

Annual Town Meeting

June 1, 2020

I, Barbara J. Hancock, duly appointed and qualified Clerk of the Town of Deerfield hereby verify that the following votes were taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, June 1, 2020 on the football field at the Frontier Regional School on 113 North Main Street in the Village of South Deerfield. Town Meeting convened at 6:00 pm. There were 144 voters in attendance.

The meeting opened with a greeting from State Representative Natalie Blais who spoke to attendees about the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). She made her contact information available and vowed to support area residents and towns during this challenging time.

Voted to waive the reading of all articles 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 carried, so declared the Moderator

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

Lisa Mead, Town Counsel

Brenda Hill, Town Accountant

Kayce Warren, Town Administrator

Darius Modestow, Superintendent, Frontier Regional/Union 38 Schools

Tina Gemme, Principal, Deerfield Elementary School

Richard Martin, Superintendent, Franklin County Technical School

Russ Kaubris, Business Manager, Franklin County Technical School

Judith Rathbone and Vera Mark, Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Charles Mark

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 1 Consent Article A - G

Voted to take up the following consent articles, Articles A through G

Motion carried unanimously, so declared the Moderator

Voted to approve Article 1 subsections A - G as follows:

A. Reports of Officers

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

B. Elected Officials Compensation

Voted to establish the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as contained within the omnibus budget of Town, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

<i>OFFICIAL</i>	<i>Voted</i>
<i>Moderator, Annual Town Meeting</i>	<i>\$ 300.00</i>
<i>Moderator, Special Town Meeting (\$50/mtg.)</i>	<i>\$ 100.00</i>
<i>Selectboard, Chair</i>	<i>\$ 6,000.00</i>
<i>Selectboard, Associate Members (2)</i>	<i>\$ 5,000.00</i>

<i>Assessors, Chair</i>	\$	4,000.00
<i>Assessors, Associate Members (2)</i>	\$	3,500.00
<i>School Committee, Chair</i>	\$	150.00
<i>School Committee, Assoc. Members (4)</i>	\$	100.00

C. Acknowledgement of Gifts

Voted to acknowledge the following monetary and non-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.

Monetary Gifts in appreciation for services rendered:

Deerfield Academy	\$125,150
Eaglebrook School	\$26,000
Bement School	\$10,000
Woolman Hill	\$8,046

Monetary Pledges towards replacement of the Deerfield Elementary School Roof completed in 2016 and paid over a period of 5 to 10 years:

5 – 10-year Commitment

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

Pledges received in the past 12 months

Deerfield Academy	\$10,500
Eaglebrook School	\$7,500
Bement School	\$2,000

Monetary donations towards School Resource Officer received in the past 12 months

Deerfield Academy	\$30,000
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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

Voted to 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, 2020, as referenced in this article.

Dickinson Library Trust Interest

Tilton Library for Library Use	\$1,455
Frontier Regional School for Library Use	\$257
Total	\$1,712

E. Selectboard Contract Authority

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

F. Assessors Contract Authority

Voted, in accordance with G.L c. 30B §12(b), to authorize the Board of Assessors 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. Revolving Funds

Voted to fix the maximum amount that may be spent for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, for the revolving funds established in Section 20-3 of the Town of Deerfield General Bylaws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with G.L. c. 44 § 53E 1/2, as referenced in this article.

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

Motion carried unanimously, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 2 Fiscal Year 2019 Unpaid Bill

Voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$8,518.00 to fund an unpaid bill for energy conservation work done at the Elementary School.

Motion carried unanimously, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 3 Reserve Fund

Voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 to the Reserve Fund of the Town in accordance with G.L. c. 40 §6 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 4 OPEB Liability Trust Fund

Voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$40,272 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 5 Out of District Placement (Vocational Education)

Voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$35,965 for the tuition and transportation expenses of students attending the Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 6 Classification-Compensation Plan

Voted to adopt the Classification-Compensation Plan, in accordance with Chapter 35, Personnel, Article III, §35-37, of the by-laws of the Town of Deerfield for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, as set forth in the Warrant.

