

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SCHOOL BOARD JOINT PUBLIC HEARING**  
**February 13, 2012**  
MINUTES

**Call to Order**

6:00pm: Board of Selectmen Chairman, John Reagan called the meeting to order.

Chairman Reagan read the notice that was posted for the joint public hearing. Chairman Reagan read that the notice was published in the January 29, 2012 edition of the Concord Monitor. It was also posted on February 3, 2012 in the following locations: Post Office, Library, George B. White Building, the Town's website, and the Forum.

This Public Hearing is for the purpose of receiving public input regarding the adoption of RSA 40:14-B which would delegate the responsibility of determining the default budget for the Town of Deerfield and the Deerfield School District to the Municipal Budget Committee.

Chairman Reagan read from two letters submitted to the Board. Community member Fran Menard of 7 Pond View Lane submitted correspondence indicating that she would be opposed to the adoption of RSA 40:14-B as she feels that the committees in place at the Town and School are the most qualified to determine the Default Budgets and she notes that the ongoing vacancies and high turnover rates on the Municipal Budget Committee would indicate that they have enough of a workload as the process stands.

Community member Walter Hooker also submitted correspondence opposing the adoption of RSA 40:14-B. In short, he does not feel that the Municipal Budget Committee has the tools, staff or time necessary to adequately determine the default budgets for the Town and School District.

There were no further public comments.

**Public Hearing Closed**

6:05pm