



Deerfield Selectboard/Board of Health/Sewer Commissioners

April 14, 2023, 4:00 pm

8 Conway Street, South Deerfield MA 01373

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a hearing of the Deerfield Selectboard/Board of Health/Sewer Commissioners was held on April 14, 2023, at 4:00 pm at the Deerfield Municipal offices, Main Meeting Room, 8 Conway Street, South Deerfield, MA, Meeting was recorded by FCAT and/or Town of Deerfield Staff. This meeting was held in a **Hybrid** fashion with the opportunity both in person and remote participation in accordance with Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022 which extended the Governor's March 12, 2020, Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c.30A § 20, until March 31, 2025.

Board members present: Tim Hilchey, Trevor McDaniel, and Carolyn Shores-Ness

Also present Kayce Warren, Town Administrator; Chris Nolan, Assistant Town Administrator; Denise Mason, Connecting Communities Initiative Chair; Julie Chalfant, Finance Committee Chair; Lili Dwight, Ad Hoc Senior Housing Committee Chair; and other members of the public.

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment – Up to 20 Minutes with each speaker timed at approx. 2 minutes each; see Public Comment Procedure Voted 2/9/2022.

3. Scheduled Hearings

- 4:00 pm – FY2024 Capital Improvements Projects Plan

McDaniel read the hearing notice into the record and opened the hearing

Projects to be considered: Deerfield Elementary Front Entry Way and Air Conditioning Phase 2; FRS Tennis Courts Replacement; Building/Inspections Permitting Software; Department of Public Works Ford F350, Freightliner Truck, John Deere Loader, Sander Dump Body Replacement; Ambulance & Cardiac Monitor Replacements; Senior Housing – Site Feasibility Study.

- McDaniel provides background on potential for funding Capital Projects and limited amount of funding from Free Cash. Alternative funding sources would be explored.
- Dwight and the Board clarified the Site Feasibility funding. The requested funding amount listed would include potential wetland delineation, site location opportunities, soil bore testing, etc.

Motion to approve the Senior Housing Site Feasibility Study as presented– Hilchey

***Second: Ness
(3-0-0)***

Vote: Hilchey – aye, McDaniel – aye, Ness – aye,

- The Board discussed retained Earnings potentially could be used in the future to purchase the Ambulance when they become available to purchase. The Cardiac Monitors could be purchased and if Ambulance is unavailable, the extra machine could be sold. Funding source could be changed upon support of Town Meeting and Retained Earnings if available.

Motion to approve the Cardiac Monitor Replacement as presented– Ness

Second: Hilchey

Vote: Hilchey– aye, McDaniel– aye, Ness– aye, (3-0-0)

Motion to approve the purchase of an Ambulance as presented with Deerfield's portion to be from Capital Stabilization– Ness

Second: Hilchey

Vote: Hilchey– aye, McDaniel– aye, Ness– aye, (3-0-0)

- Capital Projects continued to be a challenge for the Budget and considerations for more funding must be pursued moving forward. Discussion on prioritizing items on the Capital Project list noting potential cost increases if the Board decides to wait, funding source(s), and consideration of utilizing ARPA Funding.

Motion to close the public hearing – Hilchey

Second: Ness

Vote: Hilchey – aye, McDaniel -aye, Ness – aye, (3-0-0)

Motion to approve the Capital Improvement Projects Plan as Amended this evening – McDaniel

Second: Ness

Vote: Hilchey – aye, McDaniel -aye, Ness – aye, (3-0-0)

4. Upcoming Regular Meetings: Apr.19; May 3,17,31; Jun. 14,28, 2023

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:52 pm – McDaniel

Second: Ness

Vote: McDaniel -aye, Ness – aye, (2-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Herchenreder

Documents List:

- Selectboard/Board of Health/Sewer Commissioners Hearing Notice, April 14, 2023

Approved May 31, 2023