FY21 DEERFIELD COMPENSATION - CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

Grade	Position	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10	Over
1	Landfill Attendants	13.73	14.48	15.25	16.02	16.78	17.54	18.30	19.07	19.83	20.59	Long.
	Library Aides	13.73	14.48	15.25	16.02	16.78	17.54	18.30	19.07	19.83	20.59	Long.
2	Assistant Town Clerk	16.47	17.40	18.30	19.21	20.14	21.05	21.96	22.88	23.79	24.72	Long.
	EMT - Basic	16.47	17.40	18.30	19.21	20.14	21.05	21.96	22.88	23.79	24.72	Long.
	Heavy Equipment Operator	16.47	17.40	18.30	19.21	20.14	21.05	21.96	22.88	23.79	24.72	Long.
	Library Adult Circ. Head	16.47	17.40	18.30	19.21	20.14	21.05	21.96	22.88	23.79	24.72	Long.
	Sr Ctr Program Coordinator	16.47	17.40	18.30	19.21	20.14	21.05	21.96	22.88	23.79	24.72	Long.
	WWTP Operator	16.47	17.40	18.30	19.21	20.14	21.05	21.96	22.88	23.79	24.72	Long.
3	Admin Assistant (Insp.)	19.21	20.28	21.35	22.41	23.48	24.56	25.64	26.70	27.77	28.84	Long.
	Admin Assistant (SB/BoH)	19.21	20.28	21.35	22.41	23.48	24.56	25.64	26.70	27.77	28.84	Long.
	Admin Assistant (Police)	19.21	20.28	21.35	22.41	23.48	24.56	25.64	26.70	27.77	28.84	Long.
	Advanced EMT	19.21	20.28	21.35	22.41	23.48	24.56	25.64	26.70	27.77	28.84	Long.
	Children's Librarian	19.21	20.28	21.35	22.41	23.48	24.56	25.64	26.70	27.77	28.84	Long.
	Foreman/HEO	19.21	20.28	21.35	22.41	23.48	24.56	25.64	26.70	27.77	28.84	Long.
	Recreation Director	19.21	20.28	21.35	22.41	23.48	24.56	25.64	26.70	27.77	28.84	Long.
4	Assistant Assessor	21.96	23.19	24.40	25.64	26.85	28.06	29.28	30.51	31.72	32.95	Long.
	Ass't Treas/Collector	21.96	23.19	24.40	25.64	26.85	28.06	29.28	30.51	31.72	32.95	Long.
	Building/Land Use Office Mgr	21.96	23.19	24.40	25.64	26.85	28.06	29.28	30.51	31.72	32.95	Long.
	Executive Assistant	21.96	23.19	24.40	25.64	26.85	28.06	29.28	30.51	31.72	32.95	Long.
	Paramedic	21.96	23.19	24.40	25.64	26.85	28.06	29.28	30.51	31.72	32.95	Long.
	Senior Center Director	21.96	23.19	24.40	25.64	26.85	28.06	29.28	30.51	31.72	32.95	Long.
5	Assistant EMS Director	24.72	26.08	27.46	28.84	30.20	31.58	32.95	34.32	35.70	37.07	Long.
	Assistant TA/Planning Off.	24.72	26.08	27.46	28.84	30.20	31.58	32.95	34.32	35.70	37.07	Long.
	Building Commissioner	24.72	26.08	27.46	28.84	30.20	31.58	32.95	34.32	35.70	37.07	Long.

