# Town of Deerfield BOARD OF SELECTMEN June 29, 2015 MINUTES

#### Call to Order

5:30p - Vice Chairman Richard Pitman called the meeting to order.

**Present:** Richard Pitman, Vice Chairman; Rebecca Hutchinson, R Andrew Robertson and Jeff Shute Selectmen

Absent: Stephen Barry, Chairman

Also Present: Jan Foisy, Town Administrator

#### Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Vice Chairman Pitman asks all to rise and pledge allegiance to the Flag.

#### Scheduled Appointments

#### **Open Bids - George B. White Building Windows**

Gary Anderson, Nottingham, NH	\$40,050
E. Guimond Construction, Bow, NH	\$63,395
Score Construction, Londonderry, NH	\$71,588

Mark Tibbetts confirmed that all firms bidding were present for the mandatory walk through. The bids were given to Mark Tibbetts for review and recommendation.

#### **Open Bids - Highway Department Storage Building**

\$59,930
\$66,875
\$100,680
\$51,190
\$42,900
\$41,800

Bids were given to the Road Agent for review and recommendation.

#### Solar Up - Erik Berglund & Wes Golomb

Wes Golomb asked that the Board sign a letter for the Solar Up Group to mail to Town residents summarizing the project. The initiative is the result of a grant from the Southern NH Planning Commission. The group has agreed to work with Granite State Solar on cost efficiencies and options for financing. There are kick-off meetings scheduled for August 1st at the Deerfield Town Hall and August 2nd in Candia. The group also had signage and a banner they asked to post in Town. There were no objections from the Board regarding the Letter or Signage.

Selectwoman Hutchinson asked that Mr. Golomb give the audience a description of the project. He spoke that it is a grass roots effort to support solar energy. The goal is to double the number of solar units in Deerfield over a four month period, currently there are 24 units and the group has set a goal of 25. The more people involved in the effort, the lower the pricing. There will be a variety of events scheduled between August 1st and November 30th to promote the initiative.

#### Regular Business

#### Minutes - June 15, 2015

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to approve the minutes as written Second: Selectwoman Hutchinson Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Intent to Cut Wood or Timber - Corey & Sarah Vose, 10 Parade Road Signatures Executed

Permit Application - Property Tax Abatement - Barbara Nutter

Signatures Executed

#### Town Hall - Rear Door Replacement

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to transfer \$5,735.02 from the Municipal Government Building & Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund to replace the back door at the Town Hall, payable to Jackson Lumber & Millwork Second: Selectwoman Hutchinson Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

# Tax Abatement - Tukcor Real Estate, Current Use Change Tax - \$1,000 for Map 419 Lot 27-12 & 13

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to approve the abatement Second: Selectwoman Hutchinson Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

## Tax Abatement Denial - Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC - 2014 Abatement Request

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to approve the denial Second: Selectman Shute Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

#### Tax Abatement Denial - NH Electrical Co-Op - 2014 Abatement Request

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to approve the denial Second: Selectman Shute Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

#### Tax Abatement Denial - Public Service of NH DBA Eversource - 2014 Abatement Request

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to approve the denial Second: Selectwoman Hutchinson Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Fown Clerk/Tax Collector - Refund Requests for Overpayment of 2015 Taxes Totaling
511,465.55

Steven Piwowarczyk Jr. - 38 Candia Road - \$2,072 Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to approve Second: Selectwoman Hutchinson Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries Ann Travers - 99 Mt Delight Rd- \$3,491.55 **Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to approve Second: Selectwoman Hutchinson Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries Norman Hunter - 210 South Rd - \$3,570 Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to approve Second: Selectwoman Hutchinson Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries Scott Anderson - 136 South Rd - \$2,332 **Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to approve Second: Selectwoman Hutchinson Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

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Timber Tax Levy - Christopher Roberge, 219 South Rd - $6,633 & Charles & Cheri Sanborn - $726.97
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Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to approve Second: Selectwoman Hutchinson Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector - List of Unlicensed Dogs - Request to Issue Warrants for Unlicensed Dogs Pursuant to RSA 466-14 (493 Dogs)
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Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to Issue the outstanding Dog Warrant Second: Selectmen Shute Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

