

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 3, 2023
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30 – Chairman McGarry called the meeting to order

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chief Duquette, New Cameras for Police Vehicles: Chief Duquette explains that the current cameras are in very poor condition and one that is completely out of service and it cannot be fixed anymore. He explains the importance of the cameras for evidence purposes, officer accountability and to protect the officers. Chief Duquette has been looking for replacement cameras and what he found is Motorola Solutions. He received a quote from the New England rep for in-car cameras, body cameras that pair to the in-car system with an automatic download of all the video and audio at an access point that will be installed at the police station building and cloud storage. Chief Duquette goes on to say that the storage is the largest cost in all this. It will be about \$10,000.00 a year. He requested a quote for a five-year plan with a warranty on everything is \$54,650.00. He requests to use of ARPA funds for the new system. Selectman Dill asks for the number of cameras. Chief Duquette replies with, four of each. Selectwoman McHugh asks about the units going together and if each officer is not going to get their own body camera. Chief Duquette replies that they do go together and they do not get their own body camera. Vice Chairman Pitman asks if the storage will take more than one shift. Chief Duquette explains that right now everything is server based and all information has to be down loaded on a thumb drive and the officer has to bring it in and download into their system and this can take up to two hours. With the new equipment cloud storage is infinite, that here is no limit to cloud storage, and when the officers pull up to the building the access point will pick up on it and automatically download all the info into the cloud storage. Selectwoman McHugh asks is any of the servers will need to be updated to use this. Chief Duquette replies that he spoke to the rep about this and the rep said that the server we have now would not be sufficient to handle what we're getting but they could sell them a new one for \$15,000.00. Chief Duquette has the Town's IT person, Steve Jamele, involved and he was working with the rep on this as well. Selectman asks how old the current cameras are. Chief Duquette explains they are about five years old. Selectwoman McHugh asks about after the five years will it still be \$10,000.00 a year for the storage. Chief Duquette explains that it could change after the five years and at that point there could be a whole new solution out there so at that point in time they will have to reassess and go from there. Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion that to spend the \$54,650.00 from the ARPA funds for the four cameras. Selectwoman McHugh seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Review of Outstanding Minutes:

Selectman Huebner makes a motion to approve the minutes from December 27, 2022 as written. Selectman Dill seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Regular Business

Vouchers & Payroll Manifest/Accounts Payable Manifest:

- Payroll Manifest – No payroll this week.
- Accounts Payable Manifest – Selectman Dill makes a motion to approve the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$53,846.48. Selectwoman McHugh seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes. Selectman Huebner points that there are two APs. John Harrington explains that there are two because one is for the end of 2022 and the other is for the start of 2023 and they just approved the 2022 expenses. Selectman Dill makes a motion to approve the 2023 accounts

payable manifest in the amount of \$47,952.31. Selectwoman McHugh seconds. All in favor.
Motion passes.

Signatures and Correspondence:

- Signatures – Nothing requiring signatures.
- Correspondence – The Board of Selectman received notices from the Town of Raymond for projects of regional impact. First is the construction of a 200,000 sq. ft. industrial warehouse off of route 27. The second one is the construction of a 525,000 sq. ft. industrial distribution warehouse with associated loading docks and will be located on industrial drive in Raymond. The notices were sent out to Candia, Chester, Epping, Nottingham, Deerfield, and Fremont. The Board of Selectman also received a correspondence from the Department of Transportation with regard to the one-time bridge payment in the amount of \$96,518.94 and the check is included in the correspondence.

Town Administrator's Report:

John Harrington requests Ray Ellis to come to the mic to explain the details needed in a repair that is needed in the George B. White building. He lets the Board know that they have a copy of it in their folder. Ray Ellis presents to the Board that there is an issue with the water filtration system used at the George B. White building. He explains it has been running non-stop and he could not get the computer on the system to work so he called Lindsay Water and they came out three times to try to fix it. Ray continues to explain that the filter system is sixteen years old and a part that is needed cannot be found and that the system is at the end of its life. Lindsay Water provided a price list for the filter and the softener. The filter would be \$13,000.00 and the softener would be \$15,500.00. Ray explains that if they chose to buy this as a package Lindsay Water will not charge the Town for any of the service calls that he's been on to the town for this issue and that they would drop the package price down to \$24,000.00. Vice Chairman Pitman asks Ray how long it would take to do both. Ray said it will take about three weeks to get the units. Vice Chairman Pitman expresses concern about this being completed before the new pizza place opens up in the rental spot and asks if Ray was thinking about using ARPA funds for it. Ray explains that it would be a good use of ARPA funds but they could also go into the new budget year but they do not know what they are going to have for a budget yet. Selectman Dill asks about warranties. Ray believes Lindsay Water said they had a five-to-six-year warranty on parts and that they usually give a ten-year overall performance warranty. Selectwoman McHugh asks if this is the only company that can do this and if this went out to bid. Ray explains that putting it out to bid will take time but can be done. Vice Chairman Pitman feels they should go with Lindsay Water but have Ray get one more quote to see what's competitive. He says they don't have to go with the low bid for all the extra that Lindsay Water does but he would like to know that Lindsay Water is competitive. Ray says he will try to get another quote. Selectman Dill asks John Harrington if the building trust fund is currently depleted. John Harrington explains that it is almost used up after paying for the fire station roof. He also says they will come back to the Board with one more, maybe two more quotes at the next meeting. Selectman Huebner asks the Board if they are adamant about buying both the units. Other Board members reply in unison, yes, for that kind of a discount. Others express that seeing other quotes will be helpful. Ray says he will get quotes on them individually and together.

John Harrington then brings up a tabled item from the previous meeting about the cable consortium Deerfield is part. He explains the recommendation the consortium and the attorney that has been brought on to advise Deerfield is to amend the current Breezeline agreement for an additional five years rather than going out and redoing a new agreement with Breezeline. There are ten other towns in the consortium. Gilford, Gilmanton, Deerfield, Franklin, Northwood, New Durham, Northfield, Alton, Belmont and Laconia. Selectman Dill makes a motion to extend the contract. Vice Chairman Pitman seconds the motion. Selectman Dill makes the point, per the last meeting, that there is no other option this. Selectman Huebner also states there is no other option and that if they try to negotiate a new contract the vendor said it will be more expensive than just continuing the old one. John Harrington then explains that the attorney advised that Deerfield will unlikely get the same kind of agreement we have currently, we'll have

less. Selectman Huebner states to go another five years and see where we're at then. Vote on Selectman Dill's motion is 5 in favor. Motion passes.

John Harrington moves onto his last item. He states that, at the request of the Board, he met with Tim Griffin, the gentleman who put in the new upgrades to the audio/visual equipment, about improvements to the sound system in this meeting room. He provided the three options to the Board in their folders and they range from \$3,179.00 to \$6,246.00. John abbreviates the descriptions of each upgrade provided to the Board; option one is adding four additional speakers to the back of the room on the ceiling which would amplify the sound in the back and they would also change out the amp in the other room and allow more control at the desk he is sitting at for both zones. Option two adds more technology and adjustment to the system that includes wireless microphones and Zoom conference but will still include putting four speakers in the back. Option three, the last option, includes four belt packs and headphone sets for ADA compliance for the hearing impaired along with all the other changes as well. Selectman Dill states that the belt packs and headphone sets can be added later if needed. John Harrington explains that he received three options and is presenting them. Selectman Huebner asks if the Board went with option one or two if they could add the hearing-impaired equipment later. Selectman Dill believes they can because it's the only extra cost on option three. Selectman Dill makes a motion to go with option one and if that doesn't work, they upgrade again. Selectwoman McHugh states her concern about the sound coming from the TV. She feels the speakers in the room are fine, it's the person coming out over the television that can't be heard. She asks if these options are going to fix the TV issue. John Harrington states that it's only the people attending by Zoom and option two would allow you to do that. Option two allows you turn up or down the Zoom conference without affecting the volume of the microphones. Selectman Dill withdraws his motion for option one. Everyone agrees that the TV sound is the issue. Selectman Huebner then questions the lack of interest in the hearing aided pack. Selectman Dill and Selectwoman McHugh agree that there are people in the community that are hearing impaired and could benefit from them. Selectman Huebner asks if there are any ADA rules they need to comply with. Selectman Dill states they do have the head sets but no one has asked to use them recently. John Harrington states that he is not sure the older equipment will work with the new equipment. Selectman Dill makes a motion to go with option at the cost of \$4,529.28 out of ARPA funds. Vice Chairman Pitman seconds the motion. Selectman Dill states he is good with using ARPA funds as they previously used ARPA funds to install the system. Chairman McGarry agrees. Vote on Selectman Dill's motion is all in favor. Motion passes.

