

Annual Town Meeting
April 25, 2022

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I, Jennifer Wallace, duly appointed and qualified Assistant Town Clerk of the Town of Deerfield hereby verify that the following votes were taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at the Frontier Regional School on 113 North Main Street, in the Village of South Deerfield, with 165 voters in attendance. Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Daniel Graves at 7:05pm.

A motion was made and seconded to elect Jennifer Wallace as Temporary Town Clerk for the purpose of Annual Town Meeting. A ballot vote was conducted resulting in 106 ballots in favor of Jennifer Wallace with 2 blank votes.

Moderator's Motions:

Voted that the reading of all articles be waived and that prior to the reading of a motion under the article, the Moderator briefly summarize the content of the article to be considered; and, further, that unless objection is raised, the reading of detailed motions be waived where the article as printed can, in the opinion of the Moderator, be incorporated by reference in any motion presented.

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

Voted that the following people be allowed to address the audience during the Town Meeting:

- Attorney Lisa Mead, Town Counsel
- Brenda Hill, Town Accountant
- Kayce Warren, Town Administrator
- Darius Modestow, Superintendent, Frontier Regional/Union 38 Schools
- Shelly Poreda, Director of Business Administration, Frontier Regional/Union 38 Schools
- Tina Gemme, Principal, Deerfield Elementary School
- Richard Martin, Superintendent, Franklin County Technical School
- Russell Kaubris, Business Manager, Franklin County Technical School

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 1 Consent Article

Voted to approve Article 1, A through G, as a consent article, as follows:

A. Reports of Officers

Hear the reports of the Selectboard, the Deerfield School Committee, and all other Town officers, boards, committees, and commissions.

B. Elected Officials Compensation

Establish the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as contained within the omnibus budget of the Town, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022.

OFFICIAL	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
<i>Moderator, Annual Town Meeting</i>	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
<i>Moderator, Special Town Meeting (\$50/mtg.)</i>	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
<i>Selectboard, Chair</i>	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
<i>Selectboard, Associate Members (2)</i>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
<i>Assessors, Chair</i>	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
<i>Assessors, Associate Members (2)</i>	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
<i>School Committee, Chair</i>	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
<i>School Committee, Assoc. Members (4)</i>	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

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C. Acknowledgement of Gifts

Acknowledge the following monetary gifts made to the Town in appreciation of services rendered, that have been deposited by the Treasurer in the General or related Special Funds of the Town; and to acknowledge countless non-monetary gifts made to the Town by our non-profit partners.

Monetary Gifts in appreciation for services rendered

Deerfield Academy	\$133,000
Eaglebrook School	\$26,000
Bement School	\$10,000
Woolman Hill	\$4,327

Monetary pledges toward replacement of the Deerfield Elementary School Roof completed in 2016, paid over a 5 -to- 10-year period.

Deerfield Academy	\$105,000
Eaglebrook School	\$75,000
Historic Deerfield	\$25,000
Bement School	\$20,000

Pledges received in the last 12 months

Deerfield Academy	\$21,000
Eaglebrook School	\$7,500
Historic Deerfield	\$5,000
Bement School	\$2,000

Monetary donation towards School Resource Officer Program the past 12 months

Deerfield Academy	\$30,000
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Monetary donation towards replacement of sewer pipes

Deerfield Academy	\$270,000
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Monetary donation towards July 2021 storm damage/Greenfield Rd

Deerfield Academy	\$5,000
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Monetary donation towards South County EMS operations

Deerfield Academy	\$700
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The Town gratefully acknowledges countless non-monetary gifts made by all our non-profit partners during the last 12 months.

D. Library Interest

Transfer the interest earned for the preceding year from the Dickinson Library Trust fund to the Tilton Library, and to Frontier Regional School for Library use, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, as referenced in this article.

Dickinson Library Trust Interest

Tilton Library for Library Use (85%)	\$2,303
Frontier Regional School for Library use (15%)	\$406
Total	\$2,709

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E. Acceptance of Grants

Authorize the Selectboard to apply for, accept and expend for specific purposes any monies provided by any Federal or State Grants or Programs which may be awarded to the Town.

F. Selectboard Contract Authority

Authorize the Selectboard, in accordance with G.L c. 30B §12(b), to negotiate and enter into contracts with vendors as they deem necessary or beneficial, for a term of no more than five (5) years.

