

**Town of Deerfield
Finance Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday, April 6**

Joint meeting with the Deerfield Select Board.

Attending: Mark Brennan (via Zoom), Beth Brown, James Cambias (secretary), Julie Chalfant (chair), Dave Sharp.

Also Present: Thomas Fydenkevez, Tim Hilchey, Brenda Hill, Trevor McDaniel, Carolyn Shores Ness (via Zoom), Christopher Nolan (via Zoom), Matthew Russo, Zoe Smith.

Ms. Chalfant called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. on April 6, 2023, in the Deerfield Town Offices building.

Mr. Cambias moved to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Sharp seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0 (Ms. Brown had not yet arrived).

Discussion of changes to the FY 2024 revenue estimates and expense detail. Also discussion of funding sources for capital projects. Reviewed the Budget Overview document, and of the risk of a Proposition 2 1/2 override vote in 2025. This led to a discussion of ways to reduce expenses.

The Committee revisited the SCEMS Enterprise Fund recommendation, with the participation of all present. Considerable discussion, animated at times, of the estimates for overtime costs. Also discussion of the capital expense of a new ambulance, and when to approve it.

Ms. Brown moved to recommend the sum of \$350,826 for Deerfield's share of the SCEMS Enterprise Fund. This would represent an increase of \$5000 from the previous recommendation. Ms. Chalfant seconded the motion. The motion did not pass, 2-3-0. The recommendation will remain at the previous level.

Mr. Cambias moved to recommend the sum of \$1,083,917 for the Police Department payroll (account 210-5110). Mr. Brennan seconded the motion. This represents a reduction of \$7000 from the previous recommendation, and is based on a revised request from the Police Chief. The motion passed, 5-0-0.

Mr. Cambias moved to recommend the sum of \$115,100 for Police Department expense (account 510-5400). Mr. Brennan seconded the motion. This represents a reduction of \$3,000 from the previous recommendation, and is based on a revised request from the Police Chief. The motion passed, 5-0-0.

Ms. Brown moved to adjourn. Mr. Sharp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.