



Town of Deerfield

Town & School Election Minutes

March 12, 2024

Location

Deerfield Town Hall, 10 Church Street, Deerfield, New Hampshire 03037.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moderator asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Polls Declared Open by Town Moderator

Moderator Dan Holdridge declared the polls open at 7:00 am.

Board of Selectmen Present

Richard Pitman; Fredrick McGarry; Cindy McHugh; William Huebner, Stephen Barry

Others Present

Kelly Roberts, Town Clerk; Dianne Kimball, Deputy Town Clerk; Nicole Curtis, Assistant Town Clerk; Nancy Pinciario, Assistant Town Clerk; Cherie Sanborn, Assistant Town Clerk; Dan Holdridge, Moderator; Erik Gross, Assistant Moderator; Kevin Barry, Assistant Moderator; Fran Menard, Assistant Moderator; Joanna Waring, Supervisor of Checklist; Christina Pretorius, Supervisor of Checklist; Frances Maureen Quinn, Supervisor of Checklist; Ballots Clerks; Inspectors of Election, Gary Duquette, Police Chief; the Deerfield Women's Club.

Absentee Ballots

At 1:00pm the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and the Deputy Town Clerk began processing absentee ballots. 58 absentee voter packets x 3 pages = 174 absentee ballots pages were counted.

The Town Clerk went to the Post Office at 5:00 pm to see if any additional absentee ballots had been returned. There were none.

Polls Close

Moderator declared the Polls closed at 7:00 pm.

Results

See following page for results.

Statistics

- Start of day voters on the checklist: 3492
- Election day new voter registrations: 11
- Total voters on the checklist: 3503
- 1345 ballots cast
- voter turnout: 38%

Minutes transcribed and respectfully submitted by,



Kelly Roberts, Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Town Seal



SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Kelly A Roberts
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 One

CINDY MCHUGH 1791 ☒

ALDEN DILL 490 ☐

(Write-in)

TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR

Three Year Term Vote for not more than One

KELLY ROBERTS 1243 ☒

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF PHILBRICK-JAMES LIBRARY

Three Year Term Vote for not more than Two

AMANDA TORSVIK 336 ☒

JULIE MOSGROBER 911 ☒

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF PHILBRICK-JAMES LIBRARY

One Year Term Vote for not more than One

MONIQUE MAGNUSON 314 ☐

ANNE DEELY 658 ☒

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Three Year Term Vote for not more than One

LAURIE BIENEFELD 957 ☒

(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Three Year Term Vote for not more than One

PHILIP BILODEAU 1011 ☒

(Write-in)

WATER COMMISSIONER

Three Year Term Vote for not more than One

GREG WHITMORE 917 ☒

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

Three Year Term Vote for not more than Two

DONALD WYMAN 893 ☒

ERROLL RHODES 806 ☒

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Three Year Term Vote for not more than Three

BONITA (BONNIE) BEAUBIEN ☒

TOM DILLON 336 ☐

JON LESLIE 487 ☐

LEAH MCHUGH 712 ☒

ROBERT PRIETO 464 ☐

KEVIN VERVILLE 601 ☒

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

One Year Term Vote for not more than One

LINDA MCNAIR-PERRY 573 ☒

ANDREA HOTALING 468 ☐

(Write-in)

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST

Six Year Term Vote for not more than One

SUZANNE STEELE 1001 ☒

(Write-in)

ARTICLES

Zoning Amendment # 1:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: delete Section 211 Floodplain Development Regulations in its entirety and replace it with a new Section 211 Floodplain Development Regulations as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program?

YES ☒

NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Zoning Amendment # 2:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: amend Article III Section 325.4.D.(b) by inserting the following new section and editions:

(b) Internal Setbacks and Separation:

- (1) Front setback: Structures and/or buildings shall be located at least twenty-five (25) feet from the edge of any roads in the subdivision.
- (2) Side and rear setbacks: Structures and/or buildings shall be located not less than 20 feet from internal side and rear property lines.
- (3) Dwelling units Separation: The depth of side and rear yards (measured from building to property lines) shall not be less than 20 feet. The Planning Board may approve a smaller separation if an acceptable alternative for fire safety, as determined by the Fire Chief, is provided. The location of setbacks proposed to achieve this requirement shall be depicted on all plats in the proposed open space subdivision.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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529

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 \$4,967,688.00. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,379,617.00 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.

YES ☐
NO ☒

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836

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 4-3-0
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value for Proposed Budget \$3.61
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value for Default Budget \$3.06

Article # 2 **As Amended on Saturday, February 3, 2024** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for the purpose of repair and/or reconstruction of existing roads and associated drainage improvements? Shall the Town further authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any and all State Aid or other revenue source that may become available for this work. The funds will be used for the improvement, reconstruction, maintenance, crack sealing, engineering of roads and tree removals as needed. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation as per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2025.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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458

Roadway Construction - Background: Road rehabilitation and reconstruction continues to be a challenge. In an effort to work towards a goal of improving overall road conditions within the Town, these funds will be utilized to systematically improve roads based on the results of the Road Service Management System Report completed by NH Southern Planning Commission and in consultation with the Road Agent. Road program priorities are generally guided by road condition, traffic volumes, and opportunities to coordinate road construction with other projects.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value \$0.64

Article # 3 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) to be placed in the previously established Cemetery General Maintenance Expendable Reserve Fund.

