

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – March 4, 2015
DEERFIELD TOWN OFFICES**

Present: Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Fydenkevez and Mr. Pierce

Others: Deerfield Board of Selectmen, Deerfield Town Administrator

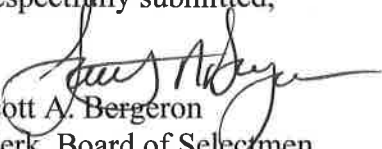
Behind the Camera: FCAT

Call to Order: 7:28 p.m.

- School Buildings Re-use Long Range Planning Study. Mr. Fydenkevez spoke to the value of UMass work to the Town over recent years. The group discussed the cost structure of the current proposal, and the distributed cost of a UMass study. Do we include Frontier as a contributor? Discussion continued on state's minimum required education contribution and education funding at the state level. The group expressed concern over the proposed funding in the Governor's budget.
- The group discussed the benefits of multi-town collaboration, including with equipment and facilities, and needs as a region.
- Deerfield Board Chair Ness presented a summary of watershed discussions and action items that are in process or in need of action. Ms. Ness explained in great detail about a variety of federal grants. She presented the group with a phase II watershed plan that may include WWTP systems identified as potential projects and asked if Sunderland would be interested in having HUD pay for tying the South Deerfield and Sunderland plants together. She asked about Sunderland's WWTP capacity, targeted flow rates and the plant's structure. The Deerfield Board expressed a desire to collaborate and expressed again the need to participate in the HUD grant. The group discussed districts as an option. Absorbing Sunderland into Deerfield's district, as well as the benefits and pitfalls were discussed. The group discussed resilience of the existing systems. HUD grant and engineering seem to be focused on resilience.
- The group further discussed the challenges Massachusetts towns face.

Motion by Mr. Bergeron to adjourn, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Scott A. Bergeron
Clerk, Board of Selectmen