

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
February 18, 2019
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30 pm – Chairman Pitman called the meeting to order

Present: Richard Pitman, Chairman; Fred McGarry, Jeff Shute and Cindy McHugh, Selectpersons.

Absent: Andrew Robertson, Vice Chairman

Chairman Pitman appointed Selectman Shute as vice chairman should the need arise.

Regular Business:

Review of Outstanding Minutes of February 4, 2019

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to approve the minutes of February 4, 2019

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Accounts Payable - \$70,274.07

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to approve the accounts payable

Second: Selectman Shute

Discussion:

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

Permit application for a seasonal dock agreement with Alexander Michael and Rachel Sarah Ide, 14A Gulf Road. They purchased the property this last year.

Motion: Acting Vice Chairman Shute moves to approve the seasonal dock agreement

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

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

Payroll Manifest of \$64,489.80 (gross), \$50,872.88 (net)

Signed by three selectmen on the 8th of February, 2019

The town clerk's office is requesting a refund for Philip Davidson, 91 Ridge Road. Resident overpaid on a motor vehicle registration. Local fees should have only been \$10.00 and paid \$55.00 due to an error on a printed renewal application.

It is the recommendation of the town clerk's office to refund the monies owed to Philip Davidson.

Motion: Acting Chairman Shute moves to refund Philip Davidson in the amount \$45.00

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

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

The town clerk's office is requesting a refund to Serenity Homes, Inc., in the amount of \$546.00.

Serenity Homes is requesting a refund for a motor vehicle that was totaled the day after they registered it. They have received a refund for the state portion and now seeking refund for the town portion.

Motion: Acting Vice Chairman Shute moves to refund Serenity Homes, Inc., the amount of \$546.00

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

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

Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission for Dwight D. Barnes with an expiration of April, 2022, Jeff D’Agostino and Kathleen Libby, expiring April, 2020.

Motion: Acting Vice Chairman Shute moves to approve the appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission for Dwight D. Barnes, Jeff D’Agostino expiring April, 2022 and Kathleen Libby, expiring April, 2020.

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion: Acting Vice Chairman Shute stated that Mr. Barnes and Mr. D’Agostino were being renewed and Kathleen Libby is filling the term vacated by Ernie Roberts

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

Town Administrator’s Report:

Mr. Harrington stated that he only had one item this evening and it was an announcement for the town that there is a town-wide cleanup, Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Following that from 11:00 am to 12 noon, there will be chili and chowder fest.

Chairman Pitman asked if anyone had questions for the town administrator to which there were none at this time.

Unfinished Business:

Rainbow Bridge Composting proposal:

A representative from Rainbow Bridge got up to the microphone and stated that they didn’t have much to report. She stated that they met with Rick Pelletier to which he stated that he was going to speak with counsel to see if there needs to be a variance. He stated that he didn’t think so but that he would double check and get back to Rainbow Bridge this week.

She continued that she just wanted to experience a public hearing because she feels that they will probably have to go through that.

That is her update.

The letter to the residences is on hold and as soon as she hears from Mr. Pelletier, she will approach the Planning Board.

Mr. Pelletier also suggested that they find an engineer to give them some site plans.

Chairman Pitman stated that that would be good.

So, he continued, he was glad that they came in because the Board needs to keep it moving on their end for her.

Chairman Pitman asked if Mr. Harrington was going to talk with Avatar as he felt that the Board owed Rainbow Bridge on what the Board is thinking regarding a value before they go spending money on lawyers and such.

The representative from Rainbow Bridge stated that that would be nice.

Chairman Pitman stated that they realize that it is next to the landfill as far as the property value. He thought that the Board wasn’t doing their part if they didn’t get value to them.

Mr. Harrington stated that Avatar has already been notified and are going to be working on it. He sent them all the information provided by Rainbow Bridge Composting.

Selectman McGarry added that he thought that a first step is get concurrence by the Board to do this, to have assurance that it could happen and then go through the Planning Board.

He continued that he wouldn't want them to spend money on engineers, lawyers and what have you only to have the Board state that they couldn't do the project.

The Rainbow Bridge representative stated that she should wait for the Avatar value and wait for the select board to decide if it is worth it for the town.

Chairman Pitman stated that the Board has had a consensus that they wanted the project to move forward but Selectman McGarry's points are valid. The Board doesn't want them unnecessarily spending funds.

The Rainbow Bridge representative stated that they wouldn't move forward until they knew that everything was set on the Board's end and the price was acceptable.

Chairman Pitman asked if the Board should contact Rainbow Bridge Composting as soon as they hear from Avatar in order to have her come back in to which all agreed that should happen.