FY21 DEERFIELD COMPENSATION - CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

	Chief WWTP Operator	24.72	26.08	27.46	28.84	30.20	31.58	32.95	34.32	35.70	37.07	Long.
	Health Agent	24.72	26.08	27.46	28.84	30.20	31.58	32.95	34.32	35.70	37.07	Long.
	Library Director	24.72	26.08	27.46	28.84	30.20	31.58	32.95	34.32	35.70	37.07	Long.
	Town Accountant	24.72	26.08	27.46	28.84	30.20	31.58	32.95	34.32	35.70	37.07	Long.
6	EMS Director	27.46	28.99	30.51	32.03	33.57	35.08	36.61	38.13	39.66	41.19	Long.
	Police Chief	27.46	28.99	30.51	32.03	33.57	35.08	36.61	38.13	39.66	41.19	Long.
	Public Works Super	27.46	28.99	30.51	32.03	33.57	35.08	36.61	38.13	39.66	41.19	Long.
	Town Clerk/Treas/Collector	27.46	28.99	30.51	32.03	33.57	35.08	36.61	38.13	39.66	41.19	Long.
											25+	
LONGEVITY		10-14 yrs.	\$200	15-19 yrs.	\$300.00	20-24 yrs	\$400	\$500				

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 7 Omnibus Budget

Voted the Moderator read amounts recommended by the Finance Committee to be appropriated under this article, 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 a single appropriation not to be exceeded.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

FY2021 Omnibus Budget

100 SERIES - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	FY2020 Appropriated	FY2021 Voted	FY2021 Recommended
114-5100 - MODERATOR	\$400	\$400	\$400
122-5100 - SELECTBOARD SALARIES	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
122-5110 - SELECTBOARD STAFF SALARIES	\$230,842	\$219,410	\$219,410
122-5400 - SELECTBOARD/ADMINISTRATOR EXP	\$11,150	\$11,150	\$11,150
131-5400 - FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$500	\$500	\$500
135-5110 - ACCOUNTANT SALARY	\$49,905	\$52,600	\$52,600
135-5400 - ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	\$15,800	\$16,525	\$16,525
141-5100 - ASSESSORS SALARIES	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
141-5110 - ASSESSORS ADMIN ASSISTANT	\$60,870	\$64,105	\$64,105
141-5400 - ASSESSORS EXPENSE	\$24,335	\$23,125	\$23,125
142-5400 - ASSESSORS QUINQUENNIAL RECERT	\$22,500	\$20,000	\$20,000

	FY2020 Appropriated	FY2021 Voted	FY2021 Recommended
145-5110 - CLERK / TREAS / COLLECTOR SALARIES	\$171,683	\$183,125	\$183,125
145-5410 - TREASURER / COLLECTOR EXPENSE	\$29,000	\$37,110	\$37,110
151-5110 - LEGAL EXPENSE	\$51,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
152-5400 - PERSONNEL BOARD	\$500	\$500	\$500
155-5400 - IT HARDWARE	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
155-5800 - PEG ACCESS CAPITAL EXPENSE	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
159-5410 - CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$211,200	\$214,654	\$229,654
161-5400 - TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	\$24,734	\$23,370	\$23,370
171-5400 - CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$800	\$800	\$800
172-5400 - OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	\$250	\$250	\$250
175-5400 - PLANNING BOARD	\$8,500	\$7,000	\$7,000
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	\$89,400	\$80,400	\$80,400
192-5430 - TOWN OFFICE EXPENSE	\$23,000	\$13,500	\$13,500
196-5400 - GENERAL INSURANCE	\$61,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
TOTAL - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,126,469	\$1,116,624	\$1,131,624
200 SERIES - PUBLIC SAFETY			
210-5110 - POLICE PAYROLL	\$849,372	\$859,354	\$859,354
210-5400 - POLICE DEPT EXPENSE	\$99,600	\$110,300	\$110,300
210-5800 - POLICE DEPT - CRUISER	\$52,500	\$50,000	\$50,000
241-5110 - INSPECTIONS DEPT PAYROLL	\$161,730	\$161,423	\$161,423
241-5400 - INSPECTIONS DEPT EXPENSE	\$4,600	\$4,750	\$4,750
291-5400 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,800
292-5400 - CANINE CONTROL	\$18,812	\$19,188	\$19,188
TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$1,189,414	\$1,207,815	\$1,207,815
300 SERIES - EDUCATION			
300-5400 - DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	\$4,833,922	\$4,833,913	\$4,833,913
312-5400 - FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL	\$3,812,413	\$3,852,973	\$3,852,973
315-5800 - FRONTIER REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION	\$162,251	\$115,036	\$115,036
320-5410 - FRANKLIN TECH ASSESSMENT	\$275,794	\$313,756	\$313,756
320-5800 - FRANKLIN TECH - CAPITAL	\$20,982	\$17,818	\$17,818
TOTAL - EDUCATION	\$9,105,362	\$9,133,496	\$9,133,496