Vice Chairman Pitman brings up the minutes from 12/27/2022 asking who did them and that he prefers them over the lengthy transcriptions. John Harrington states that Randi was off and Tina St. Peter did the minutes. Selectman Dill states that Tina had called him looking for direction on how the BOS would like the minutes done and he said somewhere in the middle. John Harrington reminds the Board that there had been an attempt to do an abbreviated version in the past. He then states that if the Board would like to continue with Tina's version, Randi will accommodate them and Vice Chairman Pitman states he'd like to try it another week. Selectman Dill agrees and John Harrington states he'll have Randi do this version. John Harrington then reminds the Board they have the warrants.

Warrant Articles:

Chairman McGarry states they have warrant articles four, five and seventeen. Selectman Huebner asks if they will be voting tonight for the recommendation. John Harrington states they have a couple decisions to make. First being the amount and second the recommendation.

Warrant Article 4 - Chairman McGarry states he's received additional information from Warrenstreet Architects and the costs are \$9,500.00 for Hutter Construction Company, Warrenstreet would be \$77,000.00, TF Moran doing the civil work would be \$29,500.00, TF Moran on the structural side would be \$15,000.00, WV for the HVAC and electrical would be \$23,500.00 so the total cost for design would be \$154,500.00. He then asks John Harrington how much they have remaining. John Harrington gives a rough guess of \$35,000.00. Chairman McGarry then states the actual cost would be around \$120,000.00. Selectman Dill asks what they for last year. John Harrington answers with, \$95,000.00. Selectman

Huebner asks if it [asses last year. Selectman Dill states it failed. Chairman McGarry asks about putting a warrant article in and not be able to spend any money on the police station or if they want to take it out of ARPA funds. He states those are the only two options. Vice Chairman Pitman states they would need a hearing to do that. Selectman Dill states he is not in favor of taking it out of ARPA funds. He would rather put it in a warrant article. Selectman Huebner asks Selectman Dill what his reasoning is. Selectman Dill states that it is just a plan and he doesn't see it as a tangible benefit for using the ARPA funds. He wants it to go out as a warrant and see if it passes but agrees that if it doesn't pass, they are stuck but still insists that it's not a smart use of the grant money. Selectman Huebner asks about it being futile to have a plan if the citizens aren't willing to spend the capital money to build a building and he states that they are just wasting money to make a plan that doesn't have any backing so he agrees that it should be put in a warrant article. Vice Chairman Pitman and Chairman McGarry agree. Selectwoman McHugh states that this strange to her because a few years back the community wanted this and that they met meeting after meeting and this is what they wanted. She feels they shouldn't put on the warrant and have a public hearing to see what the public wants to spend the ARPA money on. She makes the point that if the public says no to the ARPA money they won't be stuck for another year because if the public says no to the warrant article, then even if the Town received a grant to do it, they couldn't. Selectman Huebner then states that if they spend \$150,000.00 from ARPA for this and then they go to a warrant article to build the police station at three or four million dollars and the citizens don't want it then the \$150,000.00 is wasted. Selectman Dill states that is his concern as well. Selectman Huebner feels they should test the citizens on their support and Selectwoman McHugh states that they tested it seven years ago. Selectman Dill brings up that it failed last year despite the feeling it would pass and reiterates that he would like it on a warrant. Selectwoman McHugh reiterates that she would not like it on a warrant. Selectman Huebner states the Board would just have to wait a year to revisit. Chairman McGarry asks, what do you want to do? Selectman Dill makes a motion that this be put on a warrant article for \$120,000.00 to go into the Police Department Expendable Trust Fund. Selectman Huebner seconds the motion. Vice Chairman Pitman asks, what other option to we have, Fred? Chairman McGarry states that the only option would be to take the money out of the ARPA funds. Vice Chairman then states that he agrees with Alden and that a filter is one thing but a plan is different. Chairman McGarry asks John Harrington if he sees any other options. John Harrington reminds the Board that there are still other critical projects that they might to use ARPA for and there is a little over \$338,000.00 and it's not going to last that long and then he states that after taking to Pete Schibbelhute they should \$100,000.00 aside from ARAP to finish the Haynes Road project because money currently set aside from the block grant of \$128,000.00 will not finish the project. Selectwoman McHugh states that she believed they were going to have another public hearing to see where the citizens wanted to spend their ARPA money. Selectman Huebner states that by putting this on the warrant they are leaving that option open. John Harrington reiterates that Fred asked about alternatives and these are other things to consider. Selectman Dill asks if the \$120,000.00 will be out of taxation not surplus. John Harrington states it will not be out of surplus. Selectman Huebner wants to state during discussion that he is shocked by the cost of the design and feels the citizens listening to the meeting would be shocked by the cost and he wonders if Fred can explain why, it cost so much. Chairman McGarry explains that you have to have a borings done and the site being proposed to have the building constructed at. Site work and survey work will need to be done. He states that there is current survey work for across the way that could conceivably be used and could possibly cut costs but that depends on where they want the building erected. Also needed is the design for ventilation, heating, electrical systems and the structural design. The pricing also includes money for Hutter so the architect can sit down with the contractor and discuss the project to combine the designs to minimize or reduce some costs associated with it. He states that you can't get out of this only spending \$50,000.00 or something like that. Selectman Huebner states he respects Chairman McGarry's experience but that it seems to him that they should be able use a previous plan from elsewhere to build the exact same thing in Deerfield and save money that way and states it may just be out of his naivety that he is stating this. Chairman McGarry states that every site is different. Selectman Huebner agrees that there are some things that still have to be done due to the site being different but they could save money on plans being drawn by using plans from a previously built police station. Chairman McGarry states that Pete

