

YEAR

2017

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

### FIRST SESSION:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Deerfield, in the County of Rockingham, in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, 10 Church Street, on Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017 at 9:00 a.m. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the Warrant Articles numbered One (1) through Twenty-seven (27). The Warrant Articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, and (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion as amended.

### SECOND SESSION:

The final ballot vote for warrant articles will take place at the Town Hall, 10 Church Street on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendments to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board. (The amendments as proposed by the Planning Board are available for inspection at the Offices of the Town Clerk and the Selectmen during business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mondays and from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.)

#### Zoning Amendment # 1:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Delete "Accessory Apartment" and replace it with a new definition for an "Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)".

Delete the existing text in Section 304 and replace it with the following: "Unless permitted for a detached Accessory Dwelling Unit, there shall only be one dwelling on a lot."

Add a new Section 331, Accessory Dwelling Unit, including a definition and provisions such as one (1) ADU per single family unit, independent living facilities, independent means of ingress and egress, owner occupancy of either the principal unit or the ADU, a limitation on floor space, limit of no more than two (2) bedrooms and aesthetic continuity of the ADU with the principal dwelling unit.

#### Zoning Amendment # 2:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section 207, Dimensional Requirements, 207.1 Minimum Frontage, by revising the first full paragraph after 207.1 B to read in part:

**"Intent:** This provision allows for a reduction in road standards for a subdivision of four lots or less and provides the opportunity to create new lots of record in an economical manner for family members. The term "private way" means a private road consistent with NH RSA 674:41. Those proposing to use this

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provision shall meet with the Planning Board for a Preliminary Conceptual Consultation. If, in the opinion of the Planning Board . . .”

**Zoning Amendment # 3:**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Delete Section 319, Signs in its entirety and replace it with a new Section 319. The replacement Section 319 is intended to make the sign ordinance “content neutral” and be in compliant with the U.S. Supreme Court decision, Reed et al v. Town of Gilbert, AZ in June 2015.

**Zoning Amendment # 4:**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 4, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section 201, Establishment of Districts by revising the paragraph beneath AR Agricultural-Residential District to read as follows:

The Floodplain District, Business Overlay District, Senior Housing Overlay District and Groundwater Protection Overlay District shall be considered as overlays of the above-listed districts. The floodplain development regulations cited in Section 211 shall be applicable within the Floodplain District.

Amend Section 212, Deerfield Business Overlay District, and Section 212.2 by deleting

“d. Mixed use development”

And reordering the list.

3. To vote on the following Warrant Articles, as amended, including the proposed budget as a result of the action of the First Session.

**Article # 1** Shall the Town of Deerfield raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$3,898,181. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,918,058 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Deerfield or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of the revised operating budget only.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*  
*Estimated Tax Impact Proposed Budget \$6.88*  
*Estimated Tax Impact Default Budget \$6.95*

**Article # 2** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300,000 to provide handicap access to the second floor of the Town Hall in the form of an elevator, to be housed in an addition located at the back of the Town Hall. Construction of the elevator will result in the removal of the existing access ramp. The Heritage Commission will actively seek grant opportunities to offset the cost of the project. This is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until December 31, 2022. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-0-2*

*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.54*

**Article # 3** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$67,540) for the purpose of installing a 30,000 Gallon Emergency Water Cistern in the vicinity of the Town Hall, Highway Shed and Gazebo (10 Church Street).

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-1-1*

*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.12*

**Article # 4** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), to be placed in the previously established Fire Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.09*

**Article # 5** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Six Hundred (\$26,600) for the purpose of replacing the Town Hall roof.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0*

*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.05*

**Article # 6** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the previously established Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund said funds come from unassigned fund balance. The fund will have a cap of \$100,000. No amount to be raised from taxation.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

*Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 4-6-0*

**Article # 7** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the previously established Municipal Government Buildings Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0*

**Article # 8** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) for the purpose of supplementing revolving-account funds, monetary donations and in-kind donations to complete the baseball, softball and soccer fields and supporting infrastructure on Hartford Brook Field. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-0-2*

*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.04*



**Article # 9** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund said fund to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

**Article # 10** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established Rescue Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02*

**Article # 11** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be used by Northwood Lake Watershed Association to control the Milfoil in Northwood Lake.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

*Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 4-5-1*

*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01*

**Article # 12** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty One Dollars (\$5,661) for the purpose of installing LED light fixtures and 3 Paddle fans in the upstairs of the George B. White Building.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0*

*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01*

**Article # 13** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be used by the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association to increase the number of hours for trained attendants to provide courtesy boat inspection at the public access ramp on Gulf Road to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic aquatic plants, like variable milfoil and aquatic nuisance animals like zebra mussels from entering Pleasant Lake.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 6-4-0*

*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00*

**Article # 14** Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services, or is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Deerfield under RSA 72:28.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

**Article # 15** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation. This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

**Article # 16** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 413 Lot 52 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

**Article # 17** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 424 Lot 67 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

**Article # 18** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 0424 Lot 0109 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

**Article # 19** I, as the undersigned resident of Deerfield, NH, support the proposal to pave the currently unpaved portion of Middle Road between Birch Road and Stage Road, by way of town vote at the next available Town Meeting. Such proposal shall be presented to the Town for vote in the form of a Warrant Article, according to the laws of New Hampshire under RSA Chapter 39. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

*Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 0-5-0*

**Article # 20** To see if the Town will vote to designate the following as Scenic Roads: Thurston Pond Road from Mt. Delight Road to Middle Road and Ridge Road from Range Road to Thurston Pond Road under RSA231:157. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

*Board agrees to withhold recommendation*

**Article # 21** We the undersigned Deerfield voters hereby petition to have an article that proposes rescinding the authority of the Deerfield Municipal Budget Committee placed on the town warrant in accordance with sections II, III and V of New Hampshire RSA 32:14. If the article receives a majority of votes in the affirmative the Municipal Budget Committee shall be made an advisory committee. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

**Article # 22** We petition to the Voters of Deerfield the following question, Do you support Northern Pass to follow through its proposal to use Deerfield's sub-station and its Right of Way and pay the town between \$775,000 dollars to \$1.4 million dollars in taxes which reduce taxes to every property owner. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

**Article # 23** We petition to the taxpayers of Deerfield the following question, Do you want Northern Pass to go through Deerfield's sub-station and thus pay the town between \$775,000 dollars to \$1.4 million dollars which will reduce taxes to every property owner. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

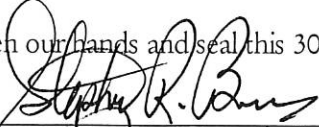
**Article # 24** We the undersigned registered voters in the town of Deerfield petition the voters asking "Would you want Northern Pass to come to Deerfield if it would pay approximately \$800,000 in taxes which would reduce taxes to every property owner? Further that our town boards and committees actions be only to assure the allowance of power lines which will pay these taxes to Deerfield. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

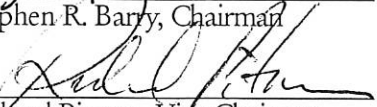
**Article # 25** We the undersigned registered voters of Deerfield petition the Deerfield Police Chief be an elected position not to be appointed by any board as of March 2017 to be paid \$65,000 per year with cost of living increases each year if voted by the taxpayers. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

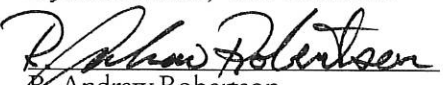
**Article # 26** Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the Deerfield default town budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14?  
(Petitioned Warrant Article)


**Article # 27** We the undersigned registered voters of Deerfield petition the Deerfield Welfare Director be an elected position not appointed by town officials, as of March 2017 to be paid no more than \$5,000 per year with no raises as an employee but raises to be given if voted by the taxpayers by a Warrant Article.  
(Petitioned Warrant Article)

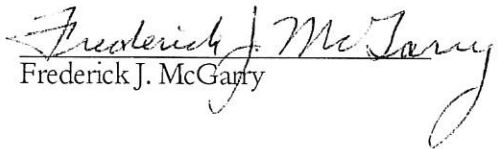
Given our hands and seal this 30th day of January in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen.

  
Stephen R. Barry, Chairman

  
Richard Pitman, Vice Chairman

  
R. Andrew Robertson


  
Jeffrey Shute

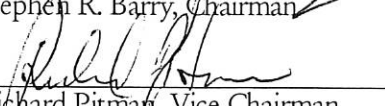
  
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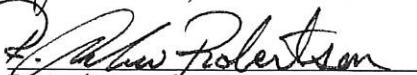
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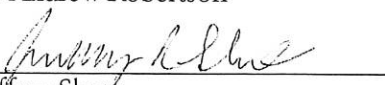
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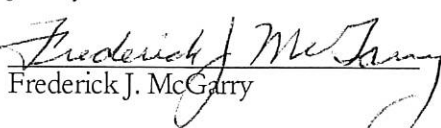
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Attest:

  
Stephen R. Barry, Chairman

  
Richard Pitman, Vice Chairman

  
R. Andrew Robertson

  
Jeffrey Shute

  
Frederick J. McGarry

TOWN OF DEERFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Town Seal



*New Hampshire  
Department of  
Revenue Administration*

2017  
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# Budget of the Town of Deerfield

**Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Town Meeting**

**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE WARRANT**








This form was posted with the warrant on: \_\_\_\_\_

**For assistance please contact the NH DRA Municipal and Property Division**  
**D: (603) 200-5000 F: (603) 200-5000**

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## BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Budget Committee Members	
Printed Name	Signature
Charles J. Longley	
Kevin Venable	
Ian Scott	
James A. Spillane	
R. Andrew Robertson	
Naren Cote	
William vonHassler	

This form must be signed, scanned, and uploaded to the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal:  
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## Appropriations