400 SERIES - PUBLIC WORKS	FY2020 Appropriated	FY2021 Voted	FY2021 Recommended
422-5110 - GEN HIGHWAY PAYROLL	\$492,192	\$521,540	\$521,540
422-5400 - GEN HIGHWAY EXPENSE	\$241,650	\$253,350	\$253,350
423-5400 - WINTER SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
424-5400 - STREET LIGHTING	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$37,000
433-5400 - TRANSFER STATION EXPENSE	\$184,100	\$207,100	\$207,100
439-5400 - TEST WELL MONITORING / MAINT	\$50,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
TOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS	\$1,094,942	\$1,148,990	\$1,148,990
500 SERIES - HUMAN SERVICES			
512-5110 - BOARD OF HEALTH SALARY	\$37,475	\$38,021	\$38,021
512-5400 - BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	\$39,493	\$33,025	\$33,025
512-5500 - EMERGENCY COVID-19 EXP		\$8,500	\$8,500
541-5400 - COUNCIL ON AGING	\$100	\$500	\$500
541-5420 - SENIOR CENTER EXPENSE	\$38,416	\$46,091	\$46,091
543-5400 - VETERANS DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	\$10,438	\$11,593	\$11,593
543-5410 - VETERANS BENEFITS	\$25,000	\$21,000	\$21,000
549-5400 - ADA COORDINATOR	\$250	\$500	\$500
TOTAL - HUMAN SERVICES	\$151,172	\$159,230	\$159,230
600 SERIES - CULTURE AND RECREATION			
610-5400 - TILTON LIBRARY	\$186,686	\$188,309	\$188,309
630-5400 - SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM	\$6,310	\$1,310	\$1,310
630-5410 - TRI-TOWN BEACH EXPENSE	\$17,321	\$6,514	\$6,514
634-5110 - RECREATION DEPT DIRECTOR SALARY	\$49,712	\$50,341	\$50,341
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	\$263,204	\$249,649	\$249,649
700 SERIES - DEBT SERVICE			
710-5900 - MATURING DEBT	\$345,000	\$457,500	\$457,500
751-5900 - INTEREST ON MATURING DEBT	\$133,130	\$131,032	\$131,032
752-5900 - INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL - DEBT SERVICE	\$483,130	\$593,532	\$593,532
800 & 900 SERIES - BENEFITS			
830-5400 - FRCOG CORE ASSESSMENT	\$43,546	\$44,013	\$44,013
910-5800 - UNFUNDED SICK LEAVE AND VACATION	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
911-5400 - FRANKLIN CTY REGIONAL RETIREMENT	\$487,774	\$531,139	\$531,139
912-5400 - WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$55,152	\$50,430	\$50,430

913-5400 - UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$17,000	\$27,000	\$27,000
914-5400 - GROUP INSURANCE - TOWN	\$289,200	\$309,266	\$309,266
914-5410 - GROUP INSURANCE - SCHOOL	\$697,967	\$644,390	\$644,390
916-5400 - MEDICARE INSURANCE	\$102,707	\$105,831	\$105,831
TOTAL - BENEFITS	\$1,703,346	\$1,727,069	\$1,727,069
TOTAL - OMNIBUS BUDGET	\$15,117,039	\$15,336,405	\$15,351,405

Voted to appropriate \$15,336.405 to fund the accepted amounts voted, and to meet this appropriation, transfer:

\$ 0	From Overlay Surplus
\$ 62,530	From SCEMS Enterprise Fund
\$ 5,649	From SCSC Fund
\$ 38,620	From Sewer Enterprise Fund
\$ 6,881	From Receipts Reserved for Debt
\$ 36,173	From Free Cash

and Raise and Appropriate \$15,186,552.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 8 Sewer/WWTP Enterprise Fund