Schibbelhute has something to say on this. Pete Schibbelhute states that a lot of times the drawings aren't generic per se and if you did try to make them generic then whomever did the engineering on it wouldn't have any liability towards the project so you could have a generic plan but if there were ever any problems that the set of plans was for a specific site and when the engineer or designer puts their stamp on it would only be for that specific site and then if you wanted to get them to put a stamp on the plans for your site you would probably have to pay them. Chairman McGarry states that one point he failed to mention was if he as an engineer designed a septic system for one location he is not going to take and turn over his plans without being compensated for it because he would be standing by and if something went awry with that system he'd be on the hook. Selectman Huebner then asks if it does pass but then the citizens decide not to spend the money on the building of the building would that plan stay in place and stay useable for years to come? Chairman McGarry states not unless the codes change. Selectman Huebner states that as long as the codes don't change, we can keep the plan and the money won't be wasted. Vote on Selectman Dill's motion is all in favor. Motion passes. John Harrington asks if they would like to make their recommendations on this. They agree. Selectman McGarry states they are all in favor of recommending this warrant article.

Warrant Article 5 – John Harrington states that the last time the Board discussed this warrant article they had moved it up to 5%. Chairman McGarry reads, 5% cost of living adjustment for Town employees would result in a cost of \$112,195.00 total. Selectman Huebner asks about if they had asked what other communities are doing during the last time this was brought up. Selectman Dill states that it came up because this was at 3% and Social Security came out with something around 8.5% so himself and Vice Chairman Pitman felt they should raise it to 5%. Selectman Huebner asks why they didn't pass it then and Selectman Dill said because they needed the numbers. Selectman Dill makes a motion to put the 5% COLA at a total amount of \$112,195.00 on the warrant. Selectwoman McHugh seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes. Chairman McGarry then does roll call for the recommendation. All are in favor of recommending this warrant article.

Warrant Article 17 – Chairman McGarry reads, "Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 known as Senate Bill 2 to adopt by the Town of Deerfield on March 8, 2005 so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions but only for the election of officers and certain other question for which the official ballot is required by state law," and a three-fifths majority of those voting is required. Selectman Dill makes a motion to put this on the warrant and mentions that is written the way it's written per state law so that is why it reads the way it does. Chairman McGarry seconds the motion. Selectman Huebner asks Chairman McGarry to read the article again. Chairman McGarry reads the article a second time. Selectman Huebner says that as a voter in the booth reading it's required by state law, they guess they have to do this and that's it's almost given by the way it reads. Chairman McGarry states that the official ballot is for electing officials and other questions. Selectman Dill reiterates that the wording is prescribed and it's not the wording they came up with or can change. Selectman Huebner asks if this warrant article is asking the citizens if they want to remain in SB2 and Selectman Dill answers, yes. Selectman Huebner then asks about if the citizens misconstrue this as being required by state law and vote yes what will that mean and if we'll stay in SB2. Selectman Dill answers, no, that it would switch. Chairman McGarry states that a yes vote would mean a switch and a no vote would mean the town would stay with Senate Bill 2. Selectman reiterates this has to be worded this way per the state and he notes that the school has the same article on the warrant and is worded the exact same way because that's how the legislature states it has to be worded. Selectman Huebner wants to make sure that it's explained properly in the voter's guide. Selectman Dill says that's what the deliberative session is for. Selectman Huebner asks if they could put in an information note. Chairman McGarry states yes, below the warrant article itself. Vote on Selectman Dill's motion is all in favor. Motion passes. Vice Chairman Pitman states that it's a 5-0. John Harrington states that he will mention that it's recommended by 5.

