

**Town of Deerfield
Finance Committee
January 29, 2013
Minutes**

Present: Thomas Clark, John Paciorek, Sr., Carol Moro, William Cummings, Albert Olmstead, Jr.,
Bernard Kubiak

Also in attendance: Chief John P. Paciorek, Jr.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM

Things to go over include: the ambulance proposal; Chief Paciorek's request for a new officer,
Mary Stokarski's retirement payout, Bernie's retirement payout, building department budget

Transfer Requests:

1. Mr. Clark made a motion to transfer funds from reserve funds in the amount of \$517.50 to cover the cost of repairing the Tilton Library's wheelchair lift. Mr. Paciorek, Sr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).
2. Mr. Clark made a motion to transfer funds from reserve funds in the amount of \$650 to cover the cost of the 5-year inspection fee for the Tilton Library's wheelchair lift. Mr. Paciorek, Sr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).
3. Incremental upgrade for Barbara Hancock recognizing Barbara's job has changed and her responsibilities have increased. This has already been approved by the Personnel Board and Selectboard. Mr. Clark asked why Barbara's job has changed if Mary is still here. Mr. Kubiak replied that Mary is moving additional responsibilities over to Barbara. Mr. Clark asked if this is with the idea that Barbara would eventually take over Mary's position and Mr. Kubiak replied "Yes. That is the thought". Mr. Paciorek asked if we can do this or does it have to go to town meeting? Mr. Kubiak said that it does not have to go to town meeting. It was further discussed and noted that the Assistant Collector/Treasurer's job description will not change. It is just a moving up the step scale not the grade scale. The duties of the position remain the same. The replacement Assistant Collector/Treasurer will have the same classification but be lower on the step scale. Barbara will be certified to be a treasurer/collector in August. A motion was made to approve the transfer of \$3,340.80 from reserve funds. Seconded and passed unanimously (6-0-0).

Note: After speaking with both Town Counsel and the Massachusetts Ethics Commission, as well as providing a signed copy of a Section 19 disclosure, John P. Paciorek, Sr. stated that he is able to vote on anything pertaining to the Police Department that does not involve his son's salary or benefits but he chooses to stay away from the salary topic altogether.

4. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the transfer of \$8,598 from reserve funds to cover the cost of a photocopier and maintenance contract for the Deerfield Police Department. Ms. Moro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0-0)

Mr. Kubiak went over the Governor's proposed budget.

There was an increase in funding for veterans benefits. The Charter schools have more students attending than in the past. Frontier Regional School is slated to pick up another \$77,000 under the Governor's budget proposal. Franklin Vocational School could pick up another \$145,000 under the Governor's budget proposal.

Mr. Kubiak said that there still needs to be work done on the items that are highlighted. The interest on maturing debt has gone way up because the Selectmen will be signing the bond for the

pickle shop property at tomorrow evening's meeting. We've been doing that on a bond anticipation note. Mary Stokarski's intention is to try to roll all that into the same bond as the new highway garage in order to get a much lower rate.

With regards to our transfer station, we are saving money by installing two paper compactors. We have reduced the number of hauls needed. The plan was to have the compactors pay for themselves in three years but since we received a grant that paid for half of the cost, they will now pay for themselves in a year and a half. The Solid Waste District did our bidding so we were able to get a better price by going in with 16 other towns. We are currently doing tandem hauls. In the future, we are looking to add another trash compactor as well to further reduce the hauls. The goal would be to have the transfer station be efficient to the point of being self-funded. We are three-quarters of the way to that point now.

Motion to convene made, seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Kroll