TOWN OF DEERFIELD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS December 21, 2006

MINUTES

I. Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room, Municipal Offices, 8 Conway Street, South Deerfield, MA

<u>Present</u>: Stephen Barrett, Ronald Bohonowicz, Jamie Hartwright, William McGoldrick, Fran Olszewski.

Absent: Richard Calisewski and Roger Sadoski

II. Franklin County League of Sportsmen's Club

Application received by Town Clerk on October 16, 2006 subsequently posted & published on October 17, 2006. Legal ad printed in The Recorder on November 2, 2006 and November 9, 2006. Applicant is requesting a variance to increase the size of their freestanding sign to 5' 8" x 5' 6" (6' height from grade) on the property located at 721 River Road, Deerfield, MA. (Assessors Map 24, Lot 4)

Howard Stone represented the Franklin County League of Sportsmen's Club. He stated that the current size of the sign is roughly 6' tall and 3.5' wide. They wish to make the sign wider and move it further away from the road. The sign will be approximately 120-130 feet from the nearest neighbor.

Mr. Olszewski made a motion to move forward in favor of granting this request. Mr. McGoldrick seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously (5-0). The Board determined that the request is for a special permit and not a variance. Mr. Bohonowicz suggested that the following clause be added to the special permit. The League must maintain the sign and/or replaced it as needed. The League must also remove the sign if the club is to close and/or relocate. The Board members voted in favor of this clause. Mr. Barrett – yes; Mr. Bohonowicz – yes; Ms. Hartwright – yes; Mr. McGoldrick – yes; Mr. Olszewski – yes.

A motion was made to grant a special permit to the Franklin County League of Sportsmen's Club to enlarge their sign in order to incorporate "**Deerfield Education and Conservation Corporation**" as well as change the orientation of the sign in relation to the road. Vote passed unanimously (5-0).

II. Other Business

None

III. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Kroll