Voted to appropriate \$1,348,117, as presented in this handout, to fund the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

Revenues

<i>User Fees</i>	\$ 981,117
<i>Retained Earnings</i>	\$ 364,500
<i>Investment Income</i>	\$ 2,500
<i>Total Revenues</i>	\$1,348,117*

Expenses

<i>Salaries/Wages</i>	\$ 294,597
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	\$ 609,400
<i>Debt Service</i>	\$ 364,500
<i>Indirect Costs</i>	\$ 38,620
<i>Operational Reserve</i>	\$ 41,000
<i>Total Enterprise Fund Expenses</i>	\$1,348,117*

*Amounts updated from Warrant to reflect debt service.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 9 SCEMS Enterprise Fund

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,403,434, and to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$299,606, to fund the South County Emergency Medical Service Enterprise Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, and to meet the Town of Deerfield’s allocated share of the costs as set forth in the Warrant.

Revenues

Medical Service Fees	\$ 525,000
Grants	\$ 0
Retained Earnings	\$ 299,610
Deerfield Assessment (from Free Cash)	\$ 299,606
Sunderland Assessment	\$ 182,195
Whately Assessment	\$ 97,023
Other	\$ 0
Total Revenues	\$ 1,403,434

Expenses

Salaries/Wages	\$ 1,034,240
Operating Expenses	\$ 206,664
Indirect Costs	\$ 62,530
Reserve for Emergency/Unforeseen	\$ 100,000
Total Enterprise Fund Expenses	\$ 1,403,434

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

<i>FY2021 Subsidy from Free Cash</i>	\$ 299,606
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Information Only:

FY2021 Assessments Calculation

<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$ 1,403,434
<i>Less Estimated Medical Service Fees</i>	-\$ 525,000
<i>Less Retained Earnings</i>	-\$ 299,610
<i>Equals Amounts to be Assessed</i>	\$ 578,824

<i>Deerfield</i>	<i>51.76%</i>	<i>\$ 299,606</i>
<i>Sunderland</i>	<i>31.48%</i>	<i>\$ 182,195</i>
<i>Whately</i>	<i>16.76%</i>	<i>\$ 97,023</i>

Capital Expenditure Requests

None

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 10 SCEMS Rent Stabilization Fund

Voted that the Town, in accordance with the fourth paragraph of G.L. c.40 §5B, will dedicate seventy-five percent (75%) of the receipts from the South County Emergency Medical Service rental payments to a SCEMS Stabilization Fund to be established under G.L. c. 40 §5B, to be effective for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, and dedicate twenty-five percent (25%) of the receipts from the South County Emergency Medical Service rental payments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

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

ARTICLE 11 Capital Projects

Voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$96,300 and transfer from the Roadside Mower Special Revenue Fund the sum of \$26,000, for a total sum of \$122,300 to fund the Capital Improvements Projects Plan for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, as referenced in this handout.

DETAIL OF CAPITAL REQUESTS

FREE CASH	Voted
Town Common Design & Improvements	\$40,000
Elementary School: Replace Flooring	\$18,000
Elementary School: Restroom Renovations	\$15,300
Police: Mobile Data Terminals for Cruisers	\$0
Police: Police Data Migration	\$23,000
Highway: Ford F150 Pickup	\$0
Subtotal:	\$96,300
ROADSIDE MOWER SPECIAL REV FUND	
Lease pmt #4 of 5 for Roadside Mower	\$26,000
TOTAL - CAPITAL REQUESTS	\$122,300

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 12 Frontier Regional School Capital

Voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$23,959 to fund its share of the Frontier Regional School Capital request, as presented in the Warrant.