G. Assessors Contract Authority

Authorize the Board of Assessors, in accordance with G.L c. 30B §12(b), to negotiate and enter into contracts with vendors as they deem necessary or beneficial, for a term of no more than five (5) years.

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 2 Consent Article – Special Appropriations

Voted to transfer from Free Cash for the following items A, B, C, and D, as set forth below

A. Reserve Fund Appropriation

The sum of **\$100,000** for the Reserve Fund of the Town in accordance with G.L. c.40 §6 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022;

B. OPEB Liability Trust Fund Appropriation

The sum of **\$39,760** for the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022;

C. Out of District Placement (Vocational Education) Appropriation

The sum of **\$64,500** for the tuition and transportation expenses of students to the Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022;

D. 350th Celebration Appropriation

The sum of **\$10,000** for the Town's 350th Anniversary Celebration for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022.

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

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ARTICLE 3 Revolving Funds

Voted to fix the maximum amount that may be spent for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, for the revolving funds established in the Deerfield General Bylaws, c. 20 §20-3, Departmental Revolving Funds for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with G.L. c.44 §53E½, as referenced in this article, or take any action relative thereto.

FUND	SPENDING LIMIT
Recycling	\$20,000.00
Parks and Recreation	\$75,000.00
Planning	\$25,000.00

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 4 Creation of Revolving Fund for Foster Care Transportation

Voted to pass over this Article

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 5 Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Foster Care Transportation

Voted to authorize the Town of Deerfield, acting through its School Committee, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), whereby, children in foster care are required to remain in their School of Origin if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the child; or take any action relative thereto.

The School of Origin is responsible for funding the cost of this transportation. EOHHS, in a partnership with Department of Children and Families (DCF) and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), has developed a methodology that could reimburse a share of these transportation costs through Title IV-E. The MOU is an agreement between the Town of Deerfield, EOHHS, DESE, and DCF to comply with the accuracy of the information being reported; maintenance of record requirements; and audit implications.

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

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ARTICLE 6 Classification-Compensation Plan

Voted to adopt the Classification-Compensation Plan per the Deerfield General Bylaws c.35, Personnel, Article III, Classification-Compensation Plan, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, as referenced in this article, or take any action relative thereto.

