# TOWN OF DEERFIELD, NH MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

George B. White Building 8 Raymond Rd. Deerfield, NH 03037

## September 17, 2019 Minutes

**Meeting called to order** at 7:00 PM by Chair.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call**: In attendance; Herman Pretorius, Alden Dill, Bill von Hassel, John Dubiansky, Terry Roy, Ken Heckman, Andy Robertson

#### **Adopted Policies Discussion:**

Mr. Pretorius discussed email policy, how email is to be used.

Absences from meetings was discussed. Mr. Dill said Brad Briggs has missed a couple of meetings and that the board should reach out specifically to him, in case he hasn't been getting emails so that he doesn't miss too much. Mr. Pretorius will follow up with the town to make sure their email has been set up.

**Motion:** Mr. Dill moved to adopt the same email policy that was used last year.

**Second:** Mr. Robertson **Vote:** 7 Yea, 0 Nay

Discussion regarding policy of making requests to other boards or town agents. Mr. Dubiansky said there was a previous policy to have requests to other boards or town agents go through the MBC. Mr. Robertson said this was done in the past to avoid having multiple requests made, and that citizens are able to make requests for themselves under 91-A.

**Motion:** Mr. Dill moved to continue the policy as adopted last year.

**Second:** Mr. Robertson **Vote:** 5 Yay, 2 Nay

Mr. von Hassel mentioned that minutes from the last meeting in April had not been posted yet.

### **Tentative Meeting Dates:**

Mr. Pretorius distributed a tentative schedule of upcoming meetings to other members. the schedule for this year is similar to last year; every other week at 7:00 PM and two Saturdays at 9:00 AM.

#### **Citizen Comments:**

Kevin Verville McCarron Rd. spoke with regards to the policies discussed; he agrees with the legal inquiry policy, thinks that the board confused it with a different policy. He stated that members are allowed 4 unexcused absences and that at the will of the chair an absence can be excused so that it doesn't count towards absences. Mr. Verville also reminded the board that minutes must be posted within 5 days of the meeting. Mr. Verville would like the Board of Selectmen to take a different approach with the elevator in the town hall. Mr. Robertson confirmed that a different path was being pursued. Mr. Verville also would like money budgeted for road repair/reconstruction and would like a long term plan from the Highway Agent. Mr. Verville also gave his opinion on why budgets fail and asked the MBC to remove the \$1 line item for full time firefighters. Mr. Robertson said that the Board of Selectmen has authorized a survey regarding the roads with an eye towards reconstruction/repair.

Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Dubiansky

Second: Mr. Dill

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.