John Harrington states the public has until the January 10, 2023 for petitions.

Vice Chairman Pitman asks about the \$100,000.00 sand warrant article. John Harrington explains that that goes out to bid. Selectman Dill states that that is for the Winter Emergency Trust Fund. John Harrington states they can't do the warrant article because it's topped off at \$100,000.00 and it hasn't been used in two years.

It is stated that all the warrant articles have been approved and all recommendations have been made. Chairman McGarry brings up a point Selectwoman McHugh had made during the warrant article discussion about having a public meeting for the ARPA funds. Selectman Huebner questions how it would be different from the public hearing they had to get a list of ideas of how to use the funds. Chairman McGarry states they will identify what needs the Board feels would be warranted. Selectman Huebner clarifies for himself that they could take the list from the last meeting and the Board would pick the ones they feel they should use the money on and then have another public hearing to get more input. Selectman Dill feels this should be done after the election and budget season. John Harrington states they have until the end of 2024 to identify and then a lag time after that to spend.

Pete Schibbelhute, Presentation titled Highway Department Update January 3, 2023: Pete Schibbelhute gives an update on the highway department. He starts with the Haynes Road culvert and the damage it sustained during the December 23rd storm and the temporary fix they did. Second is dirt road portion of Candia Road and the damage it has been sustaining from water year after year and the reason why it's happening. He explains the temporary fix the highway department made and the steps that will need to be taken to permanently fix the issue. Third is Perkins Road and the water damage it is sustaining and why it's happening. He then states what needs to be done to fix the issue. Fourth is Perry Road and water damage it has sustained and the fix they did and a possible solution to the issue. Pete goes on to explain the tree issue along the roads and a plan to work on that. He brings up Cole Road and the water and ice issue on this road and why it's happening. Selectman Huebner asks what he suggests they do. Pete states that he knows how to fix them but the Board needs to okay spending the money to do this. He suggests generating a list of what needs to be fixed in order of urgency. Selectman Huebner and Dill make a suggestion to possibly make warrant articles for some of the projects that are needed. John Harrington reminds the Board that they have a warrant article in for road reconstruction at \$350,000.00. Chairman McGarry makes the point that if this is voted yes then it's up to the Board and Pete where the money gets expended because it's not listing a particular road. Selectman Dill speaks to possibly doing a warrant article for Haynes Road and what why. Chairman McGarry makes that point that a while back a road name was in a warrant article and it was voted down because all the people that didn't drive on that road voted it down. Pete brings up South Road and how it will be topped later this year and asks if the money will be coming from last year or will it be new money. Selectman Dill states, new money. Pete states that that will have to come out of the \$350,000.00 that's in the warrant article. John Harrington reminds everyone that if the budget passes there will be a line in the budget for road reconstruction plus the warrant if it passes. Selectman Huebner asks about the warrant article for additional money for the highway department. John Harrington states that that is for \$250,000.00 and that is if the budget should fail and the warrant pass it would be funded. If the budget passes it won't be funded. Pete feels there are urgent issues that need to be worked on before voting takes place. He speaks the equipment the highway department has and doesn't have for working on projects. Selectwoman McHugh states that they need Pete to prioritize these and provide some figures so they can figure out money. Pete goes on to explain Haynes Road where they are at with the engineers for the box culvert, the possible cost of the culvert itself and how to get it all accomplished. Selectwoman McHugh asks if this project will go out to bid once it's all together. Chairman McGarry says he anticipates it would. Selectwoman McHugh then asks if they would buy the culvert and then put it out to bid. Pete replies, yes and they would bid the project labor. Chairman McGarry states, we would purchase the culvert and then put the installation and any additional work out to bid. Pete reminds the Board that the culverts bought back in 2007 were purchased by the Town rather than waiting for bids and because of it the work was completed much quicker and he explains the lengthy process of putting everything out to bid. John Harrington asks Pete if \$128,000.00 is enough to finish the project. Pete states, probably not. The estimates he had received on culverts were around \$75,000.00 which only leaves about \$53,000.00 to install it and pave the road and he reminds the board there are requirements to be met on the permit by the state. Selectman Huebner asks if they are just looking for the difference between the \$128,000.00 and the total cost of the project. Chairman McGarry states that is what they would be looking for. Selectman Huebner asks if that is what would be taken to the warrant article. Selectman Dill believes now

