

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
February 25, 2019  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

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

**Present:** Richard Pitman, Chairman; Andrew Robertson, Vice Chairman. Fred McGarry and Cindy McHugh, Selectpersons.

**Absent:** Jeff Shute

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

**Regular Business:**

**Review of Outstanding Minutes of the Public Hearing Regarding KENO held February 18, 2019**

**Motion:** Selectman McGarry moves to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing regarding KENO

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

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

**Review of Outstanding Minutes of the Board of Selectman held February 18, 2019**

**Motion:** Selectman McGarry moves to approve the minutes of 2/18/19

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

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

**Payroll Manifest of \$65,457.35 (gross), \$50,364.42 (net)**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Robertson moves to approve the payroll manifest

**Second:** Selectman McGarry

**Discussion:**

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

**Accounts Payable Manifest of \$44,389.75 of February 25, 2019**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Robertson moves to approve the accounts payable manifest

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

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

In the Correspondence file, there is a "Certificate of Appreciation", that is going to be awarded to Cynthia Kelsey for her dedication and time and service as a ballot clerk for over ten years.

This is going to be awarded by the town clerk to her.

Chairman Pitman asked if there were any other correspondence from the Board of which no one had any.

**Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. Harrington stated that he had two items for this evening.

The first one which was to get back to the Board regarding information received from Avatar regarding the proposed site for the Rainbow Bridge Composting Project. He stated that all Board members had it in their folders to review.

The second update is that the building inspector has informed him that he was able to connect with the state to have them come down and look at the woodburning furnace in question.

He continued that they didn't give the date that they would be in but they would be by to take a look at it and when he receives any more information, Mr. Harrington would update the Board.

**Unfinished Business:**

Chairman Pitman stated that while they had it in front of them, did anyone have any comments regarding Avatar's report so that they could get back to her.

Vice Chairman Robertson stated that it was clear that Avatar had given them a good value range and now they needed to figure out what the equation is to be able to arrive at a lease figure based on that value line.

Chairman Pitman asked if that property would become taxable while they were leasing to which Vice Chairman Robertson thought so and Chairman Pitman stated that he thought that they should be taxing it although right now it is not.

It would be a lease figure plus the taxes in the amount. The improvements would be up to the lease.

Selectman McGarry stated that they would have to find out from the leasee what the length of the lease would be.

Vice Chairman Robertson stated that if he could add to that, if the town wanted it to be a very short term, maybe not year to year but a 3-year lease, that sort of thing in case the town needs the property. He didn't want to see the town locked into a 15- or 20-year lease. If they end up needing the property for reasons connected to the transfer station.

Chairman Pitman stated that he would make some notes and bring it up again in two weeks.

Chairman Pitman asked if anyone else had anything regarding Rainbow Bridge to which Selectman McGarry stated that it would depend on their standpoint, if any improvements made on the site such as buildings or such, that three years might not work.

Chairman Pitman stated that he thought it sounded like it would be a temporary, anchored down structures. He continued that he thought that the Board didn't want them to building anything permanent.

Vice Chairman Robertson stated that the specifics of the plan were that they needed a pad area and they were talking about either a shipping container or something along those lines that they could use to securely house equipment and fencing. That was about it.

**Security Bid:**

Chairman Pitman stated that he had missed a meeting and Vice Chairman Robertson stated that he had missed one also but they had heard testimony from Mr. Asselin. He also reviewed what they had received from R.B. Lewis.

He guessed that his feeling is that this Board made a motion to grant this bid to R.B. Lewis. They were asked to reconsider. He thought that they heard testimony as to why they might want to reconsider but at this point, he didn't feel comfortable reconsidering in large part as he didn't want to set a precedent of the Board making a decision and then reconsidering it for whatever reasons.

He continued that he was fairly confident that R.B. Lewis will do a decent job for the town and he would make a motion,

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Robertson moves to continue with the Board's initial decision and honor the R.B. Lewis proposed contract.