YES ☐
NO ☒

531
767

INFORMATION: The balance of the trust fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$58,542.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value \$0.09

Article # 4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Eight-Hundred Twenty-six Dollars (\$67,826.00), which includes additional wages and required benefits, for the purpose of providing cost-of-living adjustment to Town employees in the amount of 3.2%.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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568

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value \$0.09

Article # 5 **As Amended on Saturday, February 3, 2024** 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 Highway Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, for the purpose of general vehicle and equipment maintenance and repair with the ability to purchase any vehicle or piece of equipment should repair not be possible. The fund will have a cap at \$300,000.00 in principal.

YES ☒
NO ☐

710
595

INFORMATION: The balance of the trust fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$76,503.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value \$0.06

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT



BALLOT 2 OF 2

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
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Kelly A. Roberts
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article # 6 As Amended on Saturday, February 3, 2024 To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$35,880.00) for additional part-time Fire Fighter / EMT hours in the Deerfield Fire/Rescue Department. Should this article pass, it would only be funded in the event that the 2024 Operating Budget fails to pass.

YES ☐
NO ☒

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677

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-5-0
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value if Proposed Budget Passes \$0.00
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value if Default Budget Passes \$0.05*

Article # 7 As Amended on Saturday, February 3, 2024 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the previously established Municipal Government Buildings And Related Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund.

YES ☐
NO ☒

609
698

INFORMATION: The balance of the trust fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$39,193.00

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value \$0.03*

Article # 8 As Amended on Saturday, February 3, 2024 To see if the town will vote to establish a Philbrick James Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of general maintenance and repair to the building and grounds of the Library building; and to raise and appropriate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to put in the fund; further to name the Library Trustees as agents to expend from said fund.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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690

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-1-1
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value \$0.03*

Article # 9 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 for Aquatic Invasive Species/Aquatic Bacteria Education, Prevention, Treatment and Control in Northwood Lake.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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575

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value \$0.01*

Article # 10 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.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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463

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-0-1
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value \$0.01*

Article # 11 Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Deerfield on March 8, 2005, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law?" (A 3/5 majority of those voting is required.)

YES ☐
NO ☒

217
1095

Article #12 As Amended on Saturday, February 3, 2024 To see if the Town will vote to deposit 95% of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) into the Town's Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II.

YES ☒
NO ☐

649
613

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article # 13 To see if the town will vote to adopt the Conflict-of-Interest Ordinance approved by the Board of Selectmen on June 5, 2023, copies of which are available at the Town Clerk's office, posted at the George B White Building, Library and Post Office, on the Town webpage and Town Facebook page.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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365

Article # 14 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Deerfield Community Power Plan, which authorizes the Deerfield Select Board to develop and implement Deerfield Community Power as described therein (pursuant to RSA 53-E:7), the goal of which is to lower electric supply costs. There is no tax impact or use of Town funds.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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508

Article # 15 Advisory Only. To see if the Town of Deerfield supports the Deerfield Fire/Rescue Department and the Board of Selectman in pursuit of transitioning away from a Non-Transport Emergency Medical Service to a Transporting Emergency Medical Service and obtaining Deerfield its own Ambulance.

YES ☐
NO ☒

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865

Article # 16 As Amended on Saturday, February 3, 2024 WE THE UNDERSIGNED PETITION TO CHANGE THE ELDERLY EXEMPTION TO \$50,000 AT AGE 65 WITH INCREMENTS OF EVERY 5 YEARS BEING AN ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION OF \$50,000 (AT AGE 65 EXEMPTION TO BE \$50,000 AT AGE 70 \$100,000, ETC). THE RECIPIENT MAY HAVE UP TO \$150,000 IN ASSETS NOT COUNTING THE HOME AND UP TO TWO VEHICLES. Advisory Only [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

YES ☒
NO ☐

772
437

Article # 17 As Amended on Saturday, February 3, 2024 Shall the position of Road Agent continue to be appointed as it currently is; Advisory Only. [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