Grade	Position	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10	Step 11	Step 12
A													
	Landfill Attendants	17.00	17.43	17.87	18.32	18.78	19.25	19.73	20.22	20.73	21.25	21.78	22.32
	Library Assistant(s)	17.00	17.43	17.87	18.32	18.78	19.25	19.73	20.22	20.73	21.25	21.78	22.32
B													
	Outreach Coordinator	19.55	20.04	20.54	21.05	21.58	22.12	22.67	23.24	23.82	24.42	25.03	25.66
	Adult Circulation *	19.55	20.04	20.54	21.05	21.58	22.12	22.67	23.24	23.82	24.42	25.03	25.66
	Circulation & Technical Services Assistant(s)	19.55	20.04	20.54	21.05	21.58	22.12	22.67	23.24	23.82	24.42	25.03	25.66
	Program Coordinator	19.55	20.04	20.54	21.05	21.58	22.12	22.67	23.24	23.82	24.42	25.03	25.66
C													
	Head of Adult Services	22.48	23.04	23.62	24.21	24.82	25.44	26.08	26.73	27.40	28.09	28.79	29.51
	Head of Young Adult Services	22.48	23.04	23.62	24.21	24.82	25.44	26.08	26.73	27.40	28.09	28.79	29.51
	Operator-in-Training	22.48	23.04	23.62	24.21	24.82	25.44	26.08	26.73	27.40	28.09	28.79	29.51
	Administrative Assistant(s)	22.48	23.04	23.62	24.21	24.82	25.44	26.08	26.73	27.40	28.09	28.79	29.51
	EMT-Basic (s)	22.48	23.04	23.62	24.21	24.82	25.44	26.08	26.73	27.40	28.09	28.79	29.51
	Assistant Town Clerk	22.48	23.04	23.62	24.21	24.82	25.44	26.08	26.73	27.40	28.09	28.79	29.51
D													
	Children's Librarian	25.85	26.50	27.16	27.84	28.54	29.25	29.98	30.73	31.50	32.29	33.10	33.93
	Advanced EMT	25.85	26.50	27.16	27.84	28.54	29.25	29.98	30.73	31.50	32.29	33.10	33.93
	Operator(s) - Sewer	25.85	26.50	27.16	27.84	28.54	29.25	29.98	30.73	31.50	32.29	33.10	33.93
E													
	Paramedic(s)	29.73	30.47	31.23	32.01	32.81	33.63	34.47	35.33	36.21	37.12	38.05	39.00
	Senior Center Director	29.73	30.47	31.23	32.01	32.81	33.63	34.47	35.33	36.21	37.12	38.05	39.00
	Assistant to Board of Assessors	29.73	30.47	31.23	32.01	32.81	33.63	34.47	35.33	36.21	37.12	38.05	39.00
	Assistant Treasurer/Collector	29.73	30.47	31.23	32.01	32.81	33.63	34.47	35.33	36.21	37.12	38.05	39.00
	Recreation Director	29.73	30.47	31.23	32.01	32.81	33.63	34.47	35.33	36.21	37.12	38.05	39.00
F													
	Health Agent	34.19	35.04	35.92	36.82	37.74	38.68	39.65	40.64	41.66	42.70	43.77	44.86
	EMS Deputy Chief	34.19	35.04	35.92	36.82	37.74	38.68	39.65	40.64	41.66	42.70	43.77	44.86
	Asst Town Administrator	34.19	35.04	35.92	36.82	37.74	38.68	39.65	40.64	41.66	42.70	43.77	44.86
	Chief WWTP Operator	34.19	35.04	35.92	36.82	37.74	38.68	39.65	40.64	41.66	42.70	43.77	44.86
	Library Director	34.19	35.04	35.92	36.82	37.74	38.68	39.65	40.64	41.66	42.70	43.77	44.86
	Town Clerk	34.19	35.04	35.92	36.82	37.74	38.68	39.65	40.64	41.66	42.70	43.77	44.86
	Asst Public Works Supt	34.19	35.04	35.92	36.82	37.74	38.68	39.65	40.64	41.66	42.70	43.77	44.86
G													
	Public Works Superintendent	37.61	38.55	39.51	40.50	41.51	42.55	43.61	44.70	45.82	46.97	48.14	49.34
	Treasurer/Collector	37.61	38.55	39.51	40.50	41.51	42.55	43.61	44.70	45.82	46.97	48.14	49.34
	Town Clerk/Treasurer/Collector ☐	37.61	38.55	39.51	40.50	41.51	42.55	43.61	44.70	45.82	46.97	48.14	49.34
	Building Commissioner	37.61	38.55	39.51	40.50	41.51	42.55	43.61	44.70	45.82	46.97	48.14	49.34
	Town Accountant/Budget Director	37.61	38.55	39.51	40.50	41.51	42.55	43.61	44.70	45.82	46.97	48.14	49.34
	EMS Chief	37.61	38.55	39.51	40.50	41.51	42.55	43.61	44.70	45.82	46.97	48.14	49.34

LONGEVITY	10-14 Yrs \$200	15-19 Yrs \$300	20-24 Yrs \$400	25+ Yrs \$500
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☐ Must remain until such time as Town Meeting and the Legislature vote to split the position.

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Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 7 Snow and Ice Shortfall

Voted to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$57,842 to fund a Fiscal Year 2022 shortfall related to Snow and Ice Removal Expenses.

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 8 Omnibus Budget

Voted the Moderator read amounts recommended to be appropriated under this article as referenced in the handout and unless objection is made, each item recommended in the report of the Finance Committee shall be tentatively accepted as appropriated for the purpose stated. If an objection is made to any recommendation, such appropriation shall be taken separately and the amount thereof and the manner of taking the same shall be determined by vote of the meeting and tentatively accepted. One vote shall be taken appropriating each amount so accepted as single appropriation not to be exceeded.

