

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**March 26, 2012  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

5:30pm: Chairman, Steve Barry called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

**Present:** Steve Barry, Chairman; Alan O'Neal Vice Chairman; Bill Perron and R. Andrew Robertson, Selectmen

**Also Present:** Leslie A. Boswak, Town Administrator, Katie Libby, Recording Secretary

**Scheduled Appointments**

**A. David Preece – Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC)**

Mr. Preece thanked the Board for its continued support of the SNHPC and the local citizens serving on the Commission, including Fred McGarry, Jim Deeley, Fran Menard, and Leslie Boswak, for their service. He updated the Board on some of the projects the SNHPC has been working with local governments on. Those items included finishing of the Broadband chapter for the Master Plan document, working on an Energy chapter for the Master Plan, Updating the Hazards/Mitigation Plan, and working with the Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions and Historical Societies on the Scenic Byway project that is proposed for Deerfield, Candia, Raymond, Northwood and Nottingham. The SNHPC is seeking the Board's assistance with two items. They are seeking a representative for their Technical Advisory Committee. The group meets the third Thursday of the month at 9:30am and addresses traffic issues and vets any DOT projects, ranking their importance in the role of advisory committee. Additionally they are seeking members for the Broadband Stakeholder's group whose goal is to enhance broadband coverage throughout the area. Chairman Barry thanked Mr. Preece for coming and confirmed that the Board will seek out volunteers for its subcommittees.

**B. Serita Frey – Conservation Commission**

Serita Frey is seeking the Board's permission to move forward with the purchase of 175 acres on the Western Deerfield/Epsom Town line to be added to the Town's Conservation Land. A public hearing was held last week, 16 residents were in attendance and no one spoke in opposition to the purchase. The project seems to be viewed by Town citizens very favorably. The Conservation Commission has voted to move forward and, pending approval of the Selectman, will be working with the Town attorney to finalize the title search and Purchase and Sale agreement. Selectman Robertson feels that this would be a nice addition to the Conservation Commission and overwhelmingly supports it. Vice Chairman O'Neal asked if this would be a land purchase or an easement purchase. Ms. Frey responded that it will be a physical land purchase and that the Conservation funds will cover the purchase price of \$150,000. The fund currently has approximately \$380,000. The plan is to bring for a vote before the Town a proposal to designate this land as Town Forrest and, if approved, to then include it in the ongoing management plan for sustainable harvest.

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson made a motion to grant the Conservation Commission permission to move forward

**Second:** Vice Chairman O'Neal

**Vote: All In Favor – Motion Carries**

**C. Jim Deely – Heritage Commission**

J. Deely provided the Board with a brief history of the Historic Stage Curtain at the Town Hall. The piece has fallen into disrepair and the Heritage Commission received a quote of \$3,600 for the cost of restoration. They have received an anonymous donation in that amount and are seeking the Board's permission to move forward with having the work completed. If approved, the project will begin on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion:** Vice Chairman O'Neal made a motion to accept the donation and move ahead as described.

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

**Discussion:** Vice Chairman O'Neal commented that he feels the project is wonderful and would like to thank the anonymous donor on behalf of the Selectmen.

**Vote: All In Favor - Motion Carries**

## Regular Business

### - Outstanding Minutes – March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Motion to approve as written** – Vice Chairman O’Neal

**Second** – Selectman Robertson

**No Discussion – All in Favor – Motion Carries**

### - Accounts Payable - \$49,981.98 (Two Manifests for Signature in the Amounts of \$43,281.06 & \$6,792.00)

**Motion to approve the Accounts Payable** – Vice Chairman O’Neal

**Second** – Selectman Robertson

**No Discussion – All in Favor – Motion Carries**

### - Letters from the Board of Selectman revoking Veteran’s Tax Credits for Lester Kurzban, Marie Hartford and Barbara Nutter

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moved to proceed with the letters as advised

**Second:** Vice Chairman O’Neal

**Discussion:** Chairman Barry informed the Board that these revocations came about as a result of a State of NH Assessment Review. It is believed that the cause for these three not meeting the criteria may be due to a reclassification of certain conflicts and the dates involved.

**Vote: All In Favor – Motion Carries**

### - Cable Committee Appointments – David Sakowich, Deborah Boisvert & Harriet Cady

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson made a motion to approve the three appointments

**Second:** Vice Chairman O’Neal

**Discussion:** Vice Chairman O’Neal asked if the Board will still be accepting other applications. Chairman Barry confirmed yes, noting that the current Cable contract expires in September of 2013.

### - Report of Appropriations – MS 2

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moved to sign the report for delivery to the State of NH

**Second:** Vice Chairman O’Neal

**No Discussion – All in Favor – Motion Carries**

### - Letter from the Board to former Chairman John Regan thanking him for his service to the Town

**No Discussion – Signatures Executed**

### - Schedule of Board of Selectman Meetings for the 2012 year

**Motion to Approve and post the schedule (subject to change):** Vice Chairman O’Neal

**Seconded** – Selectman Robertson

**No Discussion – All in Favor – Motions Carries**

## Town Administrator’s Report

L. Boswak informed the Board of the following:

- | She will contact the newly appointment Cable Committee members to arrange a meeting date
- | She has worked with Mark Tibbets and Rick Pelletier on assessing the Government Buildings in town in order to prepare for a repair and maintenance schedule. She would like to schedule a work session for April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30p for the Board to tour the buildings. All agreed the date will work and is ok to post.
- | Leslie has placed a new bulletin board at the front of the GBW building to organize public notices and postings. The major Boards/Committees that post frequently will have their own distinct headers.
- | During the week of 2/26 there was an accident where Mark Tibbett’s truck hit the rescue van after sliding on some ice. There was a \$1,000 deductible to be paid toward repairs and that has been taken out of the budget.
- | There have been four interested candidates for the vacant Board of Selectman position. Walter Hooker, Dick Pitman, Jack Sherburne and Tim Godbois have expressed interest. The deadline to file is Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm. Vice Chairman O’Neal asked that the Town Administrator request some additional information from the candidates as to their experience, interest and most importantly availability so that they can have those details when making a final decision.

**Other Business** Chairman Barry informed the Board that Governor Lynch has vetoed the redistricting plan approved by the House of Representatives. He feels that the Board should take a continued position supporting the plan for one representative for every town. Selectman Robertson agreed and the Town Administrator’s office will draft a communication for the Board to sign.

**New Business** None

**Citizens Comments**

Harriet Cady asked if the Board asked the State to review the Veteran's Tax Credits in Deerfield. Chairman Barry was not sure exactly how the item came about, but can find out. L. Boswak indicated the DRA Monitor may have requested the review. H. Cady commented that she remembers the Board making the decision to survey Town Veterans to verify information at a previous meeting. She also asked if there is a log of people who have requested to post on the online Community Calendar as the verbiage on the website says that requests to post will be reviewed by the Board. No one was aware of any log. Selectman Robertson commented that the initial intent was that Municipal Groups, such as Parks and Rec, would post automatically while non-governmental groups would need to request permission. Chairman Barry indicated he will look into it.

**Meeting Adjourned**

6:05pm

**Motion** – Selectman Robertson

**Second** – Vice Chairman O'Neal

All in Favor - The March 26, 2012 meeting is adjourned

**Next Meeting Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm**

*The Minutes were Transcribed and Respectfully Submitted by Katherine A. Libby, Recording Secretary.  
Pending Approval by the Board of Selectmen*