

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 28, 2014
Voted

FRANKLIN SS

I, Barbara J. Hancock, duly appointed and qualified Clerk of the Town of Deerfield hereby certify that the following votes were taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, April 28, 2014 in the auditorium at Frontier Regional School on North Main Street in the village of South Deerfield.

Town Meeting convened at 7:06 p.m. on April 28, 2014.

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 the 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
Adam Costa, Town Counsel
Brenda Hill, Town Accountant
Kayce Warren, Interim Town Administrator
Sara Woodbury, Tilton Library Director
Patricia Cavanaugh, Business Manager, Frontier Regional and Union 38 Schools
Jeanine Heil, Principal, Deerfield Elementary School
James Laverty, Superintendent of Franklin County Technical School
Russ Kaubris, Business Manager of Franklin County Technical School

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 1

Voted that the Town hear the reports of the Selectmen, the Deerfield School Committee, and all other town officers, boards, committees, and commissions.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 2

Voted that the Town authorize its Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Unanimous, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 3

Voted that the Town raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for public library purposes said sum to be reimbursed to the Town by the State under provision of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1996.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 4

Voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to apply, accept and expend for specific purposes provided by any Federal or State Grants or Programs which may be awarded to the Town.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 5

Voted to transfer the interest earned for the preceding year from the Dickinson Library Trust fund, \$387.00 to the Tilton Library and \$86.00 to Frontier Regional School for Library use.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 6

Voted that the Town acknowledge the following gifts made by:

Deerfield Academy	\$45,875
Allen Chase Foundation - Eaglebrook School	\$26,000
Historic Deerfield	\$15,000
Woolman Hill	\$3,070

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 7

No action taken.

So declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 8

Voted that the Town transfer from Free Cash \$62,500 to fund a Fiscal Year 2014 appropriation shortage of \$62,500.00 in the Group Insurance account.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 9

Voted that the Town transfer from Transfer Station Expense account \$54,000 to fund a Fiscal Year 2014 appropriation shortage of \$50,000 in the Highway Expense account and \$4,000 in the Highway Salary Overtime account.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 10

Voted that the Town establish the salaries and compensations of all elected officers of the Town for FY2015, as provided in Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws, as follows:

	REQUESTED	VOTED
Moderator, Annual Town Meeting (1)	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Moderator, Special Town Meeting (1)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Selectmen, Chairman (1)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Selectmen, Associate Members (2)	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00
Assessors, Chairman (1)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Assessors, Associate Members (2)	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00
School Committee, Chairman (1)	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
School Committee, Assoc. Members (4)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

Elector, Oliver Smith Will (1) \$ 20.00 \$ 20.00

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 11

Voted that the Town take from Free Cash \$10,000.00 to an unfunded liability sick leave and vacation account.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 12

Voted that the Town take from Free Cash \$80,000.00 to provide for extra-ordinary or unforeseen expenditures under Section 6 of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 13

Voted that the Town transfer from the overlay surplus account \$20,000.00 for the purpose of funding mandated triennial recertification updates.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 14

Voted that the Town take from Free Cash \$54,424.00 for its share of the core assessment of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments for Fiscal Year 2015.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 15

Voted that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Law, establishing the South County Emergency Medical Service as an enterprise fund effective Fiscal Year 2015.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 16

Voted that the Town take \$238,489.00 from FY2014 regional ambulance appropriation, \$70,000.00 from the Deerfield Ambulance fund, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,210.56 to meet the town’s allocable share of the Fiscal Year 2015 net operating cost of \$330,699.56; and to meet the towns allocable share of the Fiscal Year 2015 net capital costs by transferring from the Deerfield Ambulance Replacement appropriation, the sum of \$57,299.66, and to add such sums to the South County Emergency Medical Service Enterprise Fund, contingent on approval by all three towns.

Allocated Costs for Fiscal Year 2015:

Sunderland	31.48%	\$235,947.97
Deerfield	51.76%	\$387,999.22
Whately	16.76%	\$125,647.36

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 17

Voted that the Town take from Free Cash \$75,200.00 to fund the tuition and transportation expenses of two students to the Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School for the 2014-15 school year.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 18

Voted to divide the article so that each appropriation is considered a separate motion.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted that the Town appropriate \$22,500.00 from the Community Preservation Fund 2015 Estimated Revenues for the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association Rehabilitation and Restoration of Memorial Hall Museum project in a manner consistent with the proposal submitted by the applicants and approved on April 3, 2014; said funds to be expended within 3 years under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and any unused funds to be returned to the Community Preservation Fund as required by statute.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted that the Town appropriate \$80,115.00 from Community Preservation Fund 2015 Estimated Revenues and \$79,885.00 from Community Preservation Fund Reserve for Open Space for a total of \$160,000.00 for the Community Playground recreation project in a manner consistent with the proposal submitted by the Deerfield Elementary School and Deerfield Parent Teacher Association and approved on April 3, 2014; said funds to be expended within 3 years under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and any unused funds to be returned to the Community Preservation Fund as required by statute.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted that the Town appropriate \$1,100.00 from the Community Preservation Fund 2015 Estimated Revenues for the preservation of historic account books of Deerfield Residents held by the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association library in a manner consistent with the proposal submitted by the Association and approved by the Community Preservation Committee on April 3, 2014; said funds to be expended within 3 years under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and any unused funds to be returned to the Community Preservation Fund as required by statute.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted that the Town appropriate \$15,345.00 from the Community Preservation Fund 2015 Estimated Revenues for the Frontier Regional School Tennis Court recreation project, subject to the condition that all other member Town CPC's vote favorably, and in a manner consistent with the proposal submitted by Frontier Regional School District and approved by the Community Preservation Committee on April 17, 2014; said funds to be expended within 3 years under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and any unused funds to be returned to the Community Preservation Fund as required by statute.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted that the Town appropriate \$24,500.00 from the Community Preservation Fund 2015 Estimated Revenues for the Tilton Library Façade Restoration project in a manner consistent with the proposal submitted by the Tilton Library Trustees and approved by the Community Preservation Committee on April 17, 2014; said funds to be expended within 3 years

under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and any unused funds to be returned to the Community Preservation Fund as required by statute.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted that the Town appropriate, subject to Department of Revenue's approval, \$38,340.00 from the Community Preservation Fund 2015 Estimated Revenues for the Deerfield Historic Commission's South Deerfield Historical Resources Inventory project in a manner consistent with the proposal submitted by the Historical Commission and approved by the Community Preservation Committee on April 17, 2014; said funds to be expended within 3 years under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and any unused funds to be returned to the community preservation fund as required by statute.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted that the Town transfer \$21,400.00 (10%) of the Community Preservation Fund 2015 Estimated Revenues to the Reserve for Community Housing as required by General Law Chapter 44B.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted that the Town appropriate \$10,700.00 from the Community Preservation Fund 2015 Estimated Revenues for Community Preservation Committee administrative expenses.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 19

Voted that the town take from Free Cash \$40,255.00 for the purchase of financial management software to be expended by the Treasurer/Collector's Office.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 20

Voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