Account Code	Description	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	01	\$325,788	\$304,840	\$391,889	\$0	\$380,077	\$11,812
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	01	\$18,112	\$19,335	\$11,713	\$0	\$11,713	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	01	\$50,329	\$46,790	\$56,901	\$0	\$56,901	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	01	\$84,060	\$53,796	\$87,161	\$0	\$87,161	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	01	\$23,572	\$33,547	\$28,572	\$0	\$28,572	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	01	\$79,465	\$70,056	\$97,573	\$0	\$96,669	\$904
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	01	\$41,259	\$36,839	\$47,875	\$0	\$47,875	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	01	\$414,932	\$220,914	\$258,516	\$0	\$258,516	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	01	\$16,452	\$17,560	\$21,452	\$0	\$21,452	\$0
4196	Insurance	01	\$424,893	\$306,143	\$479,614	\$0	\$428,294	\$51,320
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	01	\$3,847	\$3,847	\$4,019	\$0	\$4,019	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Safety</b>								
4210-4214	Police	01	\$708,925	\$652,163	\$744,142	\$0	\$744,142	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	01	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,500	\$0	\$11,500	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	01	\$315,740	\$217,589	\$219,839	\$0	\$219,839	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	01	\$51,596	\$43,892	\$50,992	\$0	\$50,992	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	01	\$8,716	\$2,079	\$7,368	\$0	\$7,368	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets</b>								
4311	Administration	01	\$203,723	\$180,340	\$199,418	\$0	\$199,418	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	01	\$624,813	\$560,645	\$551,934	\$0	\$551,934	\$0
4313	Bridges	01	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4316	Street Lighting		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4319	Other	01	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$0



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<b>Sanitation</b>								
4321	Administration	01	\$74,491	\$63,996	\$74,591	\$0	\$74,591	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	01	\$39,534	\$30,708	\$64,964	\$0	\$64,964	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	01	\$235,102	\$232,995	\$235,101	\$0	\$235,101	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>								
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric</b>								
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health</b>								
4411	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	01	\$10,602	\$5,486	\$9,102	\$0	\$6,202	\$2,900
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	01	\$33,536	\$29,693	\$34,316	\$0	\$34,316	\$0
<b>Welfare</b>								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	01	\$69,747	\$39,976	\$69,777	\$0	\$69,777	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	01	\$76,948	\$70,907	\$103,551	\$0	\$96,710	\$6,841
4550-4559	Library	01	\$94,233	\$91,219	\$105,699	\$0	\$105,699	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	01	\$900	\$900	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development</b>								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	01	\$10,083	\$2,427	\$2,977	\$0	\$2,777	\$200

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4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service</b>								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	01	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay</b>								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Appropriations</b>			<b>\$4,072,800</b>	<b>\$3,350,082</b>	<b>\$3,972,158</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,898,181</b>	<b>\$73,977</b>



# Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	02	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000	\$0
Purpose: Town Hall Elevator								
4194	General Government Buildings	07	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
Purpose: Municipal Government Buildings and Infrastructure								
4220-4229	Fire	04	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Purpose: Fire Apparatus & Equipment CRF								
4220-4229	Fire	09	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Purpose: Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment ETF								
4220-4229	Fire	10	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Purpose: Rescue Vehicles and Equipment CRF								
4312	Highways and Streets	06	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
Purpose: Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust								
Special Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$420,000	\$0	\$420,000	\$0

## Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations		Selectmen's Appropriations		Budget Committee's Appropriations		Budget Committee's Appropriations	
					Ensuing FY (Recommended)		Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)		Ensuing FY (Recommended)		Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	
4194	General Government Buildings	03		\$0	\$0	\$67,540	\$0		\$67,540		\$0	
	Purpose: Cistern											
4194	General Government Buildings	05		\$0	\$0	\$26,600	\$0		\$26,600		\$0	
	Purpose: Replace TH Roof											
4194	General Government Buildings	12		\$0	\$0	\$5,661	\$0		\$5,661		\$0	
	Purpose: Installing LED lights and fans GBW											
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	08		\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0		\$20,000		\$0	
	Purpose: Hartford Brook Field											
4619	Other Conservation	11		\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$0		\$8,000		\$0	
	Purpose: Northwood Lake Milfoil											
4619	Other Conservation	13		\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$0		\$2,500		\$0	
	Purpose: Pleasant Lake Attendants											
Individual Articles Recommended				\$0	\$0	\$130,301	\$0		\$130,301		\$0	

# Revenues

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	01	\$41,283	\$30,000	\$30,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	01	\$26,641	\$19,000	\$19,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	01	\$0	\$208	\$208
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	01	\$30,413	\$26,000	\$26,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	01	\$953,734	\$800,000	\$800,000
3230	Building Permits	01	\$25,233	\$15,000	\$15,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	01	\$29,821	\$30,000	\$30,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	01	\$228,194	\$210,870	\$210,870
3353	Highway Block Grant	01	\$145,528	\$115,703	\$115,703
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	01	\$1,199	\$1,200	\$1,200
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments	01	\$1,841	\$1,385	\$1,385
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	01	\$71,116	\$60,000	\$60,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$67,000	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	01	\$2,856	\$1,000	\$1,000

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
3503-3509	Other	01	\$21,909	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	06, 07, 09	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$1,646,768</b>	<b>\$1,390,366</b>	<b>\$1,390,366</b>

# Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Selectmen's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$3,778,435	\$3,972,158	\$3,898,181
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$596,526	\$420,000	\$420,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$429,629	\$130,301	\$130,301
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$4,804,590	\$4,522,459	\$4,448,482
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,671,705	\$1,390,366	\$1,390,366
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$3,132,885	\$3,132,093	\$3,058,116

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# Budget Committee Supplemental Schedule

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<b>1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee</b>			<b>\$4,448,482</b>
<b>Less Exclusions:</b>			
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	<b>4711</b>	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	<b>4721</b>	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes			\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments			\$0
6. Total Exclusions <i>(Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above)</i>			\$0
<b>7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)</b>			<b>\$4,448,482</b>
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions <i>(Line 7 x 10%)</i>			\$444,848
<b>Collective Bargaining Cost Items:</b>			
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)			\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)			\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount <i>(Difference of Lines 9 and 10)</i>			\$0
<b>Mandatory Water &amp; Waste Treatment Facilities (RSA 32:21):</b>			
12. Amount Recommended (Prior to Meeting)			\$0
13. Amount Voted (Voted at Meeting)			\$0
14. Amount voted over recommended amount <i>(Difference of Lines 12 and 13)</i>			\$0
<b>15. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted At Meeting:</b>			<b>\$4,893,330</b>
<i>(Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 15)</i>			



## Deerfield

RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

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### GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Governing Body Certifications		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
Stephen R. Barry	Selectman	
Richard W. Pitman	Selectman	
R. Andrew Robertson	Selectman	
Jeffrey R. Shute	Selectman	
Fredrick J. McGarry	Selectman	

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**2017  
Default Budget**

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
<b>General Government</b>					
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	\$325,788	\$45,243	\$0	\$371,031
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	\$18,112	(\$6,399)	\$0	\$11,713
4150-4151	Financial Administration	\$50,329	\$6,775	\$0	\$57,104
4152	Revaluation of Property	\$84,060	\$3,101	\$0	\$87,161
4153	Legal Expense	\$23,572	\$5,000	\$0	\$28,572
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	\$79,465	\$18,108	\$0	\$97,573
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	\$41,259	\$2,275	\$0	\$43,534
4194	General Government Buildings	\$246,553	\$2,754	\$0	\$249,307
4195	Cemeteries	\$16,452	\$0	\$0	\$16,452
4196	Insurance	\$424,893	\$54,721	\$0	\$479,614
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	\$3,847	\$172	\$0	\$4,019
4199	Other General Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Safety</b>					
4210-4214	Police	\$708,925	\$34,515	\$0	\$743,440
4215-4219	Ambulance	\$11,000	\$500	\$0	\$11,500
4220-4229	Fire	\$214,214	\$1,210	\$0	\$215,424
4240-4249	Building Inspection	\$51,596	(\$504)	\$0	\$51,092
4290-4298	Emergency Management	\$8,716	(\$1,348)	\$0	\$7,368
4299	Other (Including Communications)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>					
4301-4309	Airport Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets</b>					
4311	Administration	\$203,723	(\$4,305)	\$0	\$199,418
4312	Highways and Streets	\$549,813	\$2,121	\$0	\$551,934
4313	Bridges	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
4316	Street Lighting	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4319	Other	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$400
<b>Sanitation</b>					
4321	Administration	\$74,491	\$100	\$0	\$74,591
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$39,534	\$25,430	\$0	\$64,964
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$235,102	\$0	\$0	\$235,102
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>					
4331	Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric</b>					
4351-4352	Administration and Generation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0





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Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
4353	Purchase Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health</b>					
4411	Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	\$10,602	(\$1,500)	\$0	\$9,102
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	\$33,536	\$780	\$0	\$34,316
<b>Welfare</b>					
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	\$69,747	\$0	\$0	\$69,747
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>					
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	\$76,948	\$17,390	\$0	\$94,338
4550-4559	Library	\$94,233	\$11,396	\$0	\$105,629
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$900	\$0	\$0	\$900
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development</b>					
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	\$2,083	\$628	\$0	\$2,711
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service</b>					
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay</b>					
4901	Land	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>					
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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**2017  
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<b>Account Code</b>	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>	<b>Prior Year Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Reductions or Increases</b>	<b>One-Time Appropriations</b>	<b>Default Budget</b>
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Appropriations</b>		<b>\$3,699,895</b>	<b>\$218,163</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,918,058</b>



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**Default Budget**

<b>Account Code</b>	<b>Reason for Reductions/Increases or One-Time Appropriations</b>
4311	2016 Longevity/BOS transfer-Decrease
4321	Longevity-Increase
4197	Contract-Increase
4215-4219	Contract-Increase
4240-4249	2016 Longevity-Decrease
4140-4149	Fewer Elections - Decrease
4290-4298	BOS transfer-Decrease
4130-4139	Wage/Contract-Increase
4150-4151	Wages/Contract-Increase
4220-4229	Wages/Contract-Increase
4194	Contract-Increase
4415-4419	Contract/DOT Testing-Increase
4312	BOS transfer-Increase
4196	Contract-Increase
4550-4559	Contract/New position-Increase
4619	Contract-Increase
4520-4529	Contract/New position-Increase
4155-4159	Wage-Increase
4414	BOS transferred money-Decrease
4191-4193	Contract-Increase
4210-4214	Wages/Contract-Increase
4152	Contract-Decrease
4323	BOS transfer/Container/Contract-Increase
4324	BOS transfer/Contract-Increase

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD**  
**DELIBERATIVE SESSION #1**

**February 04, 2017**

Moderator Jonathan Hutchinson opened the meeting at 9:05 am.

There is no smoking anywhere in this building.