**Second:** Selectman McGarry

**Discussion:** Selectman McGarry stated that he was absent from the meeting discussing this matter but that they had already signed a contract with R.B. Lewis.

Vice Chairman Robertson thought that although it isn't directly regarding the motion, but it is, but if there is equipment that has value that Mr. Asselin wants to remove, that the town should talk with him and perhaps if there is a value that could be reached, that they could reimburse him to leave the equipment. He didn't know if that was any interest to him but thought that it was a negotiation that should be undertaken and considered with him.

Chairman Pitman stated that this would be more than fair.

Selectman McGarry stated that any discussion of the value of the equipment should be double checked with R.B. Lewis to make sure that the equipment would be usable by them.

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

Chairman Pitman stated that the town administrator would get that done and also run it by R.B. Lewis.

**New or Other Business:**

Vice Chairman Robertson stated that he would like to bring up and get on record and on TV is that Dan Holdridge has been in communication with Chairman Pitman and himself.

Having a dearth of republican election officials step forward, particularly vote counters, and he didn't know the exact RSA but the town is supposed to try to ascertain that we have an equal number of democratic and republican officials if they can, particularly for vote counting.

There is a full democratic slate but there is not a full republican slate. He knew that Chairman Pitman has given Mr. Holdridge some names as well as myself have given him a couple. He didn't think that Mr. Holdridge has gotten much cooperation so if you know of any republican friends that would be willing to spend an evening counting votes particularly or in some other role, to please give the town moderator a call.

Chairman Pitman asked Ms. Cady if she knew of anyone as the Board was trying to stay neutral in this regard.

Ms. Cady stated that it is not being run correctly now. Per the law, there are suppose to have one from each party that will oversee the elections. They are the supervisors of the election, who assist people in regards to people who would like to ask questions regarding the ballot and it goes on from there.

Chairman Pitman stated that in this particular election, it is strictly a town election. So, if anyone could help out, that would be great.

Ms. Cady stated that she would spread the word.

**Chief Fisher – Deerfield Fire-Rescue**

He stated that he didn't know what he had missed so far but wanted to touch base with the Board.

The first item is that he was able to make contact with Rusty Truck Construction today. He wanted to touch base since the last time he was at a meeting and had dropped off his revised proposal and price list and to make sure that they were good to go with the change of the estimate that was provided.

Chairman Pitman asked how much more was the revised proposal compared to the original to which it was answered it was \$200.00 more due to the wider doors.

Chairman Pitman asked the Board if they needed a motion to accept the revised proposal to which Vice Chairman Robertson stated that he was comfortable with that change.

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Robertson moves to proceed with Rusty Truck Construction and the estimate that the fire chief has given the Board and to get going on this project.

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

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

The next item, the last time the chief was there, he had asked Mr. Ellis to give a hand in getting some pricing for replacing the roof out back of the old rescue bay.

There has been a couple of quotes that have come in ranging from around \$8,000.00 to a little over \$10,000.00 if he remembered correctly which did not include the mold mitigation in the old generator room.

He asked now that they have some prices, would it be okay to get a bid together to get the work done.

General consensus of Board members was that they needed to get it done and therefore they needed to get bids.

Vice Chairman Robertson stated that he was sure of the details of the municipal multi-peril insurance policy but mold mitigation is sometimes a covered peril depending on how the mold started and how long it started ago but it might be worth looking into as to whether the town will qualify. It may be limited to \$50,000.00 but if that much comes out of the insurance company, it is better than it coming out of the town.

The last item is that Mr. Harrington had forwarded over the possible fireworks ordinance that the Board has been talking about.

Chairman Pitman stated that it was on hold until mid-March and asked if the chief could wait until then to which he stated that he would be back then.

**Citizen's Comments:**

None heard

**Motion:** Vice Chairman moves to adjourn at 5:44 pm

**Second:** Selectman McGarry

**Discussion:**

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

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm**

*The Minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Dianne L. Kimball, Recording Secretary  
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