



Deerfield Selectboard/Board of Health

September 21, 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 September 21, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Deerfield Municipal offices, Main Meeting Room, 8 Conway Street, South Deerfield, MA, Meeting was recorded by FCAT. This meeting was held in **hybrid** fashion with the opportunity for both in-person attendance 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, 2023.

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

Also present Kayce Warren, Town Administrator; Carlene Hamlin, Interim Town Clerk; Alex White, Health Agent; Kevin Scarborough; DPW Superintendent; D.I.G Group members; 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

Debora Yaffe Hillside Road: Interested in pursuing D.E.I Committee further.

Hannah Yaffe Beaver Drive: Would appreciate Differently Abled to be incorporated in the Statement.

Deborah R Hillside Road: Potential to add Disabled instead of Differently Abled.

3. Schedule Hearings
4. Appearances
5. Selectboard Reports/Announcements
 - South Deerfield's Women's Club September 28th Holy Family Parish Meeting & Celebration November 6:08 pm
6. Board of Health Reports/Health Agent Discussion Items/Reports/Announcements
 - Senior Flu Clinic September 30th Holy Family Parish Church
 - October 22nd Drive Through Flu Clinic at Highway Garage
 - Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic at Deerfield Elementary School September 30th 3:33 to 7 pm
 - Air Monitoring Testing Site Proposal

- Homeland Security Meeting Update- Support for Emergency Transportation for Pets at South County Emergency Services
- Covid-19 Update & Reminder Remain Vigilant

7. Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from June 1, 2022 – Ness

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

Motion to approve minutes from June 15, 2022 – Ness

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

Motion to approve minutes from June 29, 2022 – Hilchey

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

Motion to approve minutes from July 6, 2022 – Ness

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

Motion to approve minutes from July 13, 2022 – Ness

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

8. Discussion/Decision Items

- Anti-Racism/Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement for Approval
 McDaniel reads the Draft Statement into the Record for discussion
 - McDaniel proposed two statements condoning the acts that had occurred as well as a second statement. Hilchey & Ness both agreed, and an additional statement posted on the website to be reviewed regularly. The board and members of DIG discuss crafting language for both statements.

Motion to approve the statement with the corrections – Hilchey

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

- The Board and DIG agreed upon moving forward with a meeting to discuss the Ad Hoc Committee at a meeting in November.
- Special Town Meeting Warrant; Special Town Election
 - Warren discussed combining both the Town Meeting and Election running concurrently to work on moving forward. Library project approval for the

Warrant, a special Election would need to be called in response to that. Hamlin provided background on the information and process to hold the election if the Board decided to do so.

- The Board reviewed the Warrant Articles and discussed revisions as applicable.
- Town Hall Sound Equipment Assistance
 - An updated quote for equipment and support would be obtained and discussed at a future meeting.
- UMass Solar Planning Program
 - The Board would discuss at a future meeting after reading the proposal.
- Placeholder: Leary Lot/Hamshaw Lumber
- Placeholder: Sewer Bylaw Amendment Proposal, Regulations, Special Act (1935 Acts 343) For Discussion
- Placeholder: Policies – Telecommuting
- Placeholder: Appointments/Resignations- Grant Bialek, DEI Ad Hoc Committee; LCC- Laura Pontani.

Motion to appoint Laura Pontani to the Local Cultural Counsel – Ness

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

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

9. Mail

- Franklin County Technical School Letter

10. Town Administrator’s Report/Updates

- Warren gave a brief update on Grant and Chapter 90 funding; Scarborough reassured the Board that funding will be available soon and the work will begin as soon as possible. Warren discussed additional staff for the Interim Treasurer as additional workload would increase beyond the capacity.

11. Items Unanticipated 48 hours prior to posting

- Municipal Tobacco and Public Health Policy Programs

Motion to approve participation Municipal Tobacco and Public Health Policy Program Document– McDaniel

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

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

12. Upcoming Regular Meetings- September 28, 2022; October 5, 19, 2022; Nov. 2, 16, 30, 2022; Dec. 14, 28, 2022.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:26 pm – Hilchey

Second: Ness

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Hercheneder

Documents List:

- Selectboard/Board of Health Agenda, 09/21/2022 rvsd
- Selectboard/Board of Health Packet, 09/21/2022 rvsd 2

Approved October 12, 2022