

**Town of Deerfield  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
November 23, 2015  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

5:30p - Chairman Stephen Barry called the meeting to order.

**Present:** Stephen Barry, Chairman; Richard Pitman, Vice Chairman; R. Andrew Robertson and Jeff Shute Selectmen

**Excused:** Rebecca Hutchinson, Selectwoman

**Also Present:** Jan Foisy, Town Administrator

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

**Scheduled Appointments**

**David Doran - Petition Warrant Article RSA 72:27-a and RSA 72:62**

Mr. Doran spoke that he has submitted a petition Warrant Article to exempt solar energy systems from being included in property valuations. He feels that taxing of the systems would be disincentive to renewable, clean, energy source and asked for the Board's Support. The Board was in support of the Article and it was noted that the Town is not assessing a value on the systems at this time. Mr. Doran noted that some 110 Towns in the State currently have similar exemptions in place. The Board voiced its support of the Warrant Article and thanked Mr. Doran for his time.

**2016 Budget Review and Warrant Articles**

J. Foisy spoke regarding the Warrant Article to side the final portions of the George B. White Building. Two options were reviewed, an Article in the amount of \$63,050 and a second in the amount of \$74,500, the difference being siding of the back wall of the Building. The Board was in favor of finishing the job in its totality and asked to move forward with a Warrant Article in the amount of \$74,500 plus the cost of electrical.

J. Foisy asked what is the Board's pleasure regarding work to be done at the George B. White Building? A handicap accessible door by the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will cost \$3,125 and a quote of \$7,329 has been received for replacing the two front doors. The Board agreed to add \$10,000 to the George B. White Building Maintenance Fund and to put the handicap lift cost forward as a Warrant Article.

Chairman Barry reported that the 2016 Town Budget bottom line will be \$3,885,754, an increase of approximately \$192,650 over 2015. It was noted that the tax rate went down in 2015. Selectman Shute asked about the paving work to be done at the Transfer Station. Chairman

Barry spoke that he was in favor of looking to do the work with any excess from 2015, or if funds are unavailable to include the cost within the 2016 Department budget.

### **Regular Business**

#### **Minutes - November 16, 2015**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves the minutes as written

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

**Vote to approve: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 - Motion Carries**

#### **Minutes - November 17, 2015 (Work Session)**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves the minutes as written

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

**Discussion:** Selectman Shute noted that he felt the time was very productive.

**Vote to approve: Yea 3, Nay 0, Abstained 1 - Motion Carries**

#### **Accounts Payable - \$40,865.67**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

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

#### **Payroll Manifest - \$51,623.91 (\$38,766.55 net)**

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to approve

**Second:** Selectman Shute

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

#### **Tax Abatements - \$115 - MJP Trust - Map 208-110 & \$15 - Deborah & Steven Faulkner Map 406-31**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

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

#### **Tax Abatements - Adjustments Due to Revaluation of Property totaling \$5,323**

Map 201-047 - Wayne & Judith Allen - \$54

Map 204-040 - Thomas Hodgson & Sons Inc. - \$27

Map 411-032 - David & Linda Mahn - \$46

Map 415-067 - Joseph & Eleanor Cardinal Et Al - \$401

Map 418-061 - Thomas Welch - \$9

Map 419-100 - Gary & Susan Ulin - \$58

Map 424-054 - Paul Taylor - \$77

Map OPOINT - FairPoint Communications - \$4,651

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to approve

**Second:** Selectman Shute

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

### **Memorandum of Lien - 244 Middle Rd**

A Judgement was awarded November 2, 2015 against Jennifer Kalisz of 244 Middle Rd in the amount of \$2,656.

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to authorize the Chair to sign

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

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

### **Property Tax Credit Exemption - Veterans Tax Exemption of \$500 - Thomas & Anna Fontaine - Hartford Brook**

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to approve

**Second:** Selectman Shute

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

### **Amended Health Reimbursement Resolution - Effective December 1, 2015**

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to approve the resolution

**Second:** Selectman Shute

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

### **Correspondence**

Steve Jamele has asked for permission to surplus a Cannon Super G3 Fax.

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to approve

**Second:** Selectman Shute

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

The Board has received the Conservation Commission's Monthly Update. The Commission has filed a letter with the DES regarding its intent to investigate the Wetlands Permitting Process followed with regards to the Northern Pass. The letter protests the process and is opposed to the way the SEC handled notification of Towns. The group is also reviewing the spread of phragmites at Dole's Marsh and in discussion of how to handle mitigation costs estimated to be \$700.

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

J. Foisy reported that the meeting with the Chief of Police and Primex went well, a report will be expected from Primex in the coming weeks. The 6X6 Turbo has been fixed at a cost of \$1,750 plus labor, oil and fileter. She thanked the Ladies of the Deerfield Garden Club for the Holiday Decorations placed at the front of the George B. White Building.

Selectman Robertson noted that he had recently spoke with the Town Administrator regarding an abandoned vehicle seen at an abandoned property on South Road. The Town Administrator has notified the Police Department and it will be looked into. Vice Chairman Pitman asked the status of the property. J. Foisy reported that she is trying to get in touch with the mortgage company.

**Unfinished/Other/New Business**    None

### **Citizens Comments**

Ms. Harriet Cady questioned how the Conservation Commission Members are able to conduct an impartial investigation regarding the Wetland Permitting process when the group is so decidedly opposed to the Northern Pass.

Mr. Kevin McDonald of 36 Mountain Road expressed his disappointment with the way the Board handled his concerns with the management of the Deerfield Fire Department. He feels that current management is negatively impacting the operations and morale within the Department, is impacting the spending of tax dollars and is adversely impacting the safety of the Members of the Department. He feels that the Administrative changes announced at the November 9th Select Board meeting do not reflect a sincere desire to clean up the Department and trusts that accurate record of the concerns raised will be kept on file. He spoke that the Town's Citizens deserve to have the record reflect the Board's inaction should harm come.

### **Non Public Session**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to enter into a Non Public Session under RSA 91A-3, II

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

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

### **Reconvene**

Chairman Barry 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:** Selectman Shute

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

### **Adjourn**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to adjourn the meeting of November 23, 2015

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

**Discussion:** Chairman Barry noted that the agenda is incorrect, the Board's next meeting will be held November 30 at 5:30p

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

**Next Meeting Monday, November 30, 2015 @ 5:30p**

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