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

The FY2023 Omnibus Budget

	FY2022 Appropriated	FY2023 Requested	FY2023 Recommended
100 SERIES - GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
114-5100 - MODERATOR	\$400	\$400	\$400
122-5100 - SELECTBOARD SALARIES	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
122-5110 - SELECTBOARD STAFF SALARIES	\$225,167	\$254,724	\$254,724
122-5400 - SELECTBOARD/ADMINISTRATOR EXP	\$13,100	\$12,250	\$12,250
131-5400 - FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$500	\$500	\$500
135-5110 - ACCOUNTANT SALARY	\$56,358	\$78,094	\$78,094
135-5400 - ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	\$16,525	\$17,025	\$17,025
141-5100 - ASSESSORS SALARIES	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
141-5110 - ASSESSORS ADMIN ASSISTANT	\$66,026	\$69,007	\$69,007
141-5400 - ASSESSORS EXPENSE	\$23,125	\$18,875	\$18,875
142-5400 - ASSESSORS QUINQUENNIAL RECERT	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
145-5110 - TREAS / COLLECTOR SALARIES	\$190,517	\$191,507	\$191,507
145-5410 - TREASURER / COLLECTOR EXPENSE	\$31,110	\$37,710	\$37,710
151-5110 - LEGAL EXPENSE	\$74,000	\$75,500	\$75,500
152-5400 - PERSONNEL BOARD	\$500	\$750	\$750
155-5400 - IT HARDWARE	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
155-5800 - PEG ACCESS CAPITAL EXPENSE	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
159-5410 - CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$229,558	\$271,435	\$271,435
161-5110 - TOWN CLERK SALARY	\$0	\$34,760	\$34,760
161-5400 - TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	\$17,598	\$25,568	\$25,568
171-5400 - CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
172-5400 - OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	\$10,000	\$250	\$250
175-5400 - PLANNING BOARD	\$7,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
176-5400 - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
179-5400 - AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION	\$100	\$100	\$100
182-5400 - ENERGY COMMITTEE	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
192-5400 - TOWN OFFICE BLDG MAINTENANCE	\$81,100	\$85,500	\$85,500
192-5430 - TOWN OFFICE EXPENSE	\$13,250	\$14,000	\$14,000
196-5400 - GENERAL INSURANCE	\$60,000	\$63,000	\$63,000
TOTAL - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,174,934	\$1,316,955	\$1,316,955
	FY2022	FY2023	FY2023
200 SERIES - PUBLIC SAFETY	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
210-5110 - POLICE PAYROLL	\$932,657	\$994,014	\$994,014

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210-5400 - POLICE DEPT EXPENSE	\$119,300	\$114,300	\$114,300
210-5800 - POLICE DEPT - CRUISER	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
241-5110 - INSPECTIONS DEPT PAYROLL	\$165,181	\$169,177	\$169,177
241-5400 - INSPECTIONS DEPT EXPENSE	\$4,750	\$4,950	\$4,950
291-5400 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,800
292-5400 - CANINE CONTROL	\$20,485	\$20,954	\$20,954
TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$1,300,173	\$1,361,195	\$1,361,195
	FY2022	FY2023	FY2023
300 SERIES - EDUCATION	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
300-5400 - DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	\$4,945,986	\$5,098,948	\$5,098,948
310-5400 - FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL	\$4,016,567	\$4,100,475	\$4,100,475
310-5800 - FRONTIER REGIONAL - CAPITAL	\$0	\$1,385	\$1,385
315-5800 - FRONTIER REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION	\$122,920	\$79,511	\$79,511
320-5410 - FRANKLIN TECH ASSESSMENT	\$323,023	\$541,163	\$541,163
320-5800 - FRANKLIN TECH - CAPITAL	\$17,697	\$18,561	\$18,561
TOTAL - EDUCATION	\$9,426,193	\$9,840,043	\$9,840,043
	FY2022	FY2023	FY2023
400 SERIES - PUBLIC WORKS	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
422-5110 - GEN HIGHWAY PAYROLL	\$543,532	\$549,444	\$549,444
422-5400 - GEN HIGHWAY EXPENSE	\$280,050	\$304,550	\$304,550
423-5400 - WINTER SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL	\$90,000	\$95,000	\$95,000
424-5400 - STREET LIGHTING	\$37,000	\$23,000	\$23,000
433-5400 - TRANSFER STATION EXPENSE	\$211,600	\$219,900	\$219,900
439-5400 - TEST WELL MONITORING / MAINT	\$40,000	\$38,000	\$38,000
TOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS	\$1,202,182	\$1,229,894	\$1,229,894
	FY2022	FY2023	FY2023
500 SERIES - HUMAN SERVICES	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
512-5110 - BOARD OF HEALTH SALARY	\$39,336	\$97,884	\$97,884
512-5400 - BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	\$33,525	\$13,975	\$13,975
512-5500 - EMERGENCY COVID-19 EXP	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
541-5400 - COUNCIL ON AGING	\$500	\$500	\$500
541-5420 - SENIOR CENTER EXPENSE	\$47,558	\$64,993	\$64,993
543-5400 - VETERANS DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	\$13,910	\$13,743	\$13,743
543-5410 - VETERANS BENEFITS	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$21,000
549-5400 - ADA COORDINATOR	\$250	\$250	\$250
TOTAL - HUMAN SERVICES	\$171,079	\$212,345	\$212,345
	FY2022	FY2023	FY2023
600 SERIES - CULTURE AND RECREATION	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
610-5400 - TILTON LIBRARY	\$194,105	\$202,983	\$202,983
630-5400 - SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM	\$1,310	\$6,310	\$6,310
630-5410 - TRI-TOWN BEACH EXPENSE	\$18,160	\$27,220	\$27,220
634-5110 - RECREATION DEPT DIRECTOR SALARY	\$51,849	\$53,167	\$53,167
691-5400 - HISTORICAL COMMISSION	\$1,175	\$1,175	\$1,175
692-5800 - VETERANS DAY / MEMORIAL DAY EXP	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
TOTAL - CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$268,599	\$292,855	\$292,855
	FY2022	FY2023	FY2023
700 SERIES - DEBT SERVICE	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
710-5900 - MATURING DEBT	\$483,614	\$457,815	\$457,815
751-5900 - INTEREST ON MATURING DEBT	\$130,917	\$196,545	\$196,545
752-5900 - INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL - DEBT SERVICE	\$619,531	\$659,360	\$659,360

