

**Town of Deerfield  
Finance Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting, February 23, 2023**

**Attending:** Beth Brown, James Cambias (secretary), Julie Chalfant (chair), John Paresky.

Joint meeting with Select Board.

**Also Present:** Carlene Hamlin, Tim Hilchey (via Zoom), Brenda Hill, Trevor McDaniel, Carolyn Shores Ness (via Zoom), Chris Nolan (via Zoom), Kevin Scarborough.

Ms. Chalfant called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. on February 23, 2023, in the Deerfield Town Offices.

Mr. Cambias moved to accept the revised Minutes for February 15. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Reviewed Town Clerk budget (account 161-5410). Ms Hamlin walked us through her expenses. Mr. Cambias moved to recommend the sum of \$25,575 for Town Clerk expenses. Mr. Paresky seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Next considered Town Clerk salaries (account 161=5110). Ms. Hill explained that they added a full-time assistant and put the Town Clerk at part time. Mr. Cambias moved to recommend the sum of \$101,880 for Town Clerk salaries. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. Vote was 2-0-2 so the motion did not pass.

Mr. Paresky moved to recommend the sum of \$92,900 for Town Building Maintenance (account 192-5400). Ms. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Scarborough described the expenses. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paresky moved to recommend the sum of \$588,252 for General Highway Payroll (account 422-5110). Ms. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Paresky had a question about payroll classification for the Superintendent. After some discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paresky moved to recommend the sum of \$321,900 for General Highway Expenses (account 422-5400). Ms. Brown seconded the motion. A long discussion followed about ongoing expenses and future projections. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cambias moved to recommend the sum of \$95,000 for Snow and Ice Removal (account 423-5400). Ms. Brown seconded the motion. A discussion

about state rules and overspending limits followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cambias moved to recommend the sum of \$20,000 for Street Lighting expenses (account 424-5400). Mr. Paresky seconded the motion. After minimal discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paresky moved to recommend the sum of \$244,200 for Transfer Station Expense (account 433-5400). Ms. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Scarborough explained that the main cost driver is the charge for waste hauling and disposal, which is not under the Town's control. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paresky moved to recommend the sum of \$41,000 for Test Well Monitoring and Maintenance (account 439-5400). Ms. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Scarborough explained the need for testing to monitor the materials leaching out of the old landfill. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paresky moved to recommend the sum of \$435,366 for Sewer Payroll (account WWTP-Sal). Ms. Brown seconded the motion. After brief discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paresky moved to recommend the sum of \$811,300 for Sewer Expense (account WWTP-Exp). Mr. Cambias seconded the motion. After discussion the motion passed unanimously.

The Committee discussed questions for department heads appearing at future meetings.

Mr. Paresky moved to adjourn. Mr. Cambias seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Chalfant adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.