

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

July 2, 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, Richard Pitman and R. Andrew Robertson, Selectmen

**Also Present:** Leslie A. Boswak, Town Administrator;

**Scheduled Appointments**

**A. Deerfield Women's Club – Lorraine Cady**

Ms. Cady was present at the meeting to see if the Board will accept the Trust Document establishing a Trust for the Deerfield Women's Club. By placing funds in a Trust the group will have to report to the State every five years instead of annually and this will ensure that a High School Scholarship is able to be awarded annually in \$1,000 increments. Jim Sullivan, from the Trustees of the Trust Funds commented they have reviewed the documents and find everything in good order. Vice Chairman O'Neal asked if this would need to go to a Public Hearing. L. Boswak will find out and handle appropriately.

**Motion** – Selectman Robertson moves to allow the Deerfield Women's Club to establish a Trust under the Town Offices and Trustees of the Trust Department

**Second** – Vice Chairman O'Neal

**All in Favor – Motion Carries**

**B. Rick Pelletier – PSNH Sub Station Update**

Rick informed the Board that he had reviewed the PSNH Sub Station Site Plan and meeting minutes from the Planning Board's approval and that lighting was not addressed. Noise and road impact were discussed, but he believes that PSNH is within what was requested and approved for use. Vice Chairman O'Neal asked that the Town seek an update from PSNH regarding their efforts to screen neighboring properties and the item will be placed on the agenda for the next full Board of Selectman meeting.

**C. Alex Cote – Department Updates**

▪ **Crosswalk at GBW Building**

Alex has looked into setting up a Crosswalk from the GBW Parking Lot across to the gravel parking lot. The costs will depend on the State's final walk through, but he estimates it will be approximately \$600. The Town will be responsible for signage and maintenance. Chief Greeley indicated that in the past there were concerns that a crosswalk would require handicap accessibility, but we can wait and see what comes of the walk-through.

**Motion** – Selectman Robertson moves to approve the Application for a Summer Sidewalk

**Second** – Vice Chairman O'Neal

**All in Favor – Motion Carries**

▪ **61 Range Road**

In response to the property owner's concerns, the area has been reviewed by the Road Agent and the town's Engineer, the Board will proceed with the recommendations from these individuals and a letter will be sent to the property owner outlining the findings. Options may be for the individual to move their driveway. There will be a continued police presence in the area.

**D. Howard Pearl – NH State Senate Candidate**

Howard Pearl introduced himself to the Board and described why he is running for Office. After his presentation Chairman Barry asked him what his position on the Northern Pass Project is. Mr. Pearl responded that the issue is difficult, while he recognizes that we are in need of a renewable energy source he does not support the commandeering of private land. Mr. Pearl thanked the Board for their time.

**E. Chief Greeley – Department Update**

Chief Greeley informed the Board that the background checks have been completed and he has two conditional offers signed by potential hires Robert Mozer, for the On-Call Employee position, and Scott Loignon, for the Part-Time Officer position.

**Motion** – Selectman Robertson moves to authorize the Chief to proceed with the offers as presented

**Second** – Selectman Perron

**Discussion** – Vice Chairman O’Neal asked if these hires would fall within the approved budget and the Chief confirmed yes.

**All in Favor – Motion Carries**

The Chief also informed the Board that the new cruiser is now on the road replacing the 2005 Crown Victoria vehicle.

**Motion** – Vice Chairman O’Neal moves to move forward with the surplus of the 2005 Crown Victoria Cruiser

**Second** – Selectman Robertson

**All in Favor – Motion Carries**

The PD will hold an Auction on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11 at the GBW Building. There are thirteen items to be auctioned off and the event will be publicized on the website and in the Forum.

**Regular Business/Signatures**

**- Approval of Minutes from June 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

D. Pitman was absent from the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and is listed as present and taking an active part in motions. Those Minutes will be corrected to reflect his absence.

**Motion to approve the Minutes from June 25<sup>th</sup> as written** – Vice Chairman O’Neal

**Second** – Selectman Robertson

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

**- Accounts Payable – Three Manifests \$48,029.42, \$10,456 and \$7,080) totaling \$65,565.42**

**Motion** – Vice Chairman O’Neal moves to approve

**Second** – Selectman Robertson

**All in Favor – Motions Carries**

**- Letter from Penny Touchette re: Mark Barnard Timber Abatement**

Letter states that the owner feels the Timber Tax Abatement should be corrected to reflect a wood quality of 17% versus the 50% it was assessed at.

**Motion** – Vice Chairman O’Neal moves to approve the abatement change from 50% to 17% quality of lumber, but to deny including the cost of the land in the calculations.