YES ☒
NO ☐

628
604

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

TOWN WRITE-INS - POSITIONS Tally Sheet - DEERFIELD, NH

March 12, 2024
Town Election

	Candidates	Tally	Tickmarks		Candidates	Tally	Tickmarks
Board of Selectman	Cindy McHugh				Tosh Baal	1	
	Alden Dill						
	None Above						
	Zared Messing	1					
	Zach Landais	1					
	Paul Smith	1					
	Overvotes						
	Undervotes						
	Total Write-In Votes	5				(sum of both Tally columns)	
Town Clerk/	Kelly Roberts						
Tax Collector							
	N/A	1					
	Any one but her	1					
	Theresa Kruse	1					
	Overvotes						
	Undervotes						
	Total Write-In Votes	3				(sum of both Tally columns)	
Library Trustee	Amanda Torsvik				Anyone Else	11	
(2 pos for 3 yrs)	Julie Mosgrober				Kevin Berryville	11	
	Scott Brewster	1			Paul Smith	1	
	Debbie Raymond	1			Techy Ray	1	
	Kristin Cooney	11					
	Overvotes						
	Undervotes						
	Total Write-In Votes	10				(sum of both Tally columns)	
Library Trustee	Monique Magnuson				Julie Mosgrober	1	
(1 pos for 1 yr)	Anne Deely				James Spillane	1	
	Tom Duff	1					
	Paul Smith	1					
	Robert Heon	1					
	Overvotes						
	Undervotes						
	Total Write-In Votes	5				(sum of both Tally columns)	
Trust Funds Trustee	Laurie Bienefeld						
	Overvotes						
	Undervotes						
	Total Write-In Votes	2				(sum of both Tally columns)	
Cemetery Trustee	Phil Bildeau						
	Overvotes	1					
	Undervotes	1					
	Total Write-In Votes	2				(sum of both Tally columns)	
	Overvotes	1					
	Undervotes	1					
	Total Write-In Votes	4				(sum of both Tally columns)	

Signature *Paul Smith*

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Signature *[Signature]*

Signature *[Signature]*

DOWN WHILE-INS - Positions Tally Sheet - DEERFIELD NH

Candidates	Tally	Tickmarks
Water Commissioner Greg Whitmore		
KRYSTIN CONNEY	49	
NATE OXNARD	5	
Literally anyone else	1	
Overvotes		
Undervotes		
Planning Board		
Donald Wyman		
Erroll Rhodes		
Kevin Fisher	1	
Paul Smith	11	
Fred Sheppard	1	
Kystra Conney	11	
Municipal Budget		
Bonita Beaubien		
Tom Dillon		
(3 pos for 3 yrs)		
Jon Leslie		
Leah McHugh		
Robert Prieto		
Kevin Verville		
Kevin Fisher	1	
David Linden	1	
Overvotes		
Undervotes		
Municipal Budget		
Linda McNair-Perry		
Committee		
Andrea Hotaling		
(1 pos for 1 yr)		
Overvotes	11	
Undervotes	1	
Supervisor of Checklist		
Suzanne Steele		
Paul Smith	1	
Josh Bersefere		
Overvotes		
Undervotes		
Total Write-In Votes	4	(sum of both Tally columns)
Total Write-In Votes	1	(sum of both Tally columns)
Total Write-In Votes	1	(sum of both Tally columns)
Total Write-In Votes	1	(sum of both Tally columns)

Signature _____

Cinco

Rocky Mountain

Water Commissioner

Gary Sanborn

1

Smoky The Bear 1
Jeff Kelly 1
Bill Clark 11

Paul Smith 1

Madeline Dickson 11
William Clark 1
John Dubianski 1

Planning Board

Gregory McHugh 1

Dwight Barnes 1

Steven Lafond 1

Harriet Cady 1

Tina St. Peter 1

Joe Blow 1

Tom Dillon 1

Scott Stantial 1

Linda Perry 1

Candidates		Tally	Tickmarks	Candidates		Tally	Tickmarks
School Board Member	Cathleen (Missy) Perron			Anyone else		1	
	Nancy Shute			Somebody		1	
	Stacey Marchionni			Paul Smith		11	
	Danielle K. Palmer			Harriet Cady		11	
	Cindy McHugh			Josh Beal		1	
Overvotes				Janet Kwiatkowski		1	
Undervotes				Total Write-In Votes	9		(sum of both Tally columns)
School District Clerk	Kayla Stankard			Paul Smith		1	
	Kristen Cooney			Leah McHugh		1	
Overvotes				Janet Kwiatkowski		1	
Undervotes				Total Write-In Votes	4		(sum of both Tally columns)
School Distr. Treasurer	Erik E. Gross			Don Trump		1	
	Nancy Shute			Kristen Cooney		1	
Overvotes				Paul Smith		1	
Undervotes				Total Write-In Votes	4		(sum of both Tally columns)
School Distr. Moderator	Dan Holdridge			Cathleen Perron		1	
	Kevin Fisher			Kristen Cooney		1	
Overvotes				Paul Smith		1	
Undervotes				Total Write-In Votes	4		(sum of both Tally columns)
Total Write-In Votes		4		Total Write-In Votes		4	(sum of both Tally columns)

19 Total Count.

Signature

Signature

Signature

School Treasurer.

Stacey Marchionni 1

Janet Kwiatkowski 1

School Moderator

Janet Kwiatkowski 1