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Letter to Melanson & Heath to Certify Audit is Complete
Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to sign the letter
Second: Selectwoman Hutchinson
Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries
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# MS 535 - Town Financial Report

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to sign the form MS 535 and submit to the State Dept. of Revenue **Second:** Selectwoman Hutchinson

#### Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

2016 Tax Map Maintenance Proposal - \$3,000 to Cartographics Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to sign and renew the agreement Second: Selectwoman Hutchinson Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

Non-Contemporaneous Business - 3 Members Signing - June 19, 2015 Accounts Payable - \$61,956.22 Payroll Manifest - \$49,549.54 (\$37,967.21 net)

#### Correspondence

The Town has received a check from Charles Marino in the amount of \$4,487.81 for the Timber Harvest done at the Transfer Station.

Primex has notified the Town that, pursuant to the Premium Holiday previously approved by the Board, the Town will recognize a credit off of next year's Unemployment and Worker's Compensation Policy payments.

#### **Scheduled Appointments Continued**

#### Jill Nickerson - Middle Rd

Ms. Nickerson, together with the assistance of Counsel Timothy Dewyngaert asked that the conversation be held during a Non Public Session.

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to enter into a Non Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c)

Second: Selectwoman Hutchinson

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

#### Reconvene

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

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to seal the minutes of the Non Public Session **Second:** Selectwoman Hutchinson

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

#### Correspondence Cont.

The Board has received a letter regarding the past due taxes on a property at 41 Nottingham Road. The owner has asked that the Town abate the penalties and interest owed on the property, totaling some \$35,000. The Board asked that the Town Administrator invite the individual in to discuss the matter further.

The Town has received \$799.75 from the State of NH through the Fire Department Fire Suppression Grant. The monies will be put into the General Fund.

The Board has received notice that Mattise Collins Property Services will be changing its name and address, now operating as "MCPS".

# Town Administrator's Report

J. Foisy reported that, through May 22 the Town has collected \$5,149,094.90 (approx 80%) of the first half of 2015 taxes.

Thanks were offered to the ladies of the Deerfield Garden Club responsible for planting the potted plants at the front of the George B. White Building.

The Highway Department will be taking Monday, July 6th as a Holiday as Friday is its normal day off. The Department also expects to begin paving on Pleasant Hill July 1st.

The 2014 Journal Adjustments will be made Friday and updated 2015 expenditure reports have been sent to Department Heads. J. Foisy expects the Town will receive the Financial Management Statement shortly.

The 250th Anniversary Committee has asked to sell the commemorative license plates in the Town's Finance Office. There were no objections from the Board. The plates will be available for \$25. A letter will accompany them, certifying the validity of use, and they may be place on the front of vehicles from 1/1/2016 through 12/31/2016.

The MBC will meet Tuesday, June 30th at 6:30p.

Finally, J. Foisy reported that the cost of the Special Election recently held in Town totaled \$2,459.79.

# Unfinished Business None

# New Business

Selectman Robertson reported that he has received two complaints from kayakers that have been turned away from parking at the boat ramp due to cars parking that appear to be people using the area as a beach. He asked whether the Police Department might be able to increase patrols of the area, or if it was solely a function of the State Fish & Game.

# **Citizens Comments**

Ms. Harriet Cady raised two questions, she asked whether the Town counts the parcels that are updated through the tax map updates, or simply accepts the \$3,000 annual cost. She questioned whether there had been that much development in Town over the past two years. Secondly, she asked how the Insurance Premium credits are reflected during the budget process.

# Non-Public Session

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to enter into a Non Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c)
Second: Selectwoman Hutchinson
Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

#### Reconvene

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

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to seal the minutes of the Non Public Session Second: Selectwoman Hutchinson Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

# Adjourn - 7:08p

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to adjourn the meeting of June 29, 2015 Second: Selectwoman Hutchinson Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries

## Next Meeting Monday, July 13th @ 5:30p

The Minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Katherine A. Libby, Recording Secretary. Pending approval by the Board of Selectmen.