**Second** – Selectman Robertson

**All in Favor – Motion Carries**

**- Land Use Change Tax, \$6,200 – Diane Shores, Coffeetown Road**

**Motion** – Vice Chairman O’Neal moves to approve the land use change tax

**Second** – Selectman Robertson

**All in Favor – Motion Carries**

**- Land Use Change Tax, \$6,200 –Broek Revocable Trust at Old Center Rd**

**Motion** – Vice Chairman O’Neal moves to approve the land use change tax

**Second** – Selectman Robertson

**All in Favor – Motion Carries**

**- Timber Tax Levy \$1,686.83 – James and Helen Tomlinson; and Daniel and Susan Pichette**

**Motion** – Vice Chairman O’Neal moves to approve

**Second** – Selectman Robertson

**All in Favor – Motion Carries**

**- Letter from Mike & Katie Libby and Scott & Lauri Emerton re: Pleasant Lake Parking Issue**

The Board is in receipt of a letter expressing concern for the inability to access Pleasant Lake due to lack of parking for non-trailer vehicles and restrictions at Veasey Park. Vice Chairman O’Neal noted that a copy of the letter had been sent to the Pleasant Lake Association, he agrees that perhaps they could consider asking the Lake Host to not take one of the limited parking spots. Selectman Robertson agreed that there may not be much the Board can do. He would like to see the Veasey

Park Deed researched to see if there is a way to allow paddlers to launch canoes or kayaks from the park. The Board will look into the matter.

### **Unfinished Business**

Selectman Robertson has reviewed the Upper Lamprey Scenic Byway Concept Paper and while he feels it is a good idea, he would like to think the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission can adequately lead the project and he would not like to see Town resources spent on the initiative. Vice Chairman Robertson agreed and also pointed out that it may not be appropriate to list Pleasant Lake as a public scenic point of interest as there is obviously some issues with parking availability.

### **Town Administrator's Report**

- L. Boswak presented the Board with the Deerfield Master Plan Energy Chapter Action Plan. The Planning Board is looking to adopt this Plan at its July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Leslie has some concerns that the Board of Selectman is being put in a leadership position on a number of initiatives, with the current economic and budgetary environment she wonders if this is realistic. Raised concern with an initiative that would require or incentivize a third party rating certification on all new construction, additions and transfers of ownership, expanding building code requirements and expanding a transportation policy to include items such as bicycle lanes. She would like input from the Board to relay to the Planning Board prior to their meeting.

**Other Business** None

**New Business** None

### **Citizens Comments**

Harriet Cady noted that she attended the Lamprey River Watershed Meeting and that the group would ask that the CD's provided to the Board a few months ago be played on the Public Access Channel. She would also like to commend L. Boswak for raising the concerns with the Energy Plan – she had reviewed the proposal and shared the same concerns.

Kathy Shigo would like to note that the Deerfield Garden Club does a wonderful job of beautifying the Town. She understands that they have plans to put compost in place of grass at some of the intersection planting areas and at the Town Fair and she would like to gently suggest that they reconsider. She feels that grass will look much nicer.

### **Nonpublic Session:**

**6:37 pm** Vice Chairman O'Neal made a motion to enter a Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3,II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Seconded by Selectman Robertson.

**Roll Call Vote:** Pitman-Yes; Perron-Yes; Robertson-Yes; O'Neal-Yes; Barry -Yes

**6:52 pm** The Nonpublic Session ended.

### **No Action/No Decisions:**

It was noted that no action was taken or decisions made within the Nonpublic Session.

### **Minutes Sealed:**

**MOTION:** Selectman Robertson made a motion to seal the Minutes of the Nonpublic Session as divulgence of information contained in those minutes would likely adversely affect the reputation of a person or persons not a member of this Board. Seconded by Vice Chairman O'Neal.

**Roll Call Vote:** Pitman-Yes; Perron-Yes; Robertson-Yes; O'Neal-Yes; Barry -Yes

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**Roll Call Vote:** Pitman-Yes; Perron-Yes; Robertson-Yes; O'Neal-Yes; Barry -Yes

**7:05 pm** The Nonpublic Session ended.

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**Roll Call Vote:** Pitman-Yes; Perron-Yes; Robertson-Yes; O’Neal-Yes; Barry –Yes

**Nonpublic Session:**

**7:05 pm** Vice Chairman O’Neal made a motion to enter a Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3,II(d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. Seconded by Selectman Robertson.

**Roll Call Vote:** Pitman-Yes; Perron-Yes; Robertson-Yes; O’Neal-Yes; Barry -Yes

**7:22 pm** The Nonpublic Session ended.

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**Roll Call Vote:** Pitman-Yes; Perron-Yes; Robertson-Yes; O’Neal-Yes; Barry -Yes

**Adjourned**

7:23 pm

The July 2, 2012 meeting is adjourned.

**Next Meeting Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am**

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