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800 & 900 SERIES - BENEFITS	FY2022 Appropriated	FY2023 Requested	FY2023 Recommended
830-5400 - FRCOG CORE ASSESSMENT	\$41,574	\$45,091	\$45,091
910-5800 - UNFUNDED SICK LEAVE AND VACATION	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
911-5400 - FRANKLIN CTY REGIONAL RETIREMENT	\$563,504	\$623,521	\$623,521
912-5400 – WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$47,144	\$40,928	\$40,928
913-5400 - UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000
914-5400 - GROUP INSURANCE - TOWN	\$292,280	\$310,939	\$310,939
914-5410 - GROUP INSURANCE - SCHOOL	\$657,526	\$635,418	\$635,418
916-5400 - MEDICARE INSURANCE	\$103,987	\$103,386	\$103,386
TOTAL - BENEFITS	\$1,743,015	\$1,796,283	\$1,796,283
TOTAL - OMNIBUS BUDGET	\$15,905,706	\$16,708,930	\$16,708,930

Voted to appropriate \$16,708,930 to fund the accepted amounts voted, and to meet this appropriation, transfer:

- \$65,000 From SCEMS Enterprise Fund**
- \$6,700 From SCSC Fund**
- \$69,000 From Sewer Enterprise Fund**
- \$5,984 From Receipts Reserved for Debt**
- \$8,500 From the Cemetery RRA Fund**
- \$38,809 From Free Cash**

and raise and appropriate \$16,514,937

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

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ARTICLE 9 Collective Bargaining Agreements

Voted to appropriate \$45,094, pursuant to G.L. c.150E §7, sufficient and included in the Omnibus Budget to fund the Massachusetts Coalition of Police I.U.P.A. AFL-CIO collective bargaining agreement for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 (Fiscal Year 2023)

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 10 Sewer/WWTP Enterprise Fund

Voted to appropriate, \$1,774,240 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 to fund the Sewer/WWTP Enterprise Fund as noted below.

