



Deerfield Selectboard/Board of Health

May 4, 2022 6:00 pm

8 Conway Street, South Deerfield MA 01373

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Deerfield Selectboard/Board of Health was held on May 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Deerfield Municipal offices, Main Meeting Room, 8 Conway Street, South Deerfield, MA. Meeting was recorded by FCAT. Meetings normally held at the Municipal Offices are being held in **hybrid** fashion, with adequate, alternative means of public access, and where required, public participation provided, in accordance with the Governor Baker's June 16, 2021; Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, including an extension of the remote participation provisions of his March 20, 2020 Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A §20.

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

Also present Kayce Warren, Town Administrator; Jennifer Gannett, Assistant Town Administrator; Alex White, Health Agent; Jeffery Ethier; Analee Wulfkuhle, Planning Board Chair; Denise Mason, Chair of the CCI Committee; Derek Helie, from One Development & Construction, LLC.; and other members of the public.

1. McDaniel calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
2. Public Comment – Up to 20 minutes with each speaker timed at approx. 2 minutes; see Public Comment Procedure voted 2/9/2022

Analee Wulfkuhle: Request for the next Town Meeting to be held on a weekend to allow for more participation. Ember Gardens update on what is going on with the process in the transition.

Pam Predmore: Alerts the board to a failing culvert and commends DPW response to the request.

3. Schedule Hearings
4. Appearances
 - Ember Gardens
 - Warren describes the background on Ember Gardens as the contract is signed and will provide updates for the Planning Board.
5. Selectboard Reports/Announcements
 - Senior Housing Survey Reminder

- Sewer Update
 - McDaniel describes overall positive monthly meeting and thanks residents for supporting the Articles on the ballot. Electrical challenges in logistics for supply may become a sticking point when meeting the deadline.

6. Board of Health Reports/Health Agent Discussion Items/Reports/Announcements

- NEACHO Grant
 - Ness speaks to a 10 year grant \$360,000 each year in conjunction with Greenfield, Montague, Sunderland, and Leveret to include 2 full time social workers & health agent. This would help support 12 hours a week for a Nurse at the Senior Center.
- May 20th Deerfield Elementary School Vaccination Clinic 3:30 to 6:30 pm.
- August 26th Vaccination Clinic

7. Minutes

8. Discussion/Decision Items

- Nupro LLC Consideration of Tax Incentive Financing (TIF)
 - Ethier provides an update on the project dating back to August/September is seeking to move into Merrigan Way to expand and own their operations. Phase 1 & 2 Environmental Study went well and initiated the bid process. A significant investment will be required, and costs have been ever increasing, but are still committed to the community. Is seeking a TIF for 10 years. Ness is in favor of creating a TIF Committee to come to an agreement. Derek shares a rendering of the building; the board is amenable to the design as it is complementary to the neighborhood.

Motion to appoint Carolyn Shores-Ness, Kayce Warren, Brenda Hill, and Member of the Assessors Board to form a TIF Committee- McDaniel

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

- Endorse a Bill to study Wild and Scenic River Designation for segments of Deerfield River

Motion to support and endorse the Bill for Wild and Scenic River Designation of segments of the Deerfield River- Ness

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

- Chapter 61A Right of First Refusal- 120-Day Waiver Request Stockbridge Rd.
 - McDaniel asks clarifying questions regarding the process of 61A; and Ness states that the farm will continue, and a home will be built for their family.

Motion to wave the 120-day request- Ness

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

Motion for the Town to waive their right to purchase the property and will not exercise its option to purchase the property - Ness

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

- Updates to Deerfield MVP Plan for Approval
 - Culvert Replacement Prioritization Update, Emergency Management Planning, 319 Project Potential at the Frontier Regional School Parking Lot.

