

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
December 20, 2023
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30 – Chairman Pitman called the meeting to order

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2023 Encumbrance:

1. Cemetery Trustees are requesting \$43,200.00 to be encumbered from warrant article # 7, construction of a columbarium by Monument Warehouse, Elberton, Georgia.

Motion: Vice Chairman McGarry makes a motion to approve the request from the Cemetery Trustees to encumber \$43,200.00 from warrant article # 7, Construction of a Columbarium.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

2. Cemetery Trustees are requesting to encumber \$11,800.00 for Design and Landscape by Blue Sky Landscaping in warrant article # 7.

Motion: Vice Chairman McGarry makes a motion to approve the request from the Cemetery Trustees to encumber \$11,800.00 from warrant article 7, Design and Landscaping by Blue Sky Landscaping.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Selectman Huebner asks about going out for bid and how they ended up with Blue Sky and in the end, they agree that important thing in the moment is the encumbrance.

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

Regular Business

- New Business
 - Mr. Harrington states he has one comment. Mr. Harrington states he will be unable to attend the 1/2/2024 BOS meeting so he recommends they cancel the meeting and reschedule. They decide to reschedule and meet the following week on Monday 1/8/2024.
 - Selectman Huebner brings up a question the MBC had for the Board and Mr. Harrington lets the Board know that the MBC has requested the BOS to consider using the calculation process the school uses for the estimated tax impact statement that is at the bottom of a warrant article that has money in it rather than the calculation the town has been using. Mr. Harrington explains how the town has been making the calculation verses the school and then provides comments made by members of the MBC being for and against it and that it was not unanimous. Selectman Huebner provides his opinion and why he is for it. Mr. Harrington states that the school has provided their template so he can calculate it both ways and then the Board can decide from there and the Board agrees to this.

- Other Business – No other business

Citizen's Comments

- No Comments.

Adjournment

Motion: Vice Chairman McGarry makes a motion to adjourn.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Next Meeting: January 8, 2023 at 5:30 pm

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