<u>Revenues</u>	
<i>User Fees</i>	\$ 1,472,240
<i>Retained Earnings</i>	\$ 300,000
<i>Investment Income</i>	\$ 2,000
<i>Total Revenues</i>	\$1,774,240
<u>Expenses</u>	
<i>Salaries/Wages</i>	\$ 431,040
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	\$ 648,200
<i>Debt Service</i>	\$ 585,000
<i>Indirect Costs</i>	\$ 69,000
<i>Operational Reserve</i>	\$ 41,000
<i>Total Enterprise Fund Expenses</i>	\$1,774,240

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

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ARTICLE 11 South Deerfield Wastewater Treatment Facility Phase II Upgrade Project

Voted to appropriate \$3,000,000 to pay the costs of upgrading the South Deerfield Wastewater Treatment Facility and appurtenances thereto, including, but not limited to, planning, design, permitting, bidding and construction, as well as all other costs incidental and related thereto; and to meet this appropriation to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow said sum under G.L. c. 44, or any other enabling authority and issue bonds or notes of the Town upon such terms as the Treasurer and the Selectboard shall determine; and further provided, that said appropriation shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by G.L. c. 59, §21C (Proposition 2 ½, so called).

Motion carried by 2/3rds, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 12 SCEMS Enterprise Fund

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,416,117 and to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$345,693 to fund the South County Emergency Medical Service Enterprise Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, and to meet the Town of Deerfield's allocated share of costs as follows:

Revenues

Medical Service Fees	\$ 575,000
Grants	\$ 0
Retained Earnings	\$ 173,256
Deerfield Assessment (from Free Cash)	\$ 345,693
Sunderland Assessment	\$ 210,221
Whately Assessment	\$ 111,947
Other	\$ 0
Total Revenues	\$ 1,416,117

Expenses

Salaries/Wages	\$ 1,144,082
Operating Expenses	\$ 207,035
Indirect Costs	\$ 65,000
Total Enterprise Fund Expenses	\$ 1,416,117

Town of Deerfield's Allocated Share of Total Enterprise Fund Expenses:

FY2023 Subsidy from Free Cash	\$ 345,693
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FY2023 Assessments Calculation

Total Expenses		\$ 1,416,117
Less Estimated Medical Service Fees		-\$ 575,000
Less Retained Earnings		-\$ 173,256
Equals Amounts to be Assessed		\$ 667,861
Deerfield	51.76%	\$ 345,693
Sunderland	31.48%	\$ 210,221
Whately	16.76%	\$ 111,947

Capital Expenditure requests

None for the Enterprise Fund

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 13 Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Projects

Voted to pass over the Article

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 14 Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Projects

Voted to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$152,700 to fund the Capital Improvements Projects for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022, as follows:

DETAIL OF CAPITAL REQUESTS

FUNDING SOURCE: FREE CASH	Requested	CIPC	Fin Comm	Selectboard
Elementary School: Replace Flooring	\$22,200	\$22,200	\$22,200	\$22,200
Elementary School: Restroom Renovations	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$15,500
Elementary School: Air Conditioning for Skills & Music Room	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
Elementary School: Commercial Dishwasher	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
DPW: Brush-wood Chipper	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000
Transfer Station: Shed Replacement	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
TOTAL - CAPITAL REQUESTS	\$152,700	\$152,700	\$152,700	\$152,700

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

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ARTICLE 15 Reallocation of Congregational Church Repair Funds

Voted to pass over this Article

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator.

ARTICLE 16 Frontier Regional School Capital Request

Voted to transfer free cash the sum of \$36,727.47 from Free Cash to fund Deerfield's allocation of the costs to replace the walk-in cooler for the Frontier Regional School District, as referenced in this article.

Allocated Costs:

Conway	\$12,360.52
Deerfield	\$36,727.47
Sunderland	\$17,414.16
Whately	\$ 8,497.85
Total	\$75,000.00

This article was voted on and supported by the 4-town Frontier Capital Improvement Committee made up of members of both Select Board and School Committee Members from each town.

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 17 Community Preservation Fund

Voted to act on the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for the Community Preservation Fund budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

- Voted to appropriate \$475,000 for Phase 1 of the Rehabilitation of the Old Grammar School Building (ex-Senior Center) into a New Town Hall Project, and to meet said appropriation, transfer \$160,200 from the Community Preservation Fund 2023 Estimated Revenues, \$29,550 from the Reserve for Historic Resources and \$285,250 from the Undesignated Fund Balance, all in a manner consistent with the proposal submitted by the Deerfield Selectboard and approved by the Community Preservation Committee with the following stipulations:
 - All interior and exterior work shall comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties.