Motion to approve the presented changes to the Deerfield MVP Plan - Ness

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

- Hazardous Mitigation-River and Pine Nook Roads
 - Ness gives the board an update Baystate Roads, Mike Smith came out for a Site Plan. A grant should be attained for River Road as conditions are deteriorating via the Hazardous Mitigation Program. Proposes a intervention for subsurface water with an updated quote from Kocot Excavating to avoid future trouble. McDaniel speaks to the pavement management plan, Chapter 90 funding, and is supportive of stabilizing the road before expending large funding for paving. Hilchey discusses a site visit with Chief Paciorek and is in support of further funding to divert the water to existing culvert. Warren reminds the board of Pine Nook Road and Eaglebrook School building project upcoming, to work together.
 - MassDOT is paving Sugarloaf Street as a temporary solution and the Town is not able to accept responsibility from the State as the underlying infrastructure has not been updated.
- Home Rule Petitions

Motion to adopt the Home Rule Petition as approved at the April 25th, 2022 Town Meeting Article 20 and submit the same to the General Court - McDaniel

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

Motion to authorize the chair to sign the cover letter- Ness

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

- Franklin Land Trust
 - 17th Annual Self-Guided Recreation Bike Ride August 20nd

Motion to approve the Franklin Land Trust Bike Ride Event and coordinate with Chief Paciorek- McDaniel

Second: Ness

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

- Deerfield Academy One Day Liquor Licenses (2)

Motion to approve the two June 10-12th Alumni Event One Day Liquor License- Ness

Second: McDaniel

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

- Atlas Farm One Day Liquor Licenses

Motion to approve the Atlas Farm Day Liquor License for May 21st contingent on receipt of Proof of Insurance- McDaniel

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

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

- Yankee Candle Liquor License

Motion to approve the Yankee Village One Day Liquor License on May 5th - Ness

Second: Hilchey

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

- MARPA Survey

- Infrastructure Funding Discussion for Grant Funding- Priority listing for Sidewalks and consider funding for future Planning in Complete Streets. Economic Development focused to support a safe and social downtown.

- Planning Board Request for Comments: SP for Driveway more than 500ft. on Stockbridge Road

- Hilchey describes the existing farm road, and the Conservation Commission has added conditions to ensure the driveway has proper fill to support Emergency Vehicles. The board is supportive of the project and based on Hilchey's recommendations have no concerns.

- ZBA Request for Comments: One Bedroom B&B on 60 Graves St.

- Gannett describes that an existing in-law apartment proposed to be converted to a B & B. The Board does not have any concerns and the Board of Health would inspect the dwelling in question if approved.

- Placeholder- Appointments: Resignations.

Motion to appoint Pam Predmore to the Senior Housing Committee – McDaniel

Second. Hilchey

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

Motion to appoint Timothy Capuano as a full-time officer at the rate of \$23.76 until July 1st to raise to \$25.42 Michael Habel for part time officer and May 30th, 2022

expire June 30th 2023 – McDaniel

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

Motion to appoint Michael Habel effective immediately for part time and May 30th, 2022 expire June 2023 – McDaniel

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

- Placeholder: Annual/other Permits for approval

9. Mail

- Winter Recovery
 - Consideration for Climate Change adaptation for the Pavement Management Plan
- Franklin County Emergency Services

10. Town Administrator’s Report/Updates

- Warren gives her report regarding additional liquor licenses related to Marijuana, Deerfield Naturals HCA, Sunny Dayz Update, Community One Stop, Hamshaw Lumber discussion and a potential meeting with Counsel – Ness expresses her concern that all parties will work together to manage the stormwater between all parties.

Motion to authorize Trevor McDaniel to continue to sign the warrants, if unavailable board members are authorized to sign– Ness

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

11. Items Unanticipated 48 hours prior to posting

- Reorganization of Selectboard
 - The board would like to express their gratitude to David Wolfram for his service as a Selectboard member and a fellow resident.

Motion to appoint Carolyn Shores-Ness as Board of Health Chair- McDaniel

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

Motion to appoint Trevor McDaniel as the Selectboard Chair- McDaniel

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

Motion to appoint Tim Hilchey as Selectboard’s Representative SCEMS- McDaniel

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

Motion to continue Trevor McDaniel and alternate as Kayce Warren as representation at the FRCOG- McDaniel

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

- Priority List for the Board
 - School Funding, Library Commissioners, County Wide Letter for ARPA, and further discussion can occur.

12. Upcoming Regular Meetings –May 18; June 1, 15, 29; July 13, 27; August 10, 24; September 7,21, 2022

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm - Hilchey

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Herchenreder

Documents List:

- Selectboard/Board of Health Agenda, 05/04/2022 rvsd2
- Selectboard/Board of Health Meeting Packet 05/04/2022