

BOARD of SELECTMEN

March 18, 2016

The Deerfield Board of Selectmen held a public meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2016, at 9:00 AM, at the Town Offices, 8 Conway Street, South Deerfield.

PRESENT: Carolyn Shores Ness, Mark Gilmore, David Wolfram

ALSO PRESENT: Douglas Finn, Kat Dolan.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 AM, and a quorum was declared.

Selectmen's Comments / Announcements

It was MOVED by Ness, SECONDED by Wolfram

To elect Mark Gilmore as Chair

VOTED: 2, 0, 0.

Board of Health Comments / Announcements / Appearances

Kinder Morgan

Ms. Ness discussed Kinder Morgan's desire to dig and drill on 22 properties in Deerfield. There is a cease and desist order in place currently. Kinder Morgan desires to add compressor stations every 12 miles meaning 1 in Deerfield/Conway area. This is being addressed through the Board of Health.

Discussion / Decision Items

Approval of the MSBA Project Funding Agreement for the DES Roof Project

Signed papers for the funding of the MSBA project. The building inspector has finally received 100% documentation on the plans and is reviewing them. Members discussed the desire to have the procurement agent speak to the Board of Selectmen every two weeks as the project moves forward.

MR. WOLFRAM LEFT THE MEETING AT 9:41 AM

Annual Town Meeting

Tom Clark to be added to the recognition page of the Annual Town Report

Members discussed their desire to act on the intention of each article with the broadest brush possible.

SCEMS

Mr. Gilmore discussed the "Life Saving" Awards being received by every full-time SCEMS members. It was decided to include these awards in the 30th Annual Town meetings and to attempt to highlight the achievement in the local newspaper.

Members discussed SCEMS need to replace an ambulance the associate costs.

Mr. Gilmore discussed the request for proposals for the SCEMS facility site. While the members agreed it would be preferable to find a more centralized location, the "RFP" process would ultimately determine the potential new home for the SCEMS.

South Deerfield Fire Department

There was discussion about a proposal to study the possibility of combining the two Deerfield fire districts. It was determined that any serious request to do so should come from a joint request by both the South Deerfield Fire Department and the Old Deerfield Fire District.

Complete Streets

Members discussed the proposed Roads Bylaw. Agricultural and forestry exemptions to complete streets restrictions and "Best Practice in Road Use" were discussed. The bylaw proposal will be forwarded to Town Meeting for consideration. A public hearing on the bylaw will be held on April 4.

Energy Loan

The Board is recommending to the Finance Committee to pay off the loan using free cash.

School Resource Officer

The necessity and cost of the School Resource Officer was discussed. Mr. Gilmore suggested that the board recommend a reduction to the FRS and Deerfield Elementary School Budgets, in order to offset the cost to the Town for this position.

It was MOVED by Ness, SECONDED by Gilmore

To recommend reducing the school budget to accommodate funding the school resource officer with \$10,000 coming from Frontier Regional and \$5,000 coming from the Deerfield Elementary School.

VOTED: 2, 0, 0

Upcoming Meetings

March 23, 2016 – 6:30 PM

Mr. Gilmore suggested that this meeting might be an alternate, or a continuation of joint meeting with the Finance Committee.

March 30, 2016 – 7:00 PM

Public presentation: SCEMS@ Whately Town Offices

It was MOVED by Ness, SECONDED by Gilmore

To Adjourn.

VOTED: 2, 0, 0.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 11:18 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas C. Finn