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- An independent historic preservation consultant shall be hired at the beginning of Phase 1 and participate in all facets of Phase 1 to ensure compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties.
- Any federal or state grant money, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money designated by the Selectboard, if any, or other funds received for use on this project shall be the funds of first resort in payments, with CPA funds to be tapped after all other monies have been exhausted.
- Said funds to be expended within three years under the direction of the Selectboard and any unused funds to be returned to the Community Preservation Fund as required by statute.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

- Voted to appropriate \$11,000 from the Community Preservation Fund 2023 Estimated Revenues – a 5 percent local match for a Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources grant of \$209,000 to create an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on a 12.4-acre farm parcel identified in the Assessors' Records as Map 149, Lot 6, all in a manner consistent with the proposal submitted by the Deerfield Selectboard and approved by the Community Preservation Committee, said funds to be expended within three years under the direction of the Selectboard and any unused funds to be returned to the Community Preservation Fund as required by statute.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

- Voted to appropriate \$350,000 for the Town Common Rehabilitation & Restoration Project request, and to meet said appropriation, transfer \$200,000 from the Community Preservation Fund 2023 Estimated Revenues and \$150,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance, all in a manner consistent with the proposal submitted by the Ad-Hoc Town Common Committee and approved by the Community Preservation Committee, with the stipulation that any federal or state grant money, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money designated by the Selectboard, if any, or other funds received for use on this project shall be the funds of first resort in payments, with CPA funds to be tapped after all other monies have been exhausted. Said funds to be expended within three years under the direction of the Selectboard and any unused funds to be returned to the Community Preservation Fund as required by statute.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

- Voted to appropriate \$30,000 from the Community Preservation Fund 2023 Estimated Revenues for the "Subsidized Senior Housing Feasibility Study" request, all in a manner consistent with the proposal submitted by the Ad Hoc Senior Housing Committee and

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approved by the Community Preservation Committee, said funds to be expended within three years under the direction of the Selectboard and any unused funds to be returned to the Community Preservation Fund as required by statute.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

- Voted to appropriate \$800 from the Community Preservation Fund 2023 Estimated Revenues for the "Preservation of 18th and 19th Century Account Books of the Ware and Williams families," all in a manner consistent with the proposal submitted by the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association and approved by the Community Preservation Committee, said funds to be expended within three years under the direction of the Selectboard and any unused funds to be returned to the Community Preservation Fund as required by statute.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

- Voted to transfer \$13,000 of the Community Preservation Fund 2023 Estimated Revenues to the Reserve for Community Housing. General Law Chapter 44B requires that a minimum of 10% of estimated revenues be used or set aside for Community Housing.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

- Voted to appropriate \$15,000 from the Community Preservation Fund 2023 Estimated Revenues for Community Preservation Committee administrative expenses.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

Community Preservation Reserve Balances as of June 30, 2021:

Reserve for Open Space	\$0
Reserve for Historic Resources	\$29,550
Reserve for Community Housing	\$350,455
Undesignated Fund Balance	\$1,406,685

ARTICLE 18 Extension of Indian House and Bloody Brook Tavern Rehabilitation and Restoration Project, Phase II

Voted to extend the Community Preservation grant funding period for the Indian House and Bloody Brook Tavern Rehabilitation and Restoration Project, Phase II by an additional year to allow for completion of the project in 2023.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 19 Proceeds from the sale of Real Property to Satisfy Town Purchase of "Oxford" Land

Voted to apply the proceeds from the sale of land to the indebtedness incurred in acquiring such parcels of land in accordance with G.L. c. 44 sec. 63, parcels identified on Assessors Map 168, Lot 21, shown as "Parcel 2-1" consisting of approximately \pm 7.971 acres, and "Parcel 2-2", consisting of approximately \pm 0.924 acres, on the "Subdivided Site Plan", "The Plan", recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 138, Page 7, dated October 21, 2020, upon receipt of the funds.

