

Town of Deerfield
Board of Selectmen Minutes
April 13, 2011

Present: Chairman, Mark Gilmore, John Paciorek, Carolyn Ness

Town Administrator: Bernie Kubiak

There was a large group of persons in attendance having an interest in the baseball issue.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

Minutes of the March 30, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved as amended in a motion made by John Paciorek and seconded by Carolyn Ness. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment: Mr. Gilmore requested that public comments be limited to items not on the agenda. There were none.

Selectmen's Comments: Mr. Paciorek read an announcement inviting the public to a memorial service for the unveiling of a bronze marker to honor William E. Smith's military service to the United States. The service will be May 7, 2011 at 11:00 am

Stillwater Bridge area: Ms. Ness reported that she has been in contact with Christopher Husky, a toxologist who is a Department of Public Health (DPH) beach inspector. He is willing to work with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to resolve the problems created by persons camping (with no facilities) in the Stillwater Bridge area, a popular swimming spot. He has agreed to pay a site visit with Ms. Ness before camping season begins to assess the needs. He will try to convince DCR that through usage the area has become a public beach, thus the Department of Public Health has an interest. She is hopeful that he can get DCR to provide some port-a-potties and trash pick-up.

She plans to contact TransCanada, the property owner, regarding getting the area on the north side of the bridge blocked off, as this is where most of the camping is done. Mr. Gilmore had some concerns about blocking access to the area, as that will not solve the problem. He explained to those present that the Town is trying to get the state (DCR) and the power company to take some responsibility.

Appearance before the Board: Present: Joseph Zewinski, Mr. Zewinski, President of the Frontier Cal Ripkin Youth League, said he wished to appear before the Board to discuss use of Deerfield facilities. He began by explaining the structure of this 5 town baseball organization consisting of Deerfield, Whately, Sunderland, Conway, and Hatfield. There are 3 levels: Rookies, Minor League, and Major league. Rookie and Minor levels are composed of players from their respective towns. In the major league teams are composed of mixtures from member towns.

The issue that he was present to discuss was the availability or lack thereof of playing fields. He would like some answers to the questions that have been raised. He had 3 questions: 1) Could he see a master schedule for the fields? 2) Why is the Old Deerfield field not available? 3) Why the June 30 cut-off date? This was the discussion most people present were interested in. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Appointments to the Recreation Committee: Mr. Paciorek made a motion that Mr. Stephen Gochinski be appointed to the Recreation Committee. It was seconded by Ms. Ness. The vote was

unanimous. During discussion it was noted there has been no vote that limits the committee to a set number of members.

Finance Committee would like to meet one time prior to the Annual Town Meeting. Possibly on Tuesday, April 19th. With regard to employee compensation, Mr. Kubiak said there are 4 positions at the top of the pay scale. The recommendation of the Chair is that those salaries go up 2%. He noted that the increase in Selectmen's stipend was accepted. He said the Chair suggested that he (Mr. Kubiak) get a bonus that would increase his salary by 2%.

This year the new employee evaluation system, based upon performance (merit) rather than raises based upon time is being implemented. The Board was interested in how it was being received by town employees. Mr. Kubiak said it had been accepted.

Transfer of Funds: A motion was made by Ms. Ness, seconded by Mr. Paciorek, and unanimously voted, to authorize the transfer of \$750.00 to the Veteran's Services account to cover the expenses for the burial of a veteran. In a second motion, Mr. Paciorek moved, and Ms. Ness seconded, that \$10,000 be transferred to the Law account. The vote was unanimous

Entertainment license: Mr. Fabry (Afterworks LLC) has applied for an entertainment license so he can have a juke box and two pool tables. A motion was made by Mr. Paciorek, seconded by Ms. Ness and unanimously voted to approve the request. Note was made that provision for these items appeared on the plans submitted.

Renewal of Sewer Entrance Permit: Mr. Upton requests a renewal of a permit for connection to the sewer. Mr. Paciorek made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ness, and unanimously voted, to approve the renewal of a sewer entrance permit for lot 4 of the Ridgecrest Subdivision.

Lion's Club: Mr. Paciorek made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ness that the Board approve a waiver of transient vendor license for the Antique Auto show and that it recognize the Lions Club's 65th anniversary. Mr. Gilmore abstained as he is a member.

Library Book Sale: The Friends of the library would like to store books in Town Hall for a couple of weeks prior to the book sale. Mr. Kubiak said it is a quiet time and space could be found. Mr. Paciorek made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ness, and unanimously voted to permit the Friends of the Library to store books at Town Hall in preparation of the book sale.

Keg & Kork : Mr. Johnson, owner of Keg & Kork, is refinancing his business and wishes to pledge his liquor license and inventory as a term and condition of the refinancing. A motion was made by Mr. Paciorek, seconded by Ms. Ness, and voted (2 in favor, 1 abstention) to approve the request.

Notice of Intent: A motion was made by Mr. Paciorek, seconded by Ms. Ness, and unanimously voted that the Board take no action regarding the removal of land located on South Mill River Road, South Deerfield owned by the Tudryn family from the provisions of Chapter 61.

There being no further action before the Board a motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Phelps

Attachment: PanAm railways Public Involvement Hearing
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