

Board of Selectmen Meeting  
March 12, 2014 – Minutes

Present: Selectmen - Mark Gilmore, Carolyn Shores Ness, David Wolfram  
Interim Town Administrator – absent

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at the Deerfield Town Hall, 8 Conway Street, South Deerfield.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Ms. Ness, seconded by Mr. Wolfram, and voted, to accept the minutes of meetings held on February 12, 2014 and February 26, 2014. Ms. Ness abstained from the 2/12/ 14 meeting, as she was not present.

**Public Comments:** none

**Selectmen's Comments/Announcements:** Ms. Ness reported she had attended a Frontier long range planning meeting on Monday night. She said an RFP will be forwarded to Representative Kulik in anticipation of obtaining funding through the supplemental budget.

Ms. Ness has been advised by Wendy Houle, the Sunderland Town Clerk that, as part of the changes in animal control regulations, setting dog fees must now be done through the town meeting process. She will check on this.

Mr. Gilmore reported that the date for Senator Stan Rosenberg's annual spring meeting is April 12. Board members try to attend these meetings.

Mr. Wolfram said he has been discussing solar power with Synergy. He will keep the Board apprised of what he learns.

**Board of Health Announcements/Comments:** Ms. Ness reminded that flu is still around; there is still vaccine available for those who have not had their shots.

**Hearings/Apearances before the Board:**

- Garage Annex\_ Present – Vern Harrington

Mr. Harrington, a local contractor who currently rents a portion of the annex building on Coates Ave., is interested in purchasing the building. He asked when the building would be available and what the process would be. He thought the property would have to be declared surplus and then either sold through the auction process or by issuing an RFP. The Board thanked Mr. Harrington for bringing the matter to its attention.

**Discussion/Decision Items:**

- Ms. Ness made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wolfram, and unanimously voted, that the Annual Town Meeting be held on April 28, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Frontier Regional School Auditorium and be continued, if necessary, on April 30, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the same location.
- Ms. Ness made motion, seconded by Mr. Wolfram, and unanimously voted, to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant on March 12, 2014 and close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant on March 26, 2014.
- A motion was made by Ms. Ness, seconded by Mr. Wolfram, and unanimously voted, to approve four annual permits for restaurants and entertainment for Yankee Candle Company.
- A motion was made by Ms. Ness, seconded by Mr. Wolfram, and unanimously voted, to accept with regret the resignation of Assessor David Rohrs, effective May 5, 2014. Nomination papers for persons interested in running for the elected position are due Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, leaving a very short time for anyone to obtain and file nomination papers. There was discussion about the need to appoint someone to the position and to get that person certified in a timely manner.
- A meeting date was set for a Board of Health hearing on an appeal of a housing complaint for March 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. Dick Calisewski, the Health Agent will need to be present.
- Upcoming meetings – BOS/BOH meetings - 3/26, 4/9, 4/23 (Ms. Ness will be unavailable on 4/9.)  
Joint BOS and Finance Committee meetings - 3/18, 3/25, 4/1 and 4/8. (Ms. Ness will not be available on 4/8.)
- A motion was made by Ms. Ness, seconded by Mr. Wolfram, and voted to adjourn the meeting with the signing of the warrant. Warrant #14- 19

Respectfully submitted,  
Priscilla Phelps