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 20 Request for Special Act to Separate Town Clerk/Collector/Treasurer Position

Voted to authorize the Selectboard to submit a proposed Special Act to the General Court of the Commonwealth as follows:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ELIMINATION OF THE APPOINTED TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK/TREASURER IN THE TOWN OF DEERFIELD AND THE CREATION OF AN APPOINTED TOWN CLERK AND AN APPOINTED TOWN TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 676 of the Acts of 1972, as amended by Chapter 446 of the Acts of 2002 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the office of town clerk for the town of Deerfield shall be separate from the office of treasurer and from the office of the collector of taxes. The office of the town clerk shall be an appointive office. The town clerk shall perform all functions of the town clerk's office and shall continue to be an ex-officio member of the board of registrars in accordance with the general laws. The town clerk shall be appointed by the selectboard for a term of one, two or three years, and may be removed by the selectboard at their discretion. The selectboard may enter into a personal services contract with the town clerk to provide for salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment, including, but not limited to, severance pay, reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of office, liability insurance, and conditions of discipline, termination, dismissal, reappointment, performance standards and leave.

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SECTION 3. The office of treasurer and the office of collector of taxes for the town of Deerfield shall be separate from the office of the town clerk. The offices of town treasurer and collector of taxes of the town of Deerfield shall be merged into one office to be known as treasurer/collector. The office of the treasurer/collector shall be an appointive office. The treasurer/collector shall have all the powers, perform the duties and be subject to the liabilities and penalties now or hereafter conferred and imposed by law on town treasurers and town collectors of taxes. The treasurer/collector shall be appointed by the selectboard for a term of one, two or three years, and may be removed by the selectboard at their discretion. The selectboard may enter into a personal services contract with the treasurer/collector to provide for salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment, including, but not limited to, severance pay, reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of office, liability insurance, and conditions of discipline, termination, dismissal, reappointment, performance standards and leave.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law and nothing in this act shall prevent the Selectboard from appointing one person to serve as town clerk and treasurer/collector.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SECTION 6. That the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the selectboard approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the selectboard is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

Or take any action relative thereto.

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

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ARTICLE 21 Speed Limits

Voted to accept the provisions of G.L. c.90, §17C, to allow the Selectboard to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour in all areas in the Town defined by state law as “thickly settled” or “business district” that are not a state highway.

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 22 Sewer Bylaw

Voted to pass over this Article

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 23 Citizens’ Petition for Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag & Seal of Massachusetts

Vote to adopt the Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag & Seal of Massachusetts as presented in the warrant:

Whereas the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Colonists at Plymouth Plantation, which gave rise to the long chain of genocidal wars and deliberate policies of cultural destruction against Native Nations of this continent, occurred in the year 2020, affording every citizen of the Commonwealth a chance to reflect upon this history and come to an appreciation of the need for better relations between the descendants of the Colonial immigrants and the Native Nations of the Commonwealth;

Whereas the land area now known as the Town of Deerfield shares a rich Native history with tribal Nations like the Pocumtuck and the Wabanaki, who inhabited this area for thousands of years before the first colonial settlers arrived, in 1670;

Now, Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Deerfield hereby adopts this resolution in support of the work of the Special Commission Relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, established by a Resolve of the General Court in 2020 and appointed by the Governor to recommend changes to the current flag and seal of Massachusetts, and in support of a new seal and motto for the Commonwealth that may better reflect our aspirations for harmonious and respectful relations between all people who now call Massachusetts home. The Town Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Sen. Marc Pacheco and Rep. Antonio Cabral, co-chairs of the Joint Committee on State Administration, who serve as members of the Special Commission Relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, and to Sen. Jo Comerford and Rep. Natalie Blais, with the request that they continue their strong advocacy and support the work of the aforementioned Special Commission.

Motion passed, so declared the Moderator

The Meeting will then adjourn to meet in the polling places at the MEETING ROOM at the TOWN OFFICES, 8 Conway Street in the Village of South Deerfield on MONDAY the 2nd day of May, 2022, next at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following article:

To choose all necessary Town Officers, including:

- One (1) Selectboard for a term of three (3) years
- One (1) Assessor for a term of three (3) years
- One (1) Frontier Regional School Committee member for a term of (3) years
- Two (2) Deerfield School Committee members for a term of three (3) years
- One (1) Elector Under Oliver Smith Will for a term of one (1) year
- Two (2) Planning Board members for a term of three (3) years
- One (1) Constable for a term of (3) years
- One (1) Tilton Library Trustee for a term of (3) years

And upon closure of the polls, to dissolve.

Moderator motioned and it was so voted, to adjourn at 8:45pm.

A true copy,

Attest: _____
Jennifer Wallace, Assistant Town Clerk