Allocated Costs:

Conway -	\$ 8,065.55
Deerfield -	\$23,959.00
Sunderland -	\$10,975.55
Whately -	\$ 5,499.90
Total	\$48,500.00

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 13 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, 2020, with each item to be considered as a separate appropriation, as presented in this handout:

- A. Voted to appropriate \$2,854 from the Community Preservation Fund 2021 Estimated Revenues for "Dead of 1704" monument restoration in the Albany Road cemetery, in a manner consistent with the proposal submitted by the Deerfield Historical Commission, 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

- B. Voted to appropriate \$47,500 from the Community Preservation Fund 2021 Estimated Revenues for Laurel Hill Cemetery historic gravestone restoration, in a manner consistent with the proposal submitted by the Old Deerfield Cemetery 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

Motion made and voted, to table Article 13 and to take up Article 17, out of order.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

- C. Motion was made to appropriate \$272,000 to acquire, for recreation purposes, 8.5± acres of open land identified as Map 151 Lot 1, in the records of the assessors; a plan being on file with the Town Clerk, said land to be developed into recreation fields, foot and bicycle paths, with parking, *and acquisition of 7.45 ± acres of open land identified as Map 158 Lot 23, in the records of the Assessors*, on which to place a band shell with seating for open air events for an additional \$878,000. To meet this appropriation, I move that the Town appropriate \$198,870 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserves, \$900,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Fund Balance, and lastly, \$51,130 from the Community Preservation Fund 2021 Estimated Revenues, and to authorize the Selectboard to submit on behalf of the town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I move that this all be done in a manner consistent with the proposal 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.

A motion was made and voted, to amend Article 13 by striking out the words “and acquisition of 7.45 ± acres of open land identified as Map 158 Lot 23, in the records of the Assessors,”

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

Motion made and voted, to table Article 13 and to take up Article 17, out of order.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 17 Mark Property – North Main Street Land Acquisition

A motion was made to authorize the Selectboard to purchase, acquire *or take by eminent domain* the parcel of land identified as approximately 7.45 acres +/- identified in the Assessors records as Map 158 Lot 23 and owned by Charles Mark and to raise and appropriate, by transfer, borrowing or otherwise, the amount of \$36,000.00 to fund said acquisition; said acquisition of land having been determined to be necessary for the health and welfare of the inhabitants of Deerfield to be used for general recreational purposes to be under the care, custody and control of the Selectboard.

A motion was made and voted, to amend Article 17 by striking out the words “or take by eminent domain”.

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

Voted to authorize the Selectboard to purchase, acquire the parcel of land identified as approximately 7.45 acres +/- identified in the Assessors records as Map 158 Lot 23 and owned by Charles Mark and to raise and appropriate, by transfer, borrowing or otherwise, the amount of \$36,000.00 to fund said acquisition; said acquisition of land having been determined to be necessary for the health and welfare of the inhabitants of Deerfield to be used for general recreational purposes to be under the care, custody and control of the Selectboard.

Motion did not carry, so declared the Moderator

Article 13C –

Article 13C was then taken from the table and a vote was taken on the article as amended.

Article 13C

Voted to appropriate \$272,000 to acquire, for recreation purposes, 8.5± acres of open land identified as Map 151 Lot 1, in the records of the assessors; a plan being on file with the Town Clerk, said land to be developed into recreation fields, foot and bicycle paths, with parking on which to place a band shell with seating for open air events for an additional \$878,000. To meet this appropriation, I move that the Town appropriate \$198,870 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserves, \$900,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Fund Balance, and lastly, \$51,130 from the Community Preservation Fund 2021 Estimated Revenues, and to authorize the Selectboard to submit on behalf of the town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I move that this all be done in a manner consistent with the proposal 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 by 2/3rds, so declared the Moderator

- D. Voted to transfer \$30,000 (10%) of the Community Preservation Fund 2021 Estimated Revenues to the Reserve for Community Housing as required by General Law Chapter 44B.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

- E. Voted to appropriate \$15,000 (5%) from the Community Preservation Fund 2021 Estimated Revenues for Community Preservation Committee administrative expenses.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

- F. Voted to transfer \$153,516, the balance of the Community Preservation Fund 2021 Estimated Revenues, to the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 14 Landfill Solar Project—Lease & PILOT

