairman McGarry: And have the chair sign on the behalf...

John Harrington: Was there a second and a vote?

Chairman McGarry: Not yet, no. it's coming.

Someone from the audience: Could you tell me what you're hiring her for, I didn't hear it?

Chairman McGarry: Deputy town clerk.

Selectman Huebner: Twenty hours a week. Twenty dollars an hour.

Chairman McGarry: You have the motion, is there a second?

Selectwoman McHugh: Second.

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

John Harrington: And there was a vote and the approval for the oath of Kyle Burroughs?

Chairman McGarry: Yes. And then we have an oath to be signed by, uh, Dianne Kimball and... do we need a motion on this or just sign it?

John Harrington: Motion.

Motion: Chairman McGarry makes a motion to hire Dianne Kimball and have the board sign off on the oath.

Second: Selectman Huebner

Discussion:

Chairman McGarry: And, uh...

John Harrington: who made the motion?

Chairman McGarry I'm making the motion. Is there any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: All right. I guess that's it.

Selectman Huebner: If there's no other business, I'll make a motion to adjourn.

Chairman McGarry: Citizens comments.

Selectman Huebner: Okay.

Chairman McGarry: We heard two and half hours of them but, uh...

Erroll Rhodes: But not this comment because it wasn't appropriate. Um, I wasn't aware the selectboard had appointed a spokesman.

Chairman McGarry: Spokesman?

Erroll Rhodes: Um, yeah, I think there's been an increasing incident recently of Mr. Huebner's, uh, representing what the board is doing and their intentions on social media and I just don't know that there's been a board motion for that. So, just putting that, uh, on your plate.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. Thank you. Dick.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I can say that I have had a few calls regarding that. People didn't want to speak up and say one-on-one... (inaudible, very soft spoken).

Chairman McGarry: Mrs. Cady.

Harriet Cady: I think with all the Facebook pages, a lot of things are said and it needs to be clear that anyone of you is speaking for yourselves and that isn't always apparent.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Harriet Cady: Okay. I have a concern about, how do I say it, things that are being done by different department heads that aren't necessarily brought before this board first and I think that it needs to be the board's observation and approval of any department of doing something. So, um, I just wish that you more input into when the department wants to do something that first it comes before you and then it's put out to his department that they would study this and you have a perfect example tonight in that the fire department has had a study and this done and that done. I would like to know have we... have studied to have a police station built and not just a police station. A fire and police because that's the only way ill vote for it. Thank you.

Motion: Selectman Huebner makes a motion to adjourn at seven forty-five

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Next Meeting: December 12, 2022 at 5:30 pm

*The Minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Randi Long, Recording Secretary
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