that it's not worth going to a warrant article for as it doesn't seem like it will be an additional \$150,000.00. They go over the options of where they can draw the extra funds from. Pete reminds them they have to think about curveballs that could happen. Vice Chairman Pitman asks Pete to get some prices so they can wrap it up. Pete agrees. The Board then agrees to have Pete prioritize the list of all the other projects, their estimated pricing and which ones can be done in house versus not and then come back to them with it. Pete talks about a few other issues going on in town and explains he would like some autonomy to just get things fixed and not always have to be coming into the meetings asking do it because there are certain things they just need to do. He then agrees to generate the list and continue to talk to the Board as well. Selectman Huebner states he believes they all support what Pete's trying to do and Chairman McGarry agrees.

New Business/Other Business

Selectwoman McHugh states she has a couple things. First, she asks about going back to every other week for Board meetings. Selectman Dill states, the next one as the next meeting isn't until the 17th of January. John Harrington states, right now. Second, she asks the Board if they could an IT company to come in and look at the Town's servers, computers, and technology to see what's up to date and not and what it would take to bring everything up to date if things are not current. John Harrington responds letting the Board know that he had reached out to Block 5 a few months ago to have them come in and look things over and he never heard back from them. Selectwoman McHugh stated she found two other companies that could come in and assess. They go on to discuss the issues with the current system and what the need truly is and would they be willing and able to pay for a huge upgrade if that's what's needed. Selectwoman McHugh stated she will come back with more information for the Board. Vice Chairman Pitman believes they need to have a non-public if they are going to discuss their operator. The Board agrees.

Selectman Huebner asks about the SCI Excavating information they have in the folder. Chairman McGarry explains that it's the equipment rental for Pete. John Harrington states he had asked Pete to provide this should he need to use some of his own equipment for a project, the Board would be aware of the rental costs for that equipment. Selectwoman McHugh asks if they had laborers on sheets like this before. John Harrington states it was a long time ago and he does not recall. Pete explains from the audience that he put laborers on the sheet because not everyone who works for the Town can work the all the equipment that may be needed from his business.

Citizen's Comments

- Erroll Rhodes, Church Street expresses his concern about the cost for the cloud storage the Police Chief had spoken about. He then provides an update on the Eversource project he's been discussing with them. Eversource would like to sit before the Board at the January 30th meeting and he will do the necessary paperwork to make that happen. He asks the Board if they have any questions they have or anything they would like to see at the presentation. Selectman Dill states that the big question is, how quick can they get in Deerfield. Mr. Rhodes then goes over what he believes Eversource's process will be. Mr. Rhodes then transitions into asking if the Town Hall well is still on the ARPA funding list they had made at the last public hearing. Chairman McGarry states it is one of the items on the list. Selectman Huebner then asks Mr. Rhodes if other communities are working with Eversource like Deerfield is. Mr. Rhodes states that an Eversource supervisor shared with him that they felt this should be a state issue because there is so much damaged ash in the state and there were very few communities doing anything. They also stated that they were interested in working with Deerfield because Deerfield actually wants to do something about it and Mr. Rhodes said he wasn't sure if this would be a pilot program for Eversource. Selectman Huebner asks again if other communities around Deerfield are doing this. Mr. Rhodes states he's not sure about that but he does know that Deerfield is one of the hardest hit towns in the emerald ash borer topography and he goes onto explain the issue and how it will spread. He feels Eversource could use Deerfield as example for other towns but feels getting the trees down is the most important.

- Harriet Cady asks about reaching out to the New Hampshire Municipal Association for information about what other towns have done when building fire stations or police stations. She feels this would show Deerfield what they need. She feels the town should have a fire station/police station that are together in one good building. She then asks where the all the plans are from over the years that were paid for but had been turned down. Lastly, she is wondering that since New Hampshire Electric Co-op in Plymouth serves Deerfield could the Board ask them how far along they are with doing TV so Deerfield will no longer have to be in a contract with the Lake's region after the five years is up.
- Zach Langlois, South Road thanks the Board for everything they do for the community by donating their time to be part of the Board. He also recognizes the great work that Pete is doing for the town with an underfunded department and thanks Pete.

Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to adjourn. Selectman Dill seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourns at 7:15 by Vice Chairman Pitman.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2023 at 5:30 pm

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