In recognition of the labor and sacrifice of those who created, defended, and refined the privilege of a democratic government under which we assemble this morning, please rise and pledge your allegiance to our flag. As we conclude our pledge, please remain standing for a brief meditation passed down from Joe Brown.

Moderator Hutchinson led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I suggest that we open this meeting by standing in silent meditation - asking guidance in our conduct of this Deerfield Town Meeting that may prove an effective self government for us all. Guide us in our voting by a sense of purpose and human understanding. In our hands today lie the business affairs of the town for the future. Grant us the sense of fairness to allow all citizens to participate regardless of experience. Help us to express ourselves with restraint and dignity that we may work together harmoniously for the well-being of our town in the coming year."

"So let it be."

Please be seated. Those words were written by Joe Brown and used to open Town Meetings during his tenure as Moderator.

**Introductions**

Welcome to the First Session of the 2017 Deerfield Town Meeting. The town officials seated before you this morning are:

Selectmen: Stephen Barry, Richard Pitman , Andrew Robertson, Frederick McGarry and Jeffrey Shute. Assistant Moderator, Erik Gross.

Town Clerk: Kevin Barry assisted by Deputy Town Clerk: Kelly Ann Roberts

Town Administrator: John Harrington, and Finance Director: Penny Touchette,  
Supervisors Checklist: Harriet Cady, Gloria Riel and Diana Allard.

Ballot Clerks: Barbara Daley, Cindy Tomilson, Cherie Sanborn and Kathy Berglund.

### **Purpose, Rules, & Decorum**

Each member who wishes to vote in this meeting should have checked in with the ballot clerks, and should have received a voting card and a sheet of ballots. If you are a registered voter and have not checked in yet, please do so now.

Are there any individuals present who are not registered voters of the Town of Deerfield? Though you are not permitted to vote, by Deerfield tradition you are permitted to participate in debate.

The rules for this meeting will be Robert's Rules of Order as modified by the Moderator in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

Our meeting today is "for the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot." This first session "shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article." Our business today is to consider each warrant article and, within the limits of the law, determine the details of those articles to be voted by official ballot at the March 14<sup>th</sup> second session. Amendments to articles are in order and will be voted at this meeting. However at the conclusion of our deliberation on each article we will not vote. Instead, the chair will instruct the town clerk to place the article on the official ballot.

Our order of the day is the Town Warrant. The chair will read each article then request a motion to place it on the official ballot and a second for that motion. The maker of the motion will have the first opportunity to speak. Then the floor will be open to all. If you wish to address the meeting, please approach one of the microphones. The chair will recognize members at the microphones in turn.

When it is your turn to speak, please step up to the microphone and speak directly into it. The microphone is voice-activated, and your remarks are recorded so that the clerk may make an accurate record of this meeting.

All remarks must be confined to the merits of the pending question, or to questions of order or privilege, and all remarks must be addressed to the chair. When you are recognized, please state your name. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes to express his or her views. You may speak as many times as you wish, but all members

who wish to speak will have a first turn before any has a second. The overriding principle in all cases is fairness.

A speaker may address the currently pending question or he may move to close debate, but he may not do both in the same turn. This means that if a speaker argues for or against a motion, he may not then conclude his remarks with "and I move the previous question." We adopted this rule a number of years ago, and, with the support of the assembly, will follow it in this meeting.

A secret ballot will be conducted when requested by five members in writing prior to a hand vote. Such request must be for a specific vote, not for "all votes in this meeting" or "all amendments to this article". The secret ballot provision exists to offer secrecy, and is not intended to be used as a tactic of delay. If you wish to request a secret ballot, please approach a microphone, and, when recognized, make the request. Then pass the written request to the Moderator.

Otherwise votes will be by a show of voting cards. If the Moderator cannot judge a clear majority, he will move to a Division. Likewise if a member is not satisfied that the result announced by the Moderator is correct, he should request a Division. Division will be a count of the raised cards.

Seven members who question any non-ballot vote immediately after it is announced may request a written ballot vote. If the margin of a vote by Division is narrow, the Moderator may also move to a ballot vote.

Five voters may request a recount of a written ballot vote, "providing that the vote margin is not more than 10 percent of the total vote cast." In this case, "the recount shall take place immediately following the public announcement" of that vote.

If there is something you wish to accomplish here but you are uncertain how to proceed, please ask. You can do that at any time during the meeting at one of the microphones, or you can approach any of us during a recess.

Similarly, if during the meeting, something is not clear to you, please rise to a point of inquiry and then ask for an explanation.

Finally, the role of the Moderator is to fairly organize and regulate the meeting according to rules agreeable to the members. Rulings of the Moderator are subject to appeal by any member. An appeal must be made immediately following the ruling. A second is required. The ruling and the appeal will be explained to the meeting. Then the members will vote either to sustain or to reverse the ruling.

## **FIRST SESSION:**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Deerfield, in the County of Rockingham, in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, 10 Church Street, on Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017 at 9:00 a.m. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the Warrant Articles numbered One (1) through Twenty-seven (27). The Warrant Articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, and (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion as amended.

**Article # 1** Shall the Town of Deerfield raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$3,898,181. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,918,058 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Deerfield or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of the revised operating budget only.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

*Estimated Tax Impact Proposed Budget \$6.88*

*Estimated Tax Impact Default Budget \$6.95*

**Municipal Budget Committee Chairman Jim Spillane moved the article, seconded by Rick Pitman**

Jim Spillane stated that the MBC worked hard with the Board of Selectmen to come up with a fair budget. They had two major issues, one with the MBC members feeling that more money should be in the Highway Budget for Road reconstruction. The other was referencing the replacement of the roof with steel rather than asphalt shingles that would have a shorter life span.

**Chairman Barry made a motion to amend line # 01.4130.02.110 adding \$14,035 for the Town Administrator and Assistant Town Administrator seconded by Mark Tibbetts.**

**Moderator asked for a vote all in favor**

**Erik Berglund made a motion to increase line # 01.4153.01.320 by \$15,000 to deal with the Northern Pass Project, seconded by Andy Robertson.**

Andy Robertson explained the process of how the Northern Pass project is moving forward through the Technical Phase and onto the Trial phase.



Maureen Quinn stated that the Town Attorney is working with other towns and we should be getting prorated legal costs.

Much discussion surrounding the potential Tax Benefits and revenues to the Town regarding the proposed Northern Pass Project.

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator called for a vote on the amendment adding \$15,000.00 to the Legal line. Vote all in favor.**

**Seeing no further discussion on the article the moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the ballot as amended in the amount of \$3,927,216**

**Article # 2** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300,000 to provide handicap access to the second floor of the Town Hall in the form of an elevator, to be housed in an addition located at the back of the Town Hall. Construction of the elevator will result in the removal of the existing access ramp. The Heritage Commission will actively seek grant opportunities to offset the cost of the project. This is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until December 31, 2022. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0  
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee  
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.54*

**Fran Menard made a motion to move the article as written, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Fran Menard stated that the Town has been working on improvements to the Town Hall for a while. We added a Fire Suppression system in 2006. We have been attempting to keep the Town Hall as Historic as possible. The Heritage Commission is also investigating grant opportunities.

Jim Deely stated that he remembers working with Rod Swanson many years ago discussing the potential of installing a elevator to the Town Hall. He also stated that the Heritage Commission wants to do the work in compliance with the information from the National Registry of Historic Places.

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 3** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$67,540) for the purpose of installing a



30,000 Gallon Emergency Water Cistern in the vicinity of the Town Hall, Highway Shed and Gazebo (10 Church Street).

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-1-1*  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.12*

**Chairman Barry moved the article, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Chairman Barry deferred to Fire Chief Tibbetts for additional information.

Chief Tibbetts discussed the need for a Cistern in the center of Town. He referenced a recent fire in the center of town that drained a nearby Fire Hole and how it was necessary to truck water in from other nearby fire holes. He also, mentioned how he had not used the Upham Drive cistern stating that he wanted to save that in case there was a fire at the senior housing complex.

Fran Menard asked for the location of the new cistern.

Chief Tibbetts stated that the final location has not been determined yet, but has some potential locations.

Kevin McDonald stated that the location should be left up to the new Fire Chief.

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 4** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), to be placed in the previously established Fire Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.09*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Chairman Barry state that this article is putting additional funds into the Fire Apparatus Fund for the replacement of a Fire Engine. There is currently \$150,150 in the fund and the cost of a new engine is approximately \$450,000.

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 5** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Six Hundred (\$26,600) for the purpose of replacing the Town Hall roof.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0  
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0  
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.05*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Chairman Barry stated that the current roof is 25 years old and curling and falling off.

Jim Deely asked what the costs of a metal roof as opposed a asphalt single roof.

Andy Robertson stated the costs are estimated at \$38,000.

Richard Pitman stated his concerns with the metal roof regarding some paint peeling after 15 – 20 years.

**Jim Deely made a motion to add \$13,400 to the costs of the roof bringing it to \$40,000, seconded by Jim Spillane.**

**The moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor, the amendment passes.**

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as amended.**

**Article # 6** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the previously established Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund said funds come from unassigned fund balance. The fund will have a cap of \$100,000. No amount to be raised from taxation.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0  
Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 4-6-0*

**Chairman Barry move the question, seconded by Richard Pitman**

Chairman Barry stated that this is to add \$25,000.00 from the unassigned fund balance at the end of the year

**Kevin Verville made a motion, seconded by Andy Robertson to add the wording “up to” before the sum of.**

There was much discussion as to what would happen if there was not \$25,000 in the unassigned fund balance at the end of the year.

Chairman Barry stated that has never happened and does not foresee it now.

**Jonathan Winslow moved the question, seconded by Jim Deely, vote in the affirmative.**

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor.**

Back to the article as amended.

**Jim Sullivan amended the article, seconded by Jim Spillane to add the words “in principle” after “The fund will have a cap of \$100,000”.**

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor the amendment passes.**

**The Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as amended.**

**Article # 7** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the previously established Municipal Government Buildings Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0  
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Chairman Barry stated that this last year we had to replace Well Tank and two Hot Water Heaters. The buildings are old and have required repairs in many places. Currently the account has a balance of \$60,931.

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 8** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) for the purpose of supplementing revolving-account funds, monetary donations and in-kind donations to complete the baseball, softball and soccer fields and supporting infrastructure on Hartford Brook Field. (Petitioned Warrant Article)  
*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee*  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.04*

**Zachery Langlois moved the question, seconded by Ernie Robert**

Ernie Robert stated that this money along with "in-kind donations" will be used for continuing improvements to the existing field.

