

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
February 11, 2013
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30pm: Vice Chairman, Alan O'Neal called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Vice Chairman O'Neal asked all to rise and pledge allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Alan O'Neal, Vice Chairman; Bill Perron and Richard Pitman Selectmen

Also Present: Jeanette Foisy, Finance Director

Absent: Stephen R. Barry, Chairman; and R. Andrew Robertson Selectman

Recess to Public Hearing – Board of Selectmen & School Board – Should the MBC Determine the Default Budgets

This was a second Public Hearing because the one held previously was more than thirty days out from the time of voting. With no public comment the Hearing was closed at 5:35pm.

Reconvene Selectmen Meeting

Appointments

Fred McGarry: Town Planner Compensation

Vice Chairman O'Neal informed Mr. McGarry that there are some concerns at a previous Board meeting as to whether using Jerry Coogan, a paid Contractor of the Town, for Third Party Review services created a conflict of interest. Mr. McGarry did not believe there was a conflict, he can check into the fees, but generally was of the opinion if Mr. Coogan was not used for these advanced reviews the services would be contracted out to Keech Nordstrom who charge \$30-\$40/hour more. The Planning Board is scheduled to meet with Mr. Coogan next week to discuss how the Planner's time will be allocated in the coming year with the reduced hours allotted during the budgeting process. Mr. McGarry noted that most of the Planners budgeted time is associated with preparation for and attendance at the Planning Board Meetings, any additional fees charged for review applies to major developments and the applicants are made aware of these fees in advance. If there was concern with a conflict of interest the party involved could request the Planning Board use Keech or another entity. Vice Chairman O'Neal wanted to be clear that these additional fees were not a way to re-coup Planning Contractor Fees cut from the 2013 budget and Mr. McGarry confirmed that he did not see this as the case.

Regular Business/Signatures

- Approval of Minutes from January 28th

Motion – Selectman Pitman moves to approve the Minutes as written

Second – Selectman Perron

All in Favor – Motion Carries

- Approval of Minutes from February 4th (Two, one from the morning meeting and one from the evening work session)

Motion – Selectman Pitman moves to approve the Minutes as written

Second – Selectman Perron

All in Favor – Motion Carries

- Accounts Payable – \$42,256.96

Motion – Selectman Perron moves the accounts payable

Second – Selectman Pitman

All in Favor – Motion Carries

- Intent to Cut Wood or Timber (Salvage) – Moulton Residence, 33 Church Street

Signatures Executed

- Veteran's Tax Credit Application – Craig Moser, 12 Raymond Rd

Motion – Selectman Pitman moves to approve

Second – Selectman Perron

All in Favor – Motion Carries

- NH Electrical Co-Op – Final Petition Pole License for poles located on Reservation Rd

Motion – Selectman Perron moves to approve

Second – Selectman Pitman

All in Favor – Motion Carries

- Notice of Abatement – Adjustment of Taxes from 2012 – Map 404, Lot 2 - \$435.56

Motion – Selectman Perron moves to approve

Second – Selectman Pitman

Discussion- Vice Chairman O’Neal noted that this is the result of property transferred to the Deerfield Conservation Commission

All in Favor – Motion Carries

- Notice of Abatement – Adjustment of Taxes from 2012 – Map 401, Lot 2, \$646

Motion – Selectman Perron moves to approve

Second – Selectman Pitman

Discussion – Vice Chairman O’Neal noted that this was the result of a revised assessed value

All in Favor – Motion Carries

- Current Use Application – Field Stone Trust, Map 410, Lot 5, adding 0.95 acres into current use

Motion – Selectman Perron moves to approve

Second – Selectman Pitman

All in Favor – Motion Carries

- Land Use Change Tax – Chaplin Residence, Map 418, Lot 28

Motion – Selectman Perron moves to approve

Second – Selectman Pitman

All in Favor – Motion Carries

- Land Use Change Tax – Freischlag Residence – Map 418, Lot 28, Sub-Lot 2

Motion – Selectman Perron moves to approve

Second – Selectman Pitman

All in Favor – Motion Carries

- Application Grant for the NH Community Planning Commission

Grant is at the request of the Deerfield Planning Board, if awarded would require \$3,500 in committed match from the Town, \$875 in cash and \$2,625 in Volunteer hours

Motion – Selectman Perron moves to approve the application

Second – Selectman Pitman

All in Favor – Motion Carries

Correspondence

Vice Chairman O’Neal paraphrased a letter submitted to the Board from Ron and Sherri Allie. The residents wrote commending the Police Department and would like to establish a scholarship fund for a High School student looking to go into Law Enforcement. They would be willing to contribute \$100 per year to the fund. The Board would like to have the Town Administrator’s office contact these individual and invite them to a meeting upon their return to Town in the Spring to discuss and outline specifics for this undertaking.

The Board was in receipt of a letter from the Kuczewski’s at 9 Pleasant Hill Rd informing them of a recurrence of the drainage issue with ice back up at their driveway. The Board will acknowledge the letter and get input from the Road Agent as to how to remedy.

Unfinished Business

Selectman Perron mentioned that the Farmers Market was looking to expand its summer services and would be interested in running overflow for vendors in the downstairs of the GBW Building on Fridays during summer months. The Board will run this by Mark and the Town Administrator and discuss before the full Board, the plans may be dependent on renovation plans for the downstairs space.

Town Administrator’s Report None

Other Business None

New Business None

Citizens Comments None

Adjournment

Motion – Selectman Perron moves to adjourn the February 11th meeting

Second – Selectman Pitman

All in Favor – Meeting Adjourns at 6:00pm

Next Meeting Tuesday, February 19th @ 8:00am

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