

**Town of Deerfield
Board of Selectmen
February 4, 2011
Minutes**

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

1. Meeting Convenes – 2:40 PM
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – None
3. Public Comments – None
4. Selectmen's Comments/Announcements – There have been multiple complaints about Paul Sokoloski, who was being paid by Dr. Reid, moving snow from Dr. Reid's office and dumping it by the town common. Mr. Paciorek, Mr. Kubiak and Mr. Eaton all received the same complaint call from an anonymous person. Mr. Sokoloski was spoken to and he assured us it will not happen again. Mr. Eaton is allowing some people to dump snow on the Oxford property as long as they stay at least 500 feet from the stream per DEP guidelines.
5. Board of Health Comments/Announcements – Keep washing your hands.
6. Appearances before the Board / Hearings – None
7. Discussion/Decision Items
 - Endorsement of Franklin Health District Planning Grant proposal – Mr. Paciorek made a motion to write and send a letter of support and consider it for the next 8 or 9 months and make the final decision later. Ms. Ness seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously (3-0-0).
 - Interview process for patrol officer – There are eight applications for the patrol officer position. Chief Wozniakewicz and Bernie thought that the hiring committee would be comprised of the Chief, Mr. Kubiak and one member of the Selectboard. It was also considered having one of the police officers on the committee. Seven of the eight applicants have been academy trained. One was not. It was suggested that the number of applicants be screened down to four and then interview that four. The hiring committee will consist of Mr. Kubiak, Chief Wozniakewicz and Mr. Gilmore. Ms. Ness will receive the applications to review and offer her feedback to Mr. Kubiak. The interviews are to be started on Friday, February 11. Mr. Gilmore does not want to screen through the applicants. He wants to interview all applicants.
 - Site search for Highway Garage – Mr. Kubiak would like the Board to reconvene the Highway Garage Committee and charge the committee with identifying the site. There are two parcels off Conway Road, across from the SDFD between Conway Road and the route 116 bypass having 3 or 4 acres. Also the Sadoski's may be willing to sell the old homestead which has 6 or 7 acres (left side of Conway Road as you're heading out). The "pickle shop" property could spare 3 or 4 acres. The Board agrees to reconvene the Highway Garage Committee in order to (1) identify a site for a permanent highway garage / priority listing and (2) to investigate a temporary structure that could be used by the highway department until the new garage is built.
 - Local Building Inspector: discussion of the need for an additional inspector and recruiting for same. Now that we have our local building inspector back and functional, Mr. Kubiak does not see a need for a third or fourth person to do inspections. The building commissioner is happy with the way things are, as well. Mr. Kubiak prefers that we leave things as they are until the workload justifies adding more inspectors into the mix. After further discussion, the final decision is for Mr. Kubiak to have a discussion with the Town Administrators of Sunderland and Whately about sharing building inspectors.

- Vote Sewer Commitments 1 and 1A – Previously voted.
- Western Mass Public Health Association Membership renewal – The Board does want to renew this membership.
- Transient Vendor Waiver Request for PVMA Craft Fairs – Ms. Ness made a motion to waive the Transient Vendor permit fee. Mr. Paciorek seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously (3-0-0). As for having fewer officers working the Craft Fair, Mr. Neumann will need to work out the details with Chief Wozniakewicz. Mr. Paciorek also mentioned that he would like Mr. Neumann to coordinate with the Recreation Department the use of the ball field in Old Deerfield.
- Regional Emergency Planning Committee – The REPC is charging \$100 per year dues for the Town's membership. The Board agrees that they need to support this regional effort.
- Sewer System – Mr. Schechterle requested a separate meter for the proposed car wash in order to receive accurate sewer bills since much of the water will be recycled. The industrial sewer permit will cover all of the details.
- The Deerfield Elementary School would like to celebrate the final payment of the school loan during Old Home Day which the Recreation Committee has decided to move into June for the better weather as opposed to the May tradition. The Board is okay with the celebration taking place during Old Home Day.
- Mr. Paciorek announced that he will be on vacation from February 23 until March 15 and therefore, will miss the March 2 meeting. Mr. Gilmore will be gone from February 11 – 18 or 19 and therefore will miss the February 16 meeting.
- Cal Ripken League – Mr. Kubiak explained to the Cal Ripken League representative that the watch and care of the balls fields are under the direction of the Recreation Committee. Mr. Kubiak recommended to the Recreation Committee to come up with a written policy which they submit to the Selectboard that says "this is our policy for use of town ball fields by non-town organizations". They need to spell it out as to who can use the fields, when they can use them and which fields they can use.

8. Upcoming hearings:

- February 16 – Verizon hearing
- March 2 – "After Hours" hearing

9. Meeting adjourned with the signing of the warrant.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Kroll