# **TOWN OF DEERFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

November 14, 2011 **MINUTES** 

#### Call to Order

5:30pm: Chairman, John Reagan called the meeting to order.

#### Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman Reagan asked all to rise and pledge allegiance to the Flag.

John Reagan, Chairman; Alan E. O'Neal, Vice Chairman; Stephen R. Barry, and Bill Perron Selectmen Present:

Absent: R. Andrew Robertson, Selectman

Also Present: Leslie A. Boswak, Town Administrator, Jan Foisy, Finance Director, & Penny Touchette, Bookkeeper

### Town Administrator - GBW update

Mark Tibbetts has obtained three quotes for one of the furnaces in the rear of the GBW building. This furnace will replace one of the original furnaces that is not working well and is not expected to continue operating through the winter. There has been discussion with Joe Manzi and the Parks and Recreation Commission about this being paid for out of the Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund. The Commission has approved this expenditure.

Motion – Selectman Barry moved to accept the quote from Reginald Richard in the amount of \$9,850.00

**Seconded** – Selectman Perron

No Discussion - All in Favor - Motion Carries

### **Chief Greeley**

#### **Police Department**

Chief Greeley discussed advertising and hiring to replace the existing full-time and part-time vacancies in his department. It was discussed the full-time position would not be filled prior to the effective date of the resignation for that position.

Motion – Selectman Barry moved to approve Chief Greeley advertising and being able to make a conditional offer of employment to the best candidate for each position.

Seconded - Vice Chairman O'Neal

2 - yes, 2 - no Motion failed. Chief Greeley will be put on the agenda for the full Board to discuss this subject.

#### **Other Business**

Selectmen discussed that they would finalize the 2012 budget at the next meeting. Potential Warrant Articles were reviewed. It was decided that the Fire Truck would be proposed with a lease purchase term of 48 months. The Selectmen requested that the Sidmores be invited to a future meeting to discuss maintenance issues about Swett Road. The Selectmen agreed that they would propose a Warrant Article for providing a 2.5% wage increase to the employees.

-Health Insurance L. Boswak discussed the meeting with Bill Bald. The town was presented with a few options for its health insurance for 2012. Staying with Harvard Pilgrim in the same plan would result in a 16% increase in premiums. Changing plans and going with Anthem HNEVP56B Plan would result in an increased deductible and would result in a 2.8% increase in premiums.

Motion – Selectman Barry motioned to approve the 2012 health insurance award to Anthem HNEVP56B Plan.

Second - Selectman Perron

No Discussion – All in Favor – Motion Carries

-Accounts Payable - \$84,956.35

Motion – Vice Chairman O'Neal moved to approve the Accounts Payable as stated

Seconded - Selectman Barry

No Discussion – All in Favor – Motion Carries

-Payroll - \$45,996.31

Motion - Selectman Barry moved to approve Payroll as stated

Seconded - Vice Chairman O'Neal

No Discussion - All in Favor - Motion Carries

## -Tax Refunds totaling \$7,923.48

Motion - Selectman Barry moved as written Seconded - Vice Chairman O'Neal All in Favor – Motion Carries

# -Tax Refunds totaling \$2,270.09

Motion - Selectman Barry moved as written Seconded - Vice Chairman O'Neal No Discussion – All in Favor – Motion Carries

# -Health Reimbursement Agreement

Motion - Vice Chairman O'Neal moved as written Seconded - Selectman Barry No Discussion – All in Favor – Motion Carries

Selectman Barry discussed the need to include Citizen Comments on any meeting other than the signature meetings. Chairman Reagan called for Citizen Comments.

#### **Citizens Comments**

John Dubiansky asked the Board to allow the Police Chief to fill the existing positions. He feels they are much needed in the community.

Harriet Cady asked the Board to look at their Welfare Budget. The towns of Northwood and Nottingham have Welfare budgets of \$15,000 & \$16,000. She commented that ours was substantially higher.

### **Adjourned**

6:11 pm

Motion - Vice Chairman O'Neal Second - Selectman Barry **All in Favor - Motion Carries** 

# Next Meeting Monday, November 21st at 5:30 pm

The Minutes were Transcribed and Respectfully Submitted by Leslie A. Boswak, Town Administrator. Pending Approval by the Board of Selectmen