Moderator Hutchinson turned over the meeting to Erik Gross so he could speak to the motion. He had stated that there has been \$50,000 to \$60,000 in donations, and "in-kind donations". He spoke to the various contractors and residents that have assisted in the work so far. He also stated that the project is about half done and will be needing fences, and the interior of the building will need to be completed.

Jeffrey Shute stated that the Parks & Recreation Department is applying for a \$25,000 grant to help with completing this project.

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 9** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund said fund to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Chairman Barry stated that this is for the continuation of the fund. Currently the fund has a balance of \$5,960.00.

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 10** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established Rescue Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Chairman Barry stated that this is for the continuation of the fund. Currently the fund has a balance of \$10,008.00.

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 11** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be used by Northwood Lake Watershed Association to control the Milfoil in Northwood Lake.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 4-5-1*  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman**

Chairman Barry stated that a few years ago the Deerfield Board of Selectmen were approached by the Northwood Lake Association for monetary assistance in controlling Milfoil in Northwood Lake.

Frederick McGarry stated that 65 Deerfield Property owners have 8 thousand feet of frontage on Northwood Lake with \$16.3 million in assessments and pay \$363, 000 in taxes to Deerfield.

Andrew Robertson stated that the Northwood Lake Association has broken down the allotments proportionately.

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 12** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty One Dollars (\$5,661) for the purpose of installing LED light fixtures and 3 Paddle fans in the upstairs of the George B. White Building.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0*  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman**

The purpose is to install LED lighting and paddle fans in the front section of the George B. White building. As you have seen in the past we have replaced the walls on all three sections of the building, the roof on the rear building.

There was some discussion regarding the cost savings using LED lighting.

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 13** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be used by the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association to increase the number of hours for trained attendants to provide courtesy boat inspection at the public access ramp on Gulf Road to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic aquatic plants, like variable milfoil and aquatic nuisance animals like zebra mussels from entering Pleasant Lake.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 6-4-0*  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00*

**Richard Pitman moved the question, seconded by Andrew Robertson**

John Duffy stated that the lake host program is 15 years old and more hours are needed during the week for Boat Inspections.

Andrea Hotaling spoke in support to having additional hours for the Boat inspections to keep the Milfoil out of the lake and not get in the same situation as Northwood Lake.

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 14** Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services, or is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Deerfield under RSA 72:28.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman**

Chairman Barry stated that if this passes all veterans' will be eligible for the credit no matter when they served active duty.

Jim Spillane stated that the State Representatives have corrected the law but it is up to the individual towns to accept the change.

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 15** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation. This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded.

*Recommended by the Board of*

*Selectmen 5-0-0*

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman**

Chairman Barry stated that the last thing that the Board of Selectmen wants to do is to take property by Tax Deed. This article will enable the Board to sell the properties that have been taken by deed and get them back on the Tax Rolls.

There was discussion as to how the Town can sell the property.

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 16** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 413 Lot 52 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Chairman Barry stated that this property is located at 278 South Rd, with 2.9 acres and the town is looking for permission to sell this property as well as the properties in articles 17 & 18.

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**



**Article # 17** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 424 Lot 67 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

**Chairman Barry moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman.**

Chairman Barry stated that this property is located at 205 Raymond Rd with 1.8 acres

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 18** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 0424 Lot 0109 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

*Recommended by the Board of  
Selectmen 5-0-0*

**Chairman Barry Moved the question, seconded by Richard Pitman**

Chairman Barry stated that this property is located at 157 Raymond Rd

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 19** I, as the undersigned resident of Deerfield, NH, support the proposal to pave the currently unpaved portion of Middle Road between Birch Road and Stage Road, by way of town vote at the next available Town Meeting. Such proposal shall be presented to the Town for vote in the form of a Warrant Article, according to the laws of New Hampshire under RSA Chapter 39.(Petitioned Warrant Article)

*Recommended by the Board of  
Selectmen 0-5-0*

Kate Hartnett asked what the costs would be for this undertaking.



Chairman Barry stated that the Road Agent estimated the costs to be \$630,000 for this project.

Chairman Barry gave a history as to how this Petitioned Article come to be stating that is advisory only as it does not include and money for the project.

**Seeing no discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 20** To see if the Town will vote to designate the following as Scenic Roads: Thurston Pond Road from Mt. Delight Road to Middle Road and Ridge Road from Range Road to Thurston Pond Road under RSA231:157. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

**Rachael Stuart moved the question, seconded by Zachery Langlois.**

**George Thompson moved to amend the article, seconded by Chairman Barry to change the article to read:**

**“Shall we express a non-binding option that Thurston Pond Road from Mt. Delight Road to Middle Road and Ridge Road from Range Road to Thurston Pond Road are what they are.”**

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor.**

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as amended.**

**Article # 21** We the undersigned Deerfield voters hereby petition to have an article that proposes rescinding the authority of the Deerfield Municipal Budget Committee placed on the town warrant in accordance with sections II, III and V of New Hampshire RSA 32:14. If the article receives a majority of votes in the affirmative the Municipal Budget Committee shall be made an advisory committee. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

Michael Schou moved the question, seconded by Maureen Quinn

**Andrea Hotaling made a motion to amend the article, seconded by Kevin Verville to change the article to read: “To see if the Town will vote to maintain the authority of the Deerfield Budget Committee in accordance with sections II, III and V of RSA 32:14”**

Andrea Hotaling feels that having the Budget Committee act as a second set of eyes in the budgeting process.

Kevin Verville stated the current procedure that the Budget Committee reviews the budgets.

Jonathan Winslow moved the question, seconded by Chairman Barry.

The moderator called for a recess at 11:50 to investigate if the article can be amended and if so how it can be accomplished.

The Moderator resumed the meeting at 12:10.

There were two requests for a secret Ballot:

The Moderator instructed the audience as to the procedures for secret ballot voting.

**Secret Ballot vote results YES 39 NO 117, amendment fails.**

Back to the main article.

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as printed.**

**Article # 22** We petition to the Voters of Deerfield the following question, Do you support Northern Pass to follow through its proposal to use Deerfield's sub-station and its Right of Way and pay the town between \$775,000 dollars to \$1.4 million dollars in taxes which reduce taxes to every property owner.  
(Petitioned Warrant Article)

**Harriet Cady moved the question, seconded by Karen Cote**

Harriet Cady spoke in support of the article

**Nate Oxnard mad a motion to amend the article, seconded by Chris Coombs to change the article to: "Shall we express an advisory opinion that the Town assess the impacts of the Northern Pass project, including tax impacts, the depreciation of Northern Pass taxable assets over time, and the long-term economic impact resulting from the Northern Pass project and its effect of Deerfield's property values, scenic vistas, and rural New England character."**

John Dubiansky spoke against the amendment.

Jeannie Menard read some parts of "Economic Impact Analysis and Review of the Proposed Northern Pass Transmission Project".

There mush discussion both in favor and against the Northern Pass project in general.

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor, the amendment passes.**

**Back to the article as amended.**

**Seeing no further discussion the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as amended.**

**Article # 23** We petition to the taxpayers of Deerfield the following question, Do you want Northern Pass to go through Deerfield's sub-station and thus pay the town between \$775,000 dollars to \$1.4 million dollars which will reduce taxes to every property owner. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

**Harriet Cady moved the question, seconded by John Dubiansky**

**Suzanne Steele made a motion to amend the article, seconded by Joan Bilodeau to change the wording to: "Shall we express an advisory opinion that the Town assess the impacts of the Northern Pass project with a focus on the expansion of the Deerfield substation, including the tax impacts, the depreciation of Northern Pass taxable assets over time, and the long-term economic impact resulting from the Northern Pass project and its effect of Deerfield's property values, scenic vistas and rural New England Character?"**

There was much discussion regarding the wording of the amendment and the determination of the Tax impact of the project to the Town.

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor, the amendment passes.**

**Back to the article as amended.**

**Kevin Verville made a motion to amend the article, seconded by John Dubiansky to read: "To see if the Town will vote to support the Northern Pass Project through the Deerfield Substation and thus pay taxes."**

Kevin Verville stated that the main reason for his amendment is to determine if the Town is in favor of having Northern Pass come into Deerfield.

Stephen Barry, speaking for himself, stated the he is in support of the amendment.

**The moderator called for a vote on the amendment, the amendment passes.**

**Frank Mitchell made a motion to amend the article, seconded by Chairman Barry removing “and thus pay taxes.”**

**The moderator called for a vote on the amendment, the amendment passes.**

**Kevin Verville made a motion to amend the article, seconded by Chairman Barry to remove “Deerfield Substation”.**

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, the vote was too close to call. The Moderator called for a hand count, YES 61, NO 67, the amendment fails.**

**There was much discussion regarding the 2013 and 2015 votes of the Town regarding the Northern Pass Project.**

**Richard Pitman moved the question, seconded by Chairman Barry.**

**The Moderator called for a vote to move the question, all in favor.**

**The Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the ballot as amended.**

**Article # 24** We the undersigned registered voters in the town of Deerfield petition the voters asking “Would you want Northern Pass to come to Deerfield if it would pay approximately \$800,000 in taxes which would reduce taxes to every property owner? Further that our town boards and committees actions be only to assure the allowance of power lines which will pay these taxes to Deerfield. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

**Kevin Verville made a motion to amend the article, seconded by Richard Pitman to read: “Do you support Northern Pass coming to Deerfield.”**

**Amanda Sears made a motion to change the amendment, seconded by Kevin Verville to read: “Based on your current understanding do you support Northern Pass coming to Deerfield.”**

**Lynn Hapke moved the question.**

**The Moderator called for a vote to end debate, all in favor.**

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor the amendment passes.**

**Back to the article as amended.**

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amended article, all in favor.**

**The moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as amended.**

**Article # 25** We the undersigned registered voters of Deerfield petition the Deerfield Police Chief be an elected position not to be appointed by any board as of March 2017 to be paid \$65,000 per year with cost of living increases each year if voted by the taxpayers. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

**Harriet Cady moved the question, seconded by Gloria Riel.**

**Joanne Bradbury made a motion to change the article, seconded by Zachery Langlois to read: "Shall we express an advisory view that the position of Police Chief be an appointed position as it is at the present time?."**

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor.**

**The moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as amended.**

**Article # 26** Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the Deerfield default town budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14?  
(Petitioned Warrant Article)

**Harriet Cady moved the question, seconded by Kevin Verville.**

Harriet Cady feels that there needs to be a more transparency procedure as to how the Default budget is determined. By having the MBC determine the public would have more information as how the budget prepared.