Everyone was in agreement.

Chairman Pitman stated that they were going to put the Fireworks Ordinance discussion on hold until they had a full board. There is a letter in the file that came in.

New or Other Business:

Selectman McGarry stated that driving by the outdoor boiler he wanted to know if the building inspector had contacted the state in order to have them follow up on this as the state is the agency that does the enforcing and not the town.

Mr. Harrington stated that he wasn't aware if he had but would follow up.

Selectman McGarry stated that he would want to contact Mark Ledguard in Air Resources.

Chairman Pitman stated that it's amazing how low the smoke stays. It comes out of the pipe and it's horizontal. There is no going up like the Bow Power Plant.

Selectman McGarry stated that depending if it is a Stage 1 or Stage 2, if it is a phase 1, the stack has to be a minimum height although he didn't know what the number was. Phase 2, which is suppose to be clean burning, is not that same requirement. He didn't know but that the stack isn't that high.

Chairman Pitman checked with Mr. Harrington to make sure that he will talk with the building inspector to check with the state.

Acting Vice Chairman Shute stated that the Veasey Park gate is still open to which Chairman Pitman added that it was when he went by this afternoon.

He continued that they usually close it for the winter but they opened it for the fish derby but that he thought that it should get closed.

Paul Asselin, 2 Blue Heron Lane

Mr. Asselin stated that on the 14th, there was a meeting to talk about the bids for the alarm systems for the Deerfield town buildings.

However, not all the information was presented to make a rational decision on this award.

For one, Jeff Shute asked how much it would cost for the "changing of the guard" and that question was not answered.

He stated that the answer would be approximately \$6,000.00.

The contracts that he has for the town, there is an early termination and there is equipment replacement.

He continued that he was the low bidder but it was given to someone else. He stated that he has been in the alarm business for 40 years and 16 years for Deerfield. He thought that this should be some sort of consideration.

Some of the trouble alarms that happened at the town hall were caused by the pumphouse water tank pressure which wasn't rectified until recently.

The reason it wasn't rectified until recently was that the phone line was down at the town hall and that is why it didn't record however, he did have a radio unit there that would report an actual alarm but an actual alarm did not go off, just the trouble alarm.

He thinks that the Board should revisit this award and that is what he is looking for because he has the experience and he has a longevity in town and that is basically it. He didn't know why the Board didn't take into consideration these items.

Selectwoman McHugh asked if the town had a copy of the contract or agreement?

Mr. Harrington stated that they did and it was handed to the Board when the bids were reviewed.

She asked if it was the one that Mr. Asselin was speaking of and Mr. Harrington stated that there are multiple years of contracts. They all have the same language.

Chairman Pitman asked Mr. Asselin if he was by himself now and Mr. Asselin stated that he had a person who subs for him when he is out of town and he is usually only out of town two days a month, if that much.

Chairman Pitman stated that they would be straight up with him and told him that they had heard that he was in Florida for the winter to which Mr. Asselin stated that he wasn't.

Chairman Pitman stated that that needed to be cleared up and Mr. Asselin stated that he saw that it was mentioned that he was in Florida but that wasn't the case.

He stated that he does have a house down there but rents it to someone else during the winter months because that is the prime season. If he goes down there, it is only two days a month.

Chairman Pitman asked if they should table this until Vice Chairman Robertson could weigh in.

Selectman McGarry stated that the vice chairman suggested that the Board wait until they had a full board to which the chairman agreed.

Selectman McGarry stated that procedurally, somebody on the prevailing side would have to take and request a "Move of Reconsideration" and mention the previous meeting. He stated that he wasn't at that meeting so he can't partake in that but could be involved afterwards for reevaluation if in fact the Board goes that route.

Chairman Pitman asked Mr. Asselin if there was anything else, he wanted to state for the minutes.

Mr. Asselin stated that the only consideration that the Board took at that meeting, was that Ray Ellis had recommended that the Town go with R. B. Lewis and that was the only consideration.

Jeff Shute was the only person that brought up the question as to how much it was going to cost.

Therefore, being the low bidder, he thought that it should have gotten awarded to himself.

Chairman Pitman stated that they would take it under advisement and get back to him.

Chairman Pitman asked if there was any other business before going to Citizen's Comments.

None heard.

Citizen's Comments:

Ms. Cady asked if they had gone out to bid to which Chairman Pitman stated yes.

Ms. Cady stated that she was there when he bid and put it in.

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to adjourn at 5:56 pm

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Next Meeting: TBD

*The Minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Dianne L. Kimball, Recording Secretary
Pending approval by the Board of Selectmen*