

Board of Selectmen

September 9, 2015

A regular meeting of the Deerfield Board of Selectmen was posted for 6:30 PM on September 9, 2015, at Town Offices, 8 Conway Street, South Deerfield, Massachusetts.

Present: David Wolfram, Mark Gilmore, Carolyn Shores Ness

Also Present: Kayce Warren (Town Administrator)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Minutes of previous meetings for review and approval

The Board reviewed meeting minutes from July 22, 2015 and August 26, 2015.

It was MOVED by Ness, SECONDED by Wolfram

To approve the minutes of July 22, 2015 with correction.

VOTED: 2,0,1.

It was MOVED by Ness, SECONDED by Gilmore

To approve the minutes of August 26, 2015.

VOTED: 3,0,0.

Selectmen's Comments / Announcements

1. Source to Sea Cleanup – 9/25 & 9/26/15 For more information go to:
<http://www.ctriver.org/projects/source-to-sea-cleanup/>
2. Recreation Department vacancy due to the passing of Phillip Toy. If you are interested in working with the Recreation Committee, please send in a letter of interest. We also have a vacancy on the Historical Commission.
3. EDS Flu Clinic – The State is not funding our \$30,000 donation this year so we will not be having an EDS flu clinic. The FRCOG did purchase flu vaccine so we will be having a senior flu clinic on October 6 from 9-11. You need to bring your Medicaid card so that we can bill back for it.
4. Superintendent of Schools, Marti Barrett, informed the school board last night that she is going to retire at the end of this school year, June 2016. All of the Selectmen said they are sad to see her go.

It was MOVED by Gilmore, SECONDED by Ness

To authorize a potential activity that would fund the lighting of the common by the Lion's Club.

VOTED: 3,0,0.

Board of Health Comments

EEE and West Nile – this is the height of exposure time. Make sure there is no standing water in your yard for mosquitos to breed.

Hearings/Appearances before the Board

a. Chief of Police – Update on department operations, personnel, etc.

- To date there have been 9,251 calls for service. That encompasses anything from cruiser maintenance, building checks, vehicle stops, area checks, alarms, arrests, whatever it may be.
- There have been 154 investigations; 192 arrests; 82 motor vehicle accidents requiring a report; 2 drownings – 1 in the Deerfield River and 1 in a back yard pool. We had one bicycle fatality approximately 7 weeks ago on Rt 5&10 in Old Deerfield which is still actively under investigation.
- Facebook has taken off tremendously. We have gone from 400 to just shy of 2,900 likes and we can average 10,000 to 18,000 views from all over on some of our posts depending on the content.
- Narcan is on board with every cruiser and has to be taken out with every shift due to the temperature requirements. We have used it once and the EMS Department has used it multiple times.
- First days of school are always busy. One of the problems that we have run into this year at DES is that parents used to be able to drop their children at 8:15 in the morning and from 8:15 until 8:30 many parents did that. This year, the school notified parents that they are not responsible for the kids. There are discussions about how to resolve the morning issues. Chief Paciorek feels that there are two options (1) staff the early drop off or (2) create a better traffic safety flow plan.
- There is preparation underway for the Old Deerfield Craft Fair and for Halloween being made.
- FTO – Formalized Training Officer - About 6 months ago, Chief Paciorek asked a couple of his guys to revamp the FTO Program. DPD didn't really have a formalized training program for new people. Officer Ravish and Sergeant Krusiewski spearheaded this and did a phenomenal job and we now have a program. A new hire walks in the door, they get an introduction, they are handed materials, books to sign off on. They will have a check list to go through to make sure they have done everything that needs to be done.

- The radio system has been messed up for 18 months. Chief Paciorek is back on the regional radio committee. He would like an independent systems engineer who is familiar with Harris repeaters that knows how to time a simulcast system—and bring us back up to speed—to come in to do a system analysis.
- The computer system was discussed at the regional meeting. It should begin to progress forward during the second week of October. Probably 18-24 months ago, Chief Paciorek started working on a project that would encompass all of the towns in Franklin County except Greenfield and Montague. Our goal was to merge all of the softwares for the fire, police and ultimately EMS onto one system. When you go onto a single system, you generally see a 40-60% cost reduction in your maintenance fees. Deerfield Police pays about \$9,000 a year in maintenance fees. It's absurd! In addition to the 40-60% cost reduction, Kurt Wood, the undersecretary of public safety, has been a huge supporter. So Kurt has agreed to pick up for the first five years 50% of the maintenance cost. So our Police Department is looking at going from \$9,000 per year in maintenance cost to \$2-\$3,000 per year. Not only is this a huge cost savings but it will enhance officer safety.
- Chief Paciorek encourages everyone to keep their CodeRED information up-to-date. If you change your email or cell number, update the information in our system. More staff members need to be trained to use the CodeRED system.

Discussion/Decision Items

- a. Discuss/Approve/Vote – Request to Board of Assessors to Release Overlay
The BOS received a memo dated 9/4/15 from the Town Accountant, Brenda Hill requesting the release of \$100,000 from Excess Overlay to Free Cash.

On 9/9/15, the Board of Selectmen requested from the Board of Assessors the release of \$100,000 from Excess Overlay to Free Cash.

It was MOVED by Ness, SECONDED by Gilmore

To request from the Board of Assessors the release of \$100,000 from Excess Overlay to Free Cash.

VOTED: 3,0,0.

- Discuss/Approve/Vote – FCSWMD - MOU - Transfer Station Inspection Service - DEP wants us to have third party inspections and FCSWMD does that for us.
- Discuss/Approve/Vote – FCSWMD - MOU - Hazardous Household Waste Collection – A program that Deerfield has made available to residents to go to various drop-off points to dispose of items that they normally wouldn't be able to dispose of at our transfer station.

It was MOVED by Ness, SECONDED by Gilmore

To approve both FCSWMD MOU contracts.

VOTED: 3,0,0.

- b. Discuss/Approve/Vote – Letter to School Committee; budget prep for FY2017
Budget strategy.

It was MOVED by Ness, SECONDED by Gilmore

To sign a letter to the Deerfield School Committee requesting a Fiscal Year 2017 budget kick-off meeting within the next month.

VOTED: 3,0,0.

- c. Discuss/Approve/Vote – New England Natural Bakers – pass for now

Town Administrator's Report

- There is a new draft lease for South County EMS from South Deerfield Fire District. Instead of doing an extension, they wanted to make changes in the entire lease. The Town Administrator forwarded it on to Sunderland and Whately and as many BoO members as she had email addresses for. It was her understanding that this came directly out of the meeting that was attended on the 13th of August with the Fire District over at the District. She also sent it to Town Counsel. Each town has to sign off on this.

It was MOVED by Ness, SECONDED by Gilmore

To authorize the signing of the new SCEMS lease pending review by legal counsel.

VOTED: 3,0,0.

- Deerfield Attractions – They requested and were approved for the annual town-wide tag sale to be held on Saturday, October 3 but we received confirmation from Max Hartshorne that because he lost his sponsor, there will not be an organized town wide tag sale event this year.
- Enterprise Fund Information Session – Date confirmed for October 6 at 5:00 at Town Hall
– It is our hope that this information session will be two hours or less.

Upcoming meetings:

- September 23, 2015, 6:30 PM – Town Offices, South Deerfield
- October 7, 2015, 6:30 PM – Town Offices, South Deerfield ERM @ 6:00 PM

It was MOVED by Ness, SECONDED by Gilmore

The Board of Selectmen to enter into Executive Session as allowed by M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

VOTED: 3,0,0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Kroll
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