**The Moderator seeing no further discussion instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as written.**

**Article # 27** We the undersigned registered voters of Deerfield petition the Deerfield Welfare Director be an elected position not appointed by town officials, as of March 2017 to be paid no more than \$5,000 per year with no raises as an employee but raises to be given if voted by the taxpayers by a Warrant Article.  
(Petitioned Warrant Article)

**Rachael Stuart moved the question, seconded by George Marshall.**

**Judith Marshall made a motion to change the wording of the article, seconded by Chairman Barry to read: "Shall we express an advisory view that the position of Deerfield Welfare Director be appointed as it is at the present time."**

Judith Marshall feels that Deerfield needs the most qualified individual for the position, if it was elected; you would be limiting the potential candidates to Deerfield residents only.

**The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, all in favor.**

**The Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the article on the Ballot as amended.**

The Moderator asked if there was any other business for this meeting.

Kate Hartnett wanted to applaud the Board of Selectmen, and various committees for all their hard work in keeping Deerfield as Deerfield.

Ernie Robert would like to thank Jack Hutchinson for all his hard work as Moderator all of these years. Jack received a standing ovation.

**Jon Winslow moved at adjourn, many seconds.**

**The moderator called the meeting at 1:55 pm.**

  
**Kevin J. Barry**  
Town Clerk



**TOWN OF DEERFIELD**  
**DELIBERATIVE SESSION TWO**  
**MARCH 14, 2017**

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson opened with the following remarks:

After entering the Town Hall, approach the ballot clerks and state your name. The clerk will repeat your name to confirm that it has been heard correctly.

The clerk will request your photo ID. If you have one, she will verify the image and your name. If you do not have a photo ID, she will request that you fill out a "Challenged Voter Affidavit" and have it signed by an election official.

The clerk will hand you a ballot

Enter the voting area to mark your ballots.

Please do not fold the ballots.

Place your machine – readable ballots into the ballot counting machine one at a time and gently insert each into the slot. The machine will read a ballot presented in any orientation. If there are lines at the machines, voters may insert their ballots in the box to be counted later.

The ballot clerks have privacy envelopes available for any voter who requests one to cover his or her ballots as they are inserted in the machine.

If a voter marks an erroneous vote or makes any stray marks on a ballot, he should either correct it and request that it be hand counted or return it to the Moderator as a spoiled ballot and request a new one. However a voter who spoils three ballots will not be issued a fourth.

At any time after a voter declares his or her name to a ballot clerk and receives a ballot and before he or she inserts that ballot into the ballot counting machine, any Deerfield voter or a qualified challenger appointed by the Attorney General has the right to challenge the voter. All challenges are based on either the voter not being legally qualified to vote in Deerfield (not yet 18 years of age, not a U.S. Citizen, not domiciled in Deerfield) or other legal grounds such as the voter is not the person he claims to be, has already voted in this election, has had his voting rights suspended or is an incarcerated felon. The challenge must be for a specific reason and must be submitted to the Moderator in writing on a Voter Challenge Form. If the challenge is found to be well grounded, then the voter may vote only if he or she completes and swears a challenged voter affidavit.



Any questions, concerns or complaints about the voting process should be directed to the Moderator or his assistant.

If any voter feels his rights have been violated, he should approach the moderator. If he is not satisfied with the moderator's advice or decision, he may phone the attorney general's office at 1-866-868-3703.

That part of the hall where ballots are being handled – from the ballot clerks past the voting booths to the ballot counting machines is termed "behind the guardrail". It is to be used exclusively for the business of voting. Only voters in the process of voting, election officials working on the election and police officer should be in this area.

Voting is a public event and anyone has the right to observe. Observers should be outside the rail and leave a clear path for voters.

We will see many friends in Deerfield today. However please respect the election and comply with the law. Take conversations outside the voting area.

There is NO electioneering in the place. Campaign badges must be removed when entering and clothing bearing campaign slogans or candidates' names must be removed or covered.

We must maintain a clear 10 foot corridor to the doors to the hall. Voters should be comfortable entering and leaving the building without impediment or delay. Electioneering is restricted to the designated areas outside the building.

Also, under RSA 664:17 "No political advertising shall be placed on or affixed to any public property including highway right – of – way".

Moderator Jonathan Hutchinson read the Warrant for the meeting:

The final ballot vote for warrant articles will take place at the Town Hall, 10 Church Street on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendments to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board. Also to vote on the following warrant articles, as amended, including the proposed budget as a result of the action of the First Session.

Election Officials present were: Moderator Jonathan Hutchinson, assisted by Assistant Moderator James County, Erik Gross, and Dan Holdridge; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Kevin Barry; Ballot Clerks, Barbara Daley, Cindy Tomilson, Kathy Berglund, Ann Crown, Barbara Mathews and Cherie Sanborn Supervisors of the Checklist, Gloria Riel, Harriet Cady, Chairperson and Dianna Allard; Board of Selectmen Stephen Barry, Jeffrey Shute, Richard Pitman; Frederick McGary Selectmen.

Gatekeeper for this Election was Police Chief Gary Duquette

**7:00AM** The Polls were declared open by Moderator Hutchinson and the Balloting began.

**10:00 AM** Kelly Roberts, Deputy Town Clerk/ Tax Collector arrived with one Absentee Ballot from the Post Office.

**10:20 AM** Moderator Jonathan Hutchinson opened the "outer envelopes" of the Absentee Ballots, verifying the signatures.

**1:00 PM** Moderator Jonathan Hutchinson assisted by Kelly Roberts started opening and placing the Absentee Ballots in a Ballot box for counting at a later time.

**2:45 PM** Opening of the Absentee Ballots ended

Absentee Ballot packets requested 202

Absentee Ballots packets returned 196

Absentee Ballot packets challenged 6

Absentee Ballot packets not returned 6

Absentee Ballot packets to be counted 190

**5:00 PM** Town Clerk Kevin Barry went to the Post Office to retrieve any Absentee Ballots that have been received after 1:00 PM.

No more Absentee Ballots were received at the Post Office.

Total Absentee ballots packets returned 196

Absentee Ballot packets not returned 6

Absentee Ballot packets not counted (rejected) 6

Absentee Ballot packets to be counted 190

**7:00 PM** Moderator Jonathan Hutchinson declared the polls closed.

Serving as Ballot counters are: Dick Boisvert, Rebecca Hutchinson, Jay Joplin, Dee Jones, Aron Dibacco, Joyce Pelletier, Kirk Sciola , and Alan O'Neal.

**7:05 PM** Moderator Jonathan Hutchinson instructed the Inspectors of Elections as to the procedures for the tallying of the votes.

**7:10 PM** The Ballot Counting began.

**8:30 PM** Moderator Jonathan Hutchinson started announcing the results:

Total Registered voters at start of day 3563

New Registered voters today 17

Percentage voted 30%

Total Ballots voted 1061

#### TOWN BALLOT

##### Board of Selectmen

2 for 3 years

John J. Cote	217
Laura Hughes	278
R. Andrew Robertson	552
Jeffrey R. Shute	607

##### Treasurer

1 for 3 years

Lorena Sinammon	747
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##### Trustee of Trust Funds

1 for 3 years

Harriet E. Cady	424
Write -in	
John Reagan	214

##### Trustee of Philbrick-James Library

2 for 3 years

Janice Clark	705
Anne K. Deely	728

##### Cemetery Trustees

1 for 3 years

Write-ins

Maureen Mann	90
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##### Water Commissioner

1 for 3 years

Write-ins

Lucy Myers	75
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Highway Agent  
1 for 3 years  
Mark M. Young 864

Planning Board  
1 for 1 year  
Gregory Mitchell 667

Planning Board  
1 for 3 years  
David G. Doran 686

Municipal Budget Committee  
3 for 3 years  
John Dubiansky 541  
Benjamin Minerd 427  
Philip H. Bilodeau 529  
Ian Scott 186  
Alden Dill 570

#### Town Warrant Articles

##### Zoning Amendment # 1:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Delete "Accessory Apartment" and replace it with a new definition for an "Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)".

Delete the existing text in Section 304 and replace it with the following: "Unless permitted for a detached Accessory Dwelling Unit, there shall only be one dwelling on a lot."

Add a new Section 331, Accessory Dwelling Unit, including a definition and provisions such as one (1) ADU per single family unit, independent living facilities, independent means of ingress and egress, owner occupancy of either the principal unit or the ADU, a limitation on floor space, limit of no more than two (2) bedrooms and aesthetic continuity of the ADU with the principal dwelling unit.

