

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 3, 2014
MINUTES**

Call to Order

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

Present: Steve Barry, Chairman; Alan O'Neal, Vice Chairman; Rebecca Hutchinson, Richard Pitman and R. Andrew Robertson

Also Present: Michael Wright, Town Administrator and Jan Foisy, Finance Director

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

Scheduled Appointments

PSSG

5:31pm Motion: Vice Chairman O'Neal moves to enter into a Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II b

Second: Selectwoman Hutchinson

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Reconvene

Chairman Barry notes for the record that no action was taken during the Non Public Session.

6:05 pm Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to seal the minutes from the Non Public Session

Second: Selectman Pitman

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Regular Business

-Hussey Property

M. Wright updated the Board that the individuals involved with the Hussey Property have been speaking with the Town's legal counsel regarding a way to redeem the property. Various forms of relief are being looked at. Statute states that up to 15% of the property assessed value may be assigned; M. Wright has seen other Towns assign 15% of the outstanding principle owed. With the Board's blessing he will continue to explore the best way to redeem the property. The Board agreed.

-Accounts Payable - \$554,666.33 (\$500,000 transferred to the School)

Motion – Vice Chairman O'Neal moves to approve

Second – Selectman Robertson

All in Favor – Motion Carries

-Payroll Manifest - \$50,098.33 (\$37,292.15 net)

Motion – Vice Chairman O'Neal moves to approve

Second – Selectman Robertson

All in Favor – Motion Carries

-Renewed Application for Credit – Parts Purchasing - Town of Deerfield Highway Department

Motion – Selectman Robertson moves to authorize the Chair to sign

Second – Vice Chairman O'Neal

All in Favor – Motion Carries

-Permit Application – \$500 Veteran’s Tax Credit – Billy Lambert

Motion – Vice Chairman O’Neal moves to approve

Second – Selectman Robertson

All in Favor – Motion Carries

-Permit Application – \$500 Veteran’s Tax Credit – Melinda Lambert

Motion – Vice Chairman O’Neal moves to approve

Second – Selectman Pitman

All in Favor – Motion Carries

-Land Use Change Tax - \$7,000 – Sarah & Thomas Buffington

Motion – Vice Chairman O’Neal moves to approve

Second – Selectman Robertson

All in Favor – Motion Carries

Town Administrator’s Report

- M. Wright noted for the record that the Board has dealt with several personnel matters in the past weeks which have resulted in supporting documentation being created. The Board is in receipt and the materials have been put on record. Two personnel actions have been closed.
- There will be a seminar hosted by PSNH on Wednesday, March 5th in Manchester dealing with pricing and service to Municipal customers. M. Wright will be participating.

Unfinished Business None

Other Business None

New Business None

Citizens Comments

Lisa Wolford of 14 Church Street introduced herself. She described her professional background in Public Defense and Criminal Justice; she currently serves as a Prosecutor within the State Attorney General’s Office. As a result of this background, she has taken a particular interest in the PSSG findings of the Police Department and has some concern with the ability of local Boards to supervise their contractors. She asks how the Board plans to implement the changes suggested by the PSSG report, adding that to her it seems the Department acted in a negligent manner for an extended period of time. Selectwoman Hutchinson spoke that the Board had begun to put a plan in place to address and rectify the issues cited in the PSSG report last fall, but that the resignation of the Police Chief, along with the Town Administrator, had taken some of the focus away from that issue. She went on to say that the Board is continuing to work with PSSG, that it takes the findings seriously and is anxious to get back on track with regards to improvements in training and leadership development. Ms. Wolford agreed that it would make sense that changes within the Department wait until a new Chief was named. Chairman Barry indicated there is no timeline currently in place for Department changes that might stem from the PSSG findings and Selectman Robertson added that it would be unlikely that discussions on the internal workings of the Police Department would be held in a public forum.

Adjournment 6:35pm

Motion: Selectman Pitman moves to adjourn the meeting of March 3rd

Second: Selectman Robertson

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Next Meeting Monday, March 10th @ 5:30pm

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