Voted to change the use of the top three (3) feet of the landfill located off of Lee Road, South Deerfield from landfill purposes to general municipal purposes and authorize the Selectboard to enter into a Lease Agreement for up to twenty-five years for the reuse of the former landfill off of Lee Road for the purposes of installing and operating a solar photovoltaic facility on terms and conditions which the Board determines are in the best interest of the Town, and further, enter into a Power Purchase Agreement for periods of up to twenty-five (25) years for the purchase of the solar energy generated by the facility, and further, in accordance with G.L. c. 59, § 38H, authorize the Selectboard and the Board of Assessors to negotiate and enter into a tax agreement for the payment of personal and real property taxes on the solar facility for a period of up to twenty-five (25) years.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 15 Old Frontier Solar III PILOT

Voted, in accordance with G.L. c. 59, Sec 38H, authorize the Selectboard to enter into a Tax Agreement with Old Frontier Solar III, LLC, or its affiliate or assignee for a period of up to twenty-five (25) years for the payment of personal property taxes, and to approve said agreement under which Old Frontier Solar III, LLC, will pay the Town a sum of money per year relative to the proposed construction and operation of a Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation, to be constructed on a 10 acre +/- parcel of land located at east of Settright Road, parcels 142-20 and 142-22, with an expected nameplate capacity of approximately 2.5272 MWDC, said Tax Agreement is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, and further, allow the Selectboard to negotiate any amendments necessary to said Tax Agreement to reflect any changes in the size of the Solar Photovoltaic Installation, so long as the payments reflected in the Tax Agreement rise commensurately.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 16 Pervere Property – North Main Street Land Acquisition

Voted to authorize the Selectboard to purchase, acquire or take by eminent domain, the parcel of land identified as approximately 8.5 acres +/- identified in the Assessors records as Map 151 Lot 1 and owned by Joyce H. Pervere by deed recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 2635, Page 326, and to raise and appropriate, by transfer, borrowing or otherwise the amount of \$272,000.00 to fund said acquisition; said acquisition of land having been determined to be necessary for the health and welfare of the inhabitants of Deerfield to be used for general recreational purposes to be under the care, custody and control of the Selectboard.

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

ARTICLE 17

Action taken out of order, at Article 13

ARTICLE 18 PILOT Precision TIF

Voted to approve the Local Incentive Application of Pilot Precision Products, LLC, Hye Partners LLC and their affiliates and vote to authorize the Selectboard to submit to the Massachusetts Office of Business Development an application designating the property located at 15 Merrigan Way, South Deerfield, MA, portions of which are shown on Assessor's Map 175, Parcel 55, as an Economic Opportunity Area, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 23A; and further to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a Tax Increment Financing Agreement and Tax Increment Financing Plan with Pilot Precision Products, LLC and affiliates, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 40, Section 59, in connection with the development of said property, and to authorize the Selectboard to take such action as is necessary to obtain approval of the Local Incentive Application and to implement the Tax Increment Financing Agreement and Tax Increment Financing Plan

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted to hear any instruction to its officers, boards, committees, and commissioners.

Motion carried, so declared the Moderator

Selectboard Instruction, Matt Russo

I request that the Selectboard appoint a committee to explore the feasibility of purchasing the former Channing L. Bete building and grounds to address multiple town needs. These needs may include town hall office replacement, senior center replacement, library replacement, senior housing, walking trails, athletic fields, and the ability to rent unused space to generate income. I would ask that this committee be charged with investigating and returning its findings as quickly as possible to allow the Selectboard to determine if it is in our best interests to purchase the property, before it is sold to another buyer.

With no other instructions to officers, the Moderator motioned to adjourn;

Voted to adjourn at 8:14p.m., to meet in the polls at the meeting room at the Town Offices, 8 Conway Street, in the Village of South Deerfield, on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., for the purpose of elections, and at the closure of the polls, dissolve.

A true copy,

Attest:

Barbara J. Hancock, Town Clerk