YES 651

NO 284

**Zoning Amendment # 2:**

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*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

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*Estimated Tax Impact Proposed Budget \$7.01*

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Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 4-6-0*

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YES 714 NO 321

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Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02*

YES 696 NO 340

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Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 4-5-1  
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01*

YES 747 NO 291



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*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0*  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01*

YES 649

NO 389

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*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-1-0*  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00*

YES 852

NO 193

**Article # 14** Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services, or is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Deerfield under RSA 72:28.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

YES 897

NO 127

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*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

YES 738

NO 275

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YES 741

NO 244

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YES 777

NO 193

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*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

YES 795

NO 183

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*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 0-5-0*

YES 217

NO 799

**Article # 20** Shall we express a non-binding option that Thurston Pond Road from Mt. Delight Road to Middle Road and Ridge Road from Range Road to Thurston Pond Road are what they are. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

YES 598

NO 306

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YES 432

NO 548

**Article # 22** Shall we express an advisory opinion that the Town assess the impacts of the Northern Pass project, including tax impacts, the depreciation of Northern Pass taxable assets over time, and the long-term economic impact resulting from the Northern Pass project and its effect of Deerfield's property values, scenic vistas, and rural New England character. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

YES 635

NO 377

**Article # 23** Shall we express an advisory opinion that the Town assess the impacts of the Northern Pass project with a focus on the expansion of the Deerfield substation, including the tax impacts, the depreciation of Northern Pass taxable assets over time, and the long-term economic impact resulting from the Northern Pass project and its effect on Deerfield's property values, scenic vistas and rural New England Character?(Petitioned Warrant Article)

YES 632

NO 361

**Article # 24** Based on your current understanding do you support Northern Pass coming to Deerfield. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

YES 397

NO 632

**Article # 25** Shall we express an advisory view that the position of Police Chief be an appointed position as it is at the present time. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

YES 672

NO 333

**Article # 26** Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the Deerfield default town budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? (Petitioned Warrant Article)

YES 424

NO 525

**Article # 27** Shall we express an advisory view that the position of Deerfield Welfare Director be appointed as it is at the present time. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

YES 679

NO 319

## SCHOOL BALLOT

### School Board

2 for 3 years

James Deely	563
Kenneth C. Heckman	540
Leila Thompson	230
Kevin Verville	328

### Moderator

1 for 1 year

Erik E. Gross	794
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### Treasurer

1 for 1 year

Judith Lynn Marshall	769
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### School District Clerk

1 for 1 year

Julie A. O'Brien	769
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## School Warrant Articles

1. Shall the Deerfield School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$13,018,326**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$12,939,365** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Deerfield School District, or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]*  
*Budget Committee Does Not Recommend Approval [2-6-0]*

*If passed, the new estimated tax rate will be \$18.94 [per thousand], which will result in a \$1.40 increase over the previous year tax rate.*

[Note: Warrant Article #1 (operating budget article) does not include separate Warrant Articles 2, 5]

YES 527

NO 512

2. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to approve the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Deerfield School Board and the Deerfield Para Educators Association for the 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 fiscal years, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

2017/18	\$31,540
2018/19	\$32,773
2019/20	\$36,650

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,540 for the 2017/18 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels?

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]*

*Budget Committee Recommends Approval [6-2-0]*

*[Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.06 per thousand]*

YES 654

NO 385

3. Shall the Deerfield School District, if article 2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 2 cost items only? (Majority vote)

YES 602

NO 405

4. To see if the Deerfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the **Facilities Repair and Improvement Expendable Trust Fund** previously established. This sum to come from the June 30, 2017 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2017. No amount to be raised from taxation.

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]*

*Budget Committee Recommends Approval [10-0-0]*

YES 755

NO 278

5. To see if the Deerfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to one-hundred and two thousand dollars (\$102,000) for the purpose of replacing the Deerfield Community School gym floor.

*School Board Recommends Approval*

*[5-0-0]*

*Budget Committee Does Not Recommends Approval [3-5-0]*

*[Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.19 per thousand]*

YES 460

NO 568

6. To see if the Deerfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the **Facility Paving Plan Expendable Trust Fund** previously established. This sum to come from the June 30, 2017 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2017. No amount to be raised from taxation.

*School Board Recommends Approval*

*[5-0-0]*

*Budget Committee Recommends Approval [10-0-0]*

YES 759

NO 271

7. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to form a committee (consisting of representatives from the school board, school administrators, teachers, and community members) to recommend alternative world-class academic standards?

Further, that the Deerfield School District vote to instruct the Deerfield School Board to notify parents of their children's participation in the 'Smarter Balance Assessment' by way of notification in the Deerfield Community School newsletter, 'The Bridge'. [This article is submitted by petition]

YES 544 NO 443

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YES 582 NO 385

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YES 436 NO 554

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YES 375 NO 590

Respectfully Submitted

  
Kevin J. Barry

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector

Town Seal





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OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 14, 2017

BALLOT 1 OF 2

*H. J. Barry*  
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Three Year Term      Vote for not  
more than Two

JOHN J. COTE      217      ☐

LAURA HUGHES      278      ☐

R. ANDREW ROBERTSON      ☒

JEFFREY R. SHUTE      607      ☒

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in)      ☐

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(Write-in)      ☐

TREASURER

Three Year Term      Vote for not  
more than One

LORENA SINAMMON      747      ☒

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in)      ☐

TRUSTEE OF  
TRUST FUNDS

Three Year Term      Vote for not  
more than One

HARRIET E. CADY      424      ☒

John Reagan      214      ☐

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in)      ☐

TRUSTEE OF  
PHILBRICK-JAMES LIBRARY

Three Year Term      Vote for not  
more than Two

JANICE CLARK      705      ☒

ANNE K. DEELY      728      ☒

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in)      ☐

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in)      ☐

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Three Year Term      Vote for not  
more than One

Maureen Mann      90      ☒

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in)      ☐

WATER COMMISSIONER

Three Year Term      Vote for not  
more than One

Lucy Myers      75      ☒

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in)      ☐

HIGHWAY AGENT

Three Year Term      Vote for not  
more than One

MARK M. YOUNG      864      ☒

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in)      ☐

PLANNING BOARD

One Year Term      Vote for not  
more than One

GREGORY MITCHELL      667      ☒

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in)      ☐

PLANNING BOARD

Three Year Term      Vote for not  
more than One

DAVID G. DORAN      686      ☒

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in)      ☐

MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
COMMITTEE

Three Year Term      Vote for not  
more than Three

JOHN DUBIANSKY      541      ☒

BENJAMIN MINERD      427      ☐

PHILIP H. BILODEAU      529      ☒

IAN SCOTT      186      ☐

ALDEN DILL      570      ☒

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in)      ☐

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in)      ☐

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(Write-in)      ☐

ZONING AMENDMENTS

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651

YES ☒

NO ☐

284

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

*A. M. Barry*

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Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-1-1  
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.12

532  
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NO ☐  
504

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

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MARCH 14, 2017

BALLOT 2 OF 2

*H. J. Barry*  
TOWN CLERK

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*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02* 340
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*Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 4-5-1* NO ☐  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01* 291
- Article # 12** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty One Dollars (\$5,661) for the purpose of installing LED light fixtures and 3 Paddle fans in the upstairs of the George B. White Building. 649  
*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0* YES ☒  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0* NO ☐  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01* 389
- Article # 13** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be used by the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association to increase the number of hours for trained attendants to provide courtesy boat inspection at the public access ramp on Gulf Road to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic aquatic plants, like variable milfoil and aquatic nuisance animals like zebra mussels from entering Pleasant Lake. 852  
*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0* YES ☒  
*Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-1-0* NO ☐  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00* 193

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**Article # 14** Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services, or is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Deerfield under RSA 72:28.

897  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
127

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0  
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

**Article # 15** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation. This authority shall continue indefinitely, until rescinded.

738  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
275

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

**Article # 16** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 413 Lot 52 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

741  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
244

**Article # 17** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 424 Lot 67 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

777  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
193

**Article # 18** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcel Map 0424 Lot 0109 acquired by tax deed by public auction, advertised sealed bids or otherwise as justice may require. No Town properties will be disposed of until reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation.

795  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
183

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0*

**Article # 19** I, as the undersigned resident of Deerfield, NH, support the proposal to pave the currently unpaved portion of Middle Road between Birch Road and Stage Road, by way of town vote at the next available Town Meeting. Such proposal shall be presented to the Town for vote in the form of a Warrant Article, according to the laws of New Hampshire under RSA Chapter 39. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

217  
YES ☐  
NO ☒  
799

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 0-5-0*

**Article # 20** Shall we express a non-binding option that Thurston Pond Road from Mt. Delight Road to Middle Road and Ridge Road from Range Road to Thurston Pond Road are what they are. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

598  
YES ☒  
306 NO ☐

**Article # 21** We the undersigned Deerfield voters hereby petition to have an article that proposes rescinding the authority of the Deerfield Municipal Budget Committee placed on the town warrant in accordance with sections II, III and V of New Hampshire RSA 32:14. If the article receives a majority of votes in the affirmative the Municipal Budget Committee shall be made an advisory committee. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

432  
YES ☐  
548 NO ☒

**Article # 22** Shall we express an advisory opinion that the Town assess the impacts of the Northern Pass project, including tax impacts, the depreciation of Northern Pass taxable assets over time, and the long-term economic impact resulting from the Northern Pass project and its effect of Deerfield's property values, scenic vistas, and rural New England character. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

635  
YES ☒  
377 NO ☐

**Article # 23** Shall we express an advisory opinion that the Town assess the impacts of the Northern Pass project with a focus on the expansion of the Deerfield substation, including the tax impacts, the depreciation of Northern Pass taxable assets over time, and the long-term economic impact resulting from the Northern Pass project and its effect on Deerfield's property values, scenic vistas and rural New England Character?

632  
YES ☒  
361 NO ☐

**Article # 24** Based on your current understanding do you support Northern Pass coming to Deerfield. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

397  
YES ☐  
632 NO ☒

**Article # 25** Shall we express an advisory view that the position of Police Chief be an appointed position as it is at the present time. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

672  
YES ☒  
333 NO ☐

**Article # 26** Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the Deerfield default town budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? (Petitioned Warrant Article)

424  
YES ☐  
525 NO ☒

**Article # 27** Shall we express an advisory view that the position of Deerfield Welfare Director be appointed as it is at the present time. (Petitioned Warrant Article)

679  
YES ☒  
319 NO ☐

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**

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# State of New Hampshire

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Form NP-3  
RSA 292:7

## AFFIDAVIT OF AMENDMENT OF

F.O.C.U.S. (Forum of Citizens Uniting the School)  
A NEW HAMPSHIRE NONPROFIT CORPORATION

I, Rebecca C. Hutchinson, the undersigned, being the Chair

(Note 1) of the above named New Hampshire nonprofit corporation, do hereby certify that a meeting was held for the purpose of amending the articles of agreement and the following amendment(s) were approved by a majority vote of the corporation's members (BoD). (Note 2)

*Amendment of 1994 Articles:*

*Second:*

*The Name of the Organization shall be FOCUS*

*When describing FOCUS, the description "Focus on Community & School" shall be used.*

[If more space is needed, attach additional sheet(s).]

A true record, attest:

Rebecca C. Hutchinson  
(Signature)

Print or type name:

Rebecca C. Hutchinson

Title:

Chair

Date signed:

7/15/17

Notes: 1. Clerk, secretary or other officer.

2. Enter either "Board of Directors" or "Trustees".

DISCLAIMER: All documents filed with the Corporation Division become public records and will be available for public inspection in either tangible or electronic form.

Mailing Address - Corporation Division, NH Dept. of State, 107 N Main St, Rm 204, Concord, NH 03301-4989  
Physical Location - State House Annex, 3rd Floor, Rm 317, 25 Capitol St, Concord, NH

File a copy with Clerk of the town/city of the principal place of business.

Form NP-3 (9/2015)

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Secretary of State  
State of New Hampshire

Form NP-1  
RSA 292:2

## ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT OF A NEW HAMPSHIRE NONPROFIT CORPORATION

THE UNDERSIGNED, being persons of lawful age, associate under the provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 292 by the following articles:

**FIRST:** The name of the corporation shall be Deerfield Community School Parent-Teacher Organization

**SECOND:** The object/purpose for which this corporation is established is:

- (a) support local educational programs for students at the Deerfield Community School within the town of Deerfield, New Hampshire that foster the growth development and education of students within the Town and to enhance and support the educational experience at Deerfield Community School, develop a close connection between school and home by encouraging parental involvement, and improve the environment at DCS through volunteer and financial support; and
- (b) provide financial assistance to support educational opportunities within the Town.

**THIRD:** The provisions for establishing membership and participation in the corporation are:

Membership shall be automatically granted to all parents and legal guardians of currently enrolled Deerfield Community School students, plus all faculty and staff at the Deerfield Community School. There are no required membership dues.

**FOURTH:** The provisions for disposition of the corporate assets in the event of dissolution of the corporation including the prioritization of rights of shareholders and members to corporate assets are: Any property held by the Corporation in the event of dissolution shall be distributed to the Deerfield Community School.

**FIFTH:** The New Hampshire principal address at which the business of this corporation is to be carried on is

66 North Road Deerfield NH 03037  
(no. & street) (city/town) (state) (zip code)

Principal Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
(no. & street) (city/town) (state) (zip code)

Business Email: smheon@aol.com

☒ Please check if you would prefer to receive the courtesy Nonprofit Report Reminder by email.

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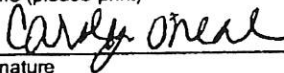
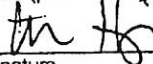
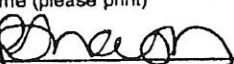
**SIXTH:** The amount of capital stock, if any, or the number of shares or membership certificates, if any, and provisions for retirement, reacquisition and redemption of those shares or certificates are:  
None

**SEVENTH:** Provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director, an officer or both, to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, an officer or both is (Note 1) \_\_\_\_\_

See attached \_\_\_\_\_

**EIGHTH:** Signatures and post office address of each of the persons associating together to form the corporation: (Note 2)

Signature and Name

1.   
Signature  
Susan Fifield  
Name (please print)
2.   
Signature  
Andrea Boulton  
Name (please print)
3.   
Signature  
Carolyn O'Neal  
Name (please print)
4.   
Signature  
Trisha Hellings  
Name (please print)
5.   
Signature  
Gina Nash  
Name (please print)

Post Office Address

- 11 Fifield Way  
Street  
Deerfield NH 03037  
City/Town State Zip
- 164 Mountain View Rd.  
Street  
Deerfield NH 03037  
City/Town State Zip
- 1 Millstone Lane  
Street  
Deerfield NH 03037  
City/Town State Zip
- 175 South Rd  
Street  
Deerfield NH 03037  
City/Town State Zip
- 237 South Rd  
Street  
Deerfield NH 03037  
City/Town State Zip

Notes: 1. If no provision eliminating or limiting personal liability, insert "NONE".

2. At least five signatures are required.

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**Physical Location - State House Annex, 3rd Floor, Rm 317, 25 Capitol St, Concord, NH**

**Seventh:**

The Corporation may indemnify a person who is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or who is or was serving in another capacity at the request of the Corporation, to the extent authorized by law, and may purchase and maintain insurance to protect itself and such persons against liability.



# State of New Hampshire

## Department of State

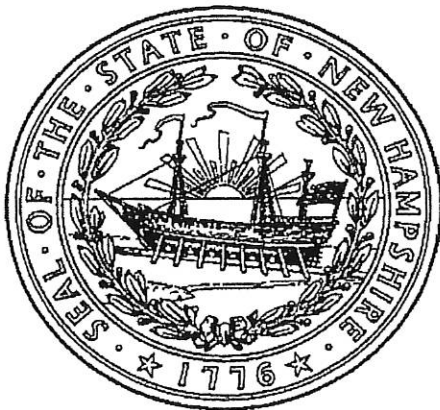
### CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE

OF

### DEERFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

This is to certify that **DEERFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION** is registered in this office as a **New Hampshire Nonprofit Corporation** to transact business in New Hampshire on 9/25/2017 4:30:00 PM.

Business ID: 779633



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,  
I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed  
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,  
this 25th day of September A.D. 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William M. Gardner".

William M. Gardner  
Secretary of State

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**BYLAWS OF THE  
DEERFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION  
AS OF September 7, 2017**

**ARTICLE I: Name**

The name of this Corporation, a New Hampshire non-profit corporation, shall be DEERFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION (the “Corporation” or “DCS PTO”).

**ARTICLE II: Location of Offices**

Section 2.1. The principal office of the Corporation for the transaction of its business is located at 66 North Road, Deerfield, New Hampshire 03037. The mailing address for the corporation is 66 North Road, Deerfield, New Hampshire 03037.

Section 2.2. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places within or without the State of New Hampshire, where it is qualified to do business, as its business may require and as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

**ARTICLE III: Powers and Purposes**

Section 3.1. Purpose. The Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The purposes of the Corporation shall be to:

- (a) support local educational programs for students at the Deerfield Community School within the town of Deerfield, New Hampshire that foster the growth development and education of students within the Town and to enhance and support the educational experience at Deerfield Community School, develop a close connection between school and home by encouraging parental involvement, and improve the environment at DCS through volunteer and financial support; and
- (b) provide financial assistance to support educational opportunities within the Town.

Section 3.2. Powers. The Corporation shall have all the powers necessary to carry out the foregoing purposes and all the powers of non-profit corporations organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

Section 3.3. Limitations.

(a) The Corporation shall be an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer, and it shall not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, creed, sex, financial status, or national origin (i) in the persons serviced, or in the manner of service; (ii) in the hiring, assignment, promotion, salary determination, or other conditions of staff employment; or (iii) in the membership of its Board of Directors.

(b) The Corporation shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity that would invalidate its status as a corporation which is exempt from federal income taxation as an organization described in Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any successor provision.

(c) The Corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit and shall not have any capital stock. No part of its net earnings or of its principal shall inure to the benefit of any officer, director or member of the Corporation, or any other individual, partnership or corporation, but reimbursement for expenditures or the payment of reasonable compensation for services rendered shall not be deemed to be a distribution of earnings or principal.

(d) On dissolution, after provision is made for payment of debts, all property of the Corporation, from whatever source arising, shall be distributed only to such organizations as are then exempt from tax by virtue of Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any successor provision, and as the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall determine, unless otherwise provided in the instrument from which the funds to be distributed derive.

(e) If the Corporation is determined to be a private foundation, (i) it will not engage in any act of self-dealing which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4941 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; (ii) it will distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; (iii) it will not retain any excess

business holding which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4943 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; (iv) it shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; and (v) it shall not make any taxable expenditures which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4945 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(f) No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign of any candidate for public office.

3.4 Personal Views. The Corporation is not responsible for the personal views expressed by any of its speakers, authors, employees, officers, or directors unless these views have been affirmed or ratified by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE IV: Members

Membership shall be automatically granted to all parents and legal guardians of DCS students, plus all faculty and staff at Deerfield Community School. There are no required membership dues. Members have voting privileges. All voting privileges must be exercised at an official DCS PTO General Meetings. Membership shall automatically terminate after the member has no children enrolled in the DCS.

#### ARTICLE V: Meetings of Membership

Section 5.1. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Members shall be in held in the month of May each year at a date, time, and place designated by the President or the Board of Directors. Written notice of the place, date, time and subject matter of the Annual Meeting shall be given to the Members by the Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting. The purpose of the Annual Meeting shall be to elect members of the Board of Directors and officers, to receive reports of the Board of Directors, officers, and committees, and to transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

The Members may elect to open all or a portion of the Annual Meeting to members of the public upon such terms and conditions and upon such notice as the Members shall establish.

Section 5.2. Regular Meetings. The Membership shall hold regular meetings at such time and at such place as shall from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors with at least seven (7) days' written notice. The regular location for the meetings will be at the Deerfield Community School in Deerfield, New Hampshire. The Membership shall meet at least four (4) times each calendar year.

Section 5.3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Membership may be called by the President (upon his/her own initiative or upon written request of at least five (5) Members) or by two (2) members of the Board of Directors, with at least seven (7) days written notice. Notice of such meeting shall include a statement of the purpose of the meeting, the date, time and location of the special meeting and an agenda. Only items on such agenda may be voted on by the Board at such a meeting. No meetings shall be held during the academic year on a weekday in which the Deerfield Community School is closed as a result of weather or other circumstances.

Section 5.4. Quorum. A quorum for a Member's meeting shall be ten (10) Members. Unless otherwise provided for by law or these Bylaws, the act of the majority of the Members present and voting at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Members. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the Members, the Members present at the meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than an announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 5.5. Voting. Each Member shall have one vote at Members' meetings at which the member is present.

Section 5.6. Notice of Meetings. The business to be transacted at, and the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Members shall be specified in the notice of the meeting, but no such specification is required in a waiver of notice of such meeting.

Section 5.7. Record of Meetings. The Secretary or other person designated by the Members shall keep a record of the meeting.

## ARTICLE VI: Directors

Section 6.1. Management by Directors. The Directors shall have the control and management of the affairs of the Corporation between meetings of the Members, including, but not limited to, charge of the property and business of the Corporation. No expenditures of money shall be made and no contracts or other obligations shall be entered into unless previously authorized by vote of the Directors, the Members, or by some committee or officer to which such authority has been given, provided, however, if the Board of Directors, or the Members, shall subsequently ratify any such expenditure or contract, the Corporation shall then be bound.

Section 6.2. Number. There shall be a Board of Directors of the Corporation of not less than five (5) persons and not more than fifteen (15) persons. The School Principal, or designee, shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors. The initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be elected by the incorporators, and thereafter the members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the Members.

Section 6.3. Election; Term. The Members shall elect the Directors of the Corporation during the month of May each year. The Directors of the Corporation shall take office on the first day of July following their election, and shall hold office for terms of one (1) year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 6.4. Vacancies. Any vacancies among the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Members. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of the member's predecessor in office.

Section 6.5. Compensation. Directors shall not receive any stated salaries for their services.

## ARTICLE VII: Meetings of the Directors

Section 7.1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall take place at such time and on such date during the month of July of each year at the principal offices of the Corporation, or at such other time, date, or place in New Hampshire, as the Board of Directors or the President shall determine. The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to receive the reports of officers and committees of the Board of Directors, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Section 7.2. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such time and at such place as shall from time to time be determined by the President.

Section 7.3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or by any two (2) Directors on five (5) days notice.

Section 7.4. Notice of Meetings. The business to be transacted at, and the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be specified in the notice of the meeting, but no such specification is required in a waiver of notice of such meeting. Notice shall be given at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting.

Section 7.5. Alternate Forms of Meetings.

(a) Conference Calls. The members of the Board of Directors, or any committee or subcommittee of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board or such committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment. Participation by this means shall constitute presence by the person at the meeting.

(b) Telephone Polls and Electronic Mail. The members of the Board of Directors or any committee or subcommittee of the Board may also take into action via telephone poll conducted by the President or any officer designated by the President to conduct such poll or by electronic mail. The exact text of the action to be voted upon shall be read or sent to the Directors, committee or subcommittee members entitled to vote on the matter and the vote of each Director, committee or subcommittee member shall be recorded. The results of any telephone poll or vote by electronic mail shall be presented to and reviewed by the members of the Board of Directors, the committee or subcommittee, respectively, at their next regularly scheduled meeting following the poll or vote.

Section 7.6. Record of Meetings. The Secretary or other person designated by the Board of Directors shall keep a record of the meeting.

Section 7.7. Quorum; Vote Required. A majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of Directors, and, unless otherwise provided for by law or these Bylaws, the act of the majority of the Directors present and voting at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the Directors, the Directors present at the meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without



notice other than an announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 7.8. Action by Unanimous Consent. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Directors may be taken without a meeting if consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors and filed by the Secretary with the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 7.9. Removal. Any Director may at any time be removed from office for any cause deemed sufficient by the Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors acting at a meeting of the Directors.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: Notice**

Section 8.1. General. Whenever under the provisions of law or these Bylaws, notice is required to be given to any Director or Officer, such notice must be given in writing, by personal delivery, or by mail or telegram or electronic mail addressed to such Director or Officer at his or her address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, with postage or other delivery fees thereon prepaid. Notice by mail shall be deemed to be given at the time it is deposited in the United States mail.

Section 8.2. Waiver. Whenever any notice is required to be given by law or by these Bylaws, a waiver of notice signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated in these Bylaws, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance at a meeting either in person, or if applicable, by proxy, of a person entitled to notice shall constitute a waiver of notice of the meeting unless he or she attends solely for the purpose of objecting at the beginning of the meeting to the transaction of business on the grounds that the meeting was not lawfully called or convened.

#### **ARTICLE IX: Officers and Agents**

Section 9.1. Officers. The officers of the Corporation shall include a President, a President-Elect, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 9.2. Other Officers and Agents. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers and agents as it shall deem necessary, who shall hold their offices for such terms and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 9.3. Election: Term of Officers; Vacancies. The Members shall elect the officers of the Corporation during the month of December each year. The officers of the Corporation shall take office on the July first following their election, and shall hold office for terms of one (1) year or until their successors are elected and qualified. Any vacancy occurring in any office of the Corporation shall be filled by the Members.

Section 9.4. The President. The President shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Corporation, and shall preside at General PTO meetings and Executive Board meetings, prepare agendas for official PTO meetings, coordinate communication, manage PTO contracts, process documentation and serve as the official representative of the PTO.

Section 9.5. The President-Elect. The President-Elect shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President and shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.

Section 9.6. The Vice President. Oversee the committee system of the PTO, fundraiser program development/execution, assist and/or assume the responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall, in the absence or disability of the President and the President-Elect, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President and shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.

Section 9.7. Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary or other person designated by the Board of Directors to keep the minutes of all meetings and records of the Members and of the Board of Directors, and to perform all other duties usually incident to the office. The Secretary or other person designated by the Board of Directors shall issue notices of annual and special meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors.

Section 9.8. Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, safely keep and disburse the funds of the Corporation, subject to the direction of the Board of Directors. The

Treasurer, or in his or her absence another officer of the Corporation, shall deliver a report at each meeting of the Directors and shall deliver an annual report at the annual meeting of the members. The Treasurer shall facilitate an annual audit, hold all financial records at a third party location, file any and all necessary state or federal filing, including the Federal Form 990 or 990N filing. The Treasurer, or any other officer authorized by the Board of Directors to sign checks, shall give bond in such sum and with such sureties as the Directors may require.

Section 9.9. Removal. Any officer may at any time be removed from office for any cause deemed sufficient by the Members by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members acting at a meeting of the Members.

#### **ARTICLE X: Committees**

Section 10.1 Executive Committee. The Board of Directors, by a resolution adopted by a majority of the full Board of Directors, may designate from among its number an Executive Committee, and except as provided by law, may delegate to such Executive Committee all the authority of the Board of Directors.

Section 10.2. Other Committees. The Board of Directors may also designate such other committees as they deem necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of the Corporation, which committees may consist either of members of the Board of Directors or such other persons as are designated in the resolution authorizing the creation of that committee. Each committee chair shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors during their term of office. Such committees may be discontinued when no longer necessary. Each such committee shall present a written report at the annual meeting of the members.

#### **ARTICLE XI: Conflict of Interest**

Section 11.1. Duty to Disclose. Each Director, prior to taking his position on the Board, and all present Directors shall submit in writing to the Chair of the Board a list of all businesses or other organizations of which the director is an officer, director, trustee, member, owner (either as a sole proprietor or partner), shareholder, employee or agent, with which the DCSPTO has or might reasonably in the future enter into, a relationship or a transaction in

which the Director would have conflicting interests. The Chair of the Board shall become familiar with the statements of all Directors in order to guide his conduct should a conflict arise.

Section 11.2 Voting. At such time as any matter comes before the Board in such a way to give rise to a conflict of interest, the affected Director shall make known the potential conflict, whether disclosed by written statement or not, and after answering any questions that might be asked, shall withdraw from the meeting for so long as the matter shall continue under discussion. In addition, other Directors who themselves have had pecuniary benefit transactions with the DCSPTO within the same fiscal year, should also not be present and not participate in the discussion. Should the matter be brought to a vote, neither the affected Director nor any other Director with a pecuniary benefit transaction with the DCSPTO in the same fiscal year shall vote on it. The Board will comply with all the requirements of New Hampshire law where conflicts of interest are involved, including but not limited to the requirement of a two-thirds vote and, if the financial benefit exceeds \$5,000 in a fiscal year, publication in the required newspaper.

Section 11.3. Statutory Requirements. The New Hampshire statutory requirements dealing with pecuniary benefits (RSA 7:19-a and RSA 292: 6-a) are hereby incorporated in full into and made an integral part of this conflict of interest policy; and a copy of the relevant New Hampshire statutes shall be provided to every Board member upon election so they are aware of the statutory requirements.

## **ARTICLE XII: Contributions and Depositories**

Section 12.1. Voluntary Contributions. The Corporation may accept gifts, grants, legacies and contributions from any source including persons, corporations, trusts, charities, and governments and governmental agencies.

Section 12.2. Depositories. The Board of Directors shall determine what depositories shall be used by the Corporation as long as such depositories are located within the State of New Hampshire and are authorized to transact business by the State of New Hampshire and are federally insured. All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in

the name of the Corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Corporation, and in such manner as shall be from time to time determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer and countersigned by the President.

#### **ARTICLE XIII: Prohibited Activities and Dissolution**

Section 13.1. Prohibited Activities. No part of the net earnings or pecuniary profit of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its Directors, officers, employees or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for personal services actually rendered to it and to make payment or reward an award in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II of the Articles of Agreement and in Article I, Section 2 of these Bylaws. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided in IRC 501(h)), and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. The income of the Corporation, for each taxable year, shall be distributed at such time and in such manner as to allow the Corporation to retain its tax-exempt status under federal and state laws.

Section 13.2. Dissolution. The Corporation may be dissolved upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members taken at a meeting of the Members called for that purpose. No member, Director, officer or employee or person connected with the Corporation shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the Corporation assets upon its dissolution. All assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to the Deerfield Community School.

#### **ARTICLE XIV: General**

Section 14.1. Fiscal year. The Corporation shall operate on a fiscal year ending June 30. Alteration of the fiscal year (by the Board of Directors) shall not require amendments of these Bylaws.

Section 14.2. Execution of Contracts and Documents. The President and the Treasurer or other agents authorized by the Board of Directors shall execute, in the name of the Corporation all contracts or other instruments so authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 14.3. Provisions Relative to Directors and Officers. In the absence of bad faith, no contract or transaction by this Corporation shall be void, voidable, or in any way affected by reason of the fact that the contract or transaction is (a) with one or more of its Directors or Officers, (b) with a corporation, organization or other concern in which a Director or Officer of this Corporation is an officer, Director, employee or in any way interested, or (c) one in which a Director or officer of this Corporation is in any way interested. In the absence of bad faith, no Director or officer of this Corporation shall be liable to this Corporation or creditor of this Corporation or to any person for any loss incurred by reason of such contract or transaction or be accountable for any gains or profits realized as a result of such contract or transaction so long as the transaction has been approved in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE XV: Indemnification**

The Corporation may indemnify a person who is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or who is or was serving in another capacity at the request of the Corporation, to the extent authorized by law, and may purchase and maintain insurance to protect itself and such persons against liability.

#### **ARTICLE XVI: Amendments**

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed or new Bylaws adopted by the Members at any meeting by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of all the Members of the Corporation, provided notice of the proposed change is given in the notice and not less than ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

These bylaws were adopted on 8/15/2017 by unanimous vote.

Signed: Susan F. Fild, President Susan Fild

Signed: Andrea Boulton, Vice-President Andrea Boulton

Signed: Trisha H, Treasurer Trisha Helling

Signed: Carey Neal, Secretary *Pro tem*

Articles of Agreement and Bylaws

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