

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 13, 2007**

MINUTES

I. Meeting convened @ 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: John P. Paciorek, Chair -- present
Carolyn Shores Ness -- present
Mark Gilmore -- present

II. Public Comments –

Bob Ogrodnik asked how things are progressing with the town highway garage.

Mr. Ogrodnik was told that his question could not be answered at this time. Nothing is happening with regards to the highway garage as yet.

III. Selectmen's Comments –

- Public Information Session on the proposed Oxford Property purchase next Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Town Office. Questions, concerns and ideas are welcome.
- A Deerfield resident suggested that the town's transfer station bags be biodegradable. Mr. Kubiak said that our trash is either burned or capped at a landfill. Landfills are sealed so nothing decomposes. Therefore, there is no point in our offering biodegradable bags.

IV. Board of Health Items –

- On Thursday, June 21, 2007 at 6:00 there will be an EDS Meeting where they will be serving pizza and dessert.

V. Appearance before the Board / Hearings –

- Joyce Palmer-Fortune – Frontier Community Access Television (channel 12) is requesting that the Board of Selectmen accept her proposal to hire a director for a 3-town / 4-channel (channel 12 plus channel 15 in the towns of Deerfield, Whately and Sunderland). This will be an educational channel but the school is not running it. There will be input from the school but the non-profit FCAT will be running it. They desire to pay the Director \$25-\$35 per hour for 19 hours per week (≈ \$35,000 per year). They would like to hire the director as a "contractor" which means they can tell him/her what to do but not how to do it.

51% of \$51,000 is Deerfield's portion. FCAT needs money for personnel only, not equipment.

As for DCTV, they strongly support this proposal.

Ms. Ness made a motion to approve this proposal. Mr. Gilmore disclosed that he is on the FCAT board and then he seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously (3-0).

- Liquor License – Garden City Market
There will not be any remodeling or construction.

The hours of operation will be 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday – Saturday and 5 or 6 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sundays.

Hearing closed to the public.

Ms. Ness made a motion to grant the liquor license. Mr. Gilmore seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously (3-0).

VI. Discussion/Decision Items –

- Appointments – approximately 10 pages of appointments were read. Ms. Ness made a motion that the Board accept all appointments as read. Mr. Gilmore seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously (3-0).
- A resignation letter from Rick Andriole was read. Mr. Paciorek made a motion to accept his resignation from the Personnel Board with regret. Ms. Ness seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously (3-0).
- A resignation letter from Steve Baranoski was read. Mr. Paciorek made a motion to accept with regret his resignation as the Town Plumbing & Gas Inspector. Ms. Ness seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously (3-0).
- Bulky item disposal fee schedule. Use of this service is restricted to residents with a valid transfer station sticker only. No contractors and no bagged trash. Payment must be in the form of check only; no cash or credit cards will be accepted.

Furniture & Carpet Disposal

Twin/Single Mattresses or box springs... \$25.00 each
Full/Queen/King Mattresses or box springs... \$25.00 each
Couch... \$20 each
Loveseat... \$15 each
Upholstered Chair... \$10 each
End tables, wooden chairs, kitchen/dining room tables, bookcases, and bureaus... \$5.00 each
Area rug... \$10 each
Wall-to-wall carpet... \$25
Sink, toilet... \$10 each

Residential Construction Debris

No asphalt, bricks, cement, mortar, plaster or shingles will be accepted.
Doors, clapboards, sheetrock, windows, wood:
1 cubic yard or 1 full-size pickup truck load... \$20
½ full-size pickup truck load... \$10

Special Collection Items

The following items are only collected at specified times: CRT's and electronic items such as CPU's, keyboards, mice, etc. and tires
Notice will be posted by signage at the transfer station, public access television (channel 15) and the town office bulletin board.

NOTE: The collection of bulky items will stop for approximately 2 weeks and then a part-time person will be there to collect fees.

Ms. Ness made a motion to accept the fee schedule as read. Mr. Gilmore seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously (3-0).

- Purchase and Sales Agreement of the Sugarloaf Property, LLC

Note that in paragraph 7 of the purchase and sales agreement it states that the sellers are looking for \$90,000 to be paid by the close of business on June 29, 2007. Mr. Kubiak recommends that instead of the money coming from the stabilization account, it come from the remaining \$93,011 from the sale of the old town office. Mr. Paciorek and Ms. Ness both agree with that recommendation.

In paragraph 8, the sellers are proposing that the transfer take place on or after November 15, 2007 for tax reasons (short-term gains vs. long-term gains). The BOS are agreeable to this proposal.

In paragraph 36, there is a rider that limits the seller's costs & expenses to \$5,000. (21E issue)

Ms. Ness made a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Purchase and Sales Agreement subject to review of paragraph 36 (clearer interpretation of the 21E issue). Mr. Gilmore seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously (3-0).

- Public Health Coalition Media Advocacy Campaign

This is an attempt to nationalize the public health logo as well as make towns aware of public health. It is through the FRCOG and will not cost the town anything. It is something for the Board to read and respond to Ms. Ness about.

- Reserve Fund Transfers

\$1,540.75 – transfer to street lighting to pay balance of May street light bill.

\$ 400.00 – transfer to building inspector expense to pay for codebooks for Mr. Calisewski.

Ms. Ness made a motion to approve transfers. Mr. Paciorek seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously (3-0).

- Appropriation Fund Transfers

\$2,000 from Transfer Station salaries to Transfer station expenses.

\$5,000 from Highway Department salaries to Transfer Station expenses to offset the bulky items container.

\$ 481 from property insurance to indemnity insurance.

\$3,775 Chief Wozniakiewicz requested a transfer from Police payroll to Police expenses to cover gasoline.

\$3,900 leftover from Brae Burn Road demolition money to Street Lighting to pay for the June street light bill.

\$1,303 which was money that was leftover from the sidewalk tractor to town office building maintenance.

Ms. Ness made a motion to accept all of the appropriation transfer requests. Mr. Gilmore seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously (3-0).

- Sewer Abatement

Request for a sewer abatement in the amount of \$49.22 for Yankee Candle due to a billing error. Mr. Gilmore made a motion to approve. Ms. Ness seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously (3-0).

- \$378.87 Sewer Commitment 2A

Ms. Ness made a motion to approve. Mr. Gilmore seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously (3-0).

- Award the equipment rental to H. C. Kocot & Sons July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 with an option to renew.

Mr. Gilmore made a motion to approve. Ms. Ness seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously (3-0).

- Western Massachusetts Intergovernmental Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement (town meeting authorized this)

Ms. Ness made a motion to sign this agreement. Mr. Paciorek seconded. Vote passed unanimously (3-0).

- Standard letter that comes with the town audit that the Board signs agreeing with Tom Scanlon that he got to see all of our financial records and that the Board isn't disputing any of the findings in the audit.

Mr. Paciorek made a motion to sign. Ms. Ness seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously (3-0).

VII. Meeting adjourned after signing the warrant at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Kroll

☐ Approved

☐ Not approved

Date: _____

Corrections: _____
