

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 13, 2023
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30 – Chairman McGarry called the meeting to order

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chief Duquette – In Response to Ed Cross and Ridge Road Parking: Chief Duquette explains he watched the previous meeting and then he goes over that there has never been any calls or complaints for anything in this area. He does mention that the random car parked on Thurston Pond Road shouldn't have been parked like that and said the police should have been called in that instance. Vice Chairman Pitman states that he spoke to another person who lives along this road and they explained that there has never been a problem with parking. Chairman McGarry drove over there himself and stated he had no issues with site distance in either direction.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to not put No Parking signs up on the corner of Ridge and Range Road.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Ed Cross Comes forward and explains that he disagrees with the conversation but now that he knows the police would like calls there will be many calls made. Selectman Huebner brings up that there is a letter that pertains to this and Chairman McGarry states there is and it's from Barbra and Rob Mathews and he reads it. The letter encourages the Board to keep this area open for parking as there is a map showing this as a parking area for a hiking trail. Chief Duquette reiterates there is no issue on Ridge Road but if a car is seen parked in the road again on Thurston Pond Road to please call the police.

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

Regular Business

Review of Outstanding Minutes 2/27/2023:

Motion: Selectman Huebner makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Vouchers/Payroll Manifest/Accounts Payable Manifest:

- Accounts Payable – \$54,762.08

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to approve accounts payable.

Second: Selectman Huebner

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 3, Nay 1, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

- Payroll Manifest – No Payroll to sign this week

Signatures/Correspondence:

Signatures - Chairman McGarry states they have a letter to go to Eversource written by Avitar and he reads the letter. They would like the town to send this letter with the town letterhead and the Boards signatures on it in order to complete the utility values for the tax year 2023.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion for the Board to sign the letter.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Letter from Avitar about a prorated assessment for 12 Coffeetown Road. They are recommending an abatement of \$4,923.00 due to a fire that occurred on the property.

Motion: Selectman Huebner makes a motion to approve the abatement.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 3, Nay 0, Abstained 1 - Motion Carries

Application for Veteran's Tax Credit. David Lee. 36 Haynes Road. In the amount of \$750.00.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to approve the veteran's tax credit.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Correspondence - Letter from DOT with regard to Deerfield Bridge 139/127, Blakes Hill Road over the Lamprey River. Chairman McGarry reads the letter that states that bridge aide funding is planned to become available for this bridge's replacement in the ten-year plan. The Town would have to apply for the funds and would be responsible for 20% of the cost. DOT would like to know if Deerfield would like to apply.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to apply for the funds.

Second: Selectman Huebner

Discussion:

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

Report from Executive Council Gatsas on what is transpiring in Concord.

Town Administrator's Report:

John Harrington states he has one item. He goes over the No Parking signs that are currently posted in Pawtuckaway and he states more signs will go up once the snow has melted and the ground has thawed. He shows pictures of the signs to the Board.

Mr. Harrington then reminds everyone that voting is postponed to 3/28/2023.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business/Other Business

No new or other business.

Citizen's Comments

- Harriet Cady asks about the land around the Blakes Hill Road bridge and if the town will have to buy it or pay costs there. Chairman McGarry states that there is no full-blown design so there is no answer to that question at this time but it could be possible that easements might be needed

to construct it. John Harrington states that the Town owns half of one side. The other three corners are privately owned.

- Ed Cross asks for clarification on the DOT letter and the cost to the Town. Chairman McGarry states, the Town is responsible for just 20% of the cost and this clarifies it for Mr. Cross.

Adjournment:

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion adjourn at 5:50.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Next Meeting: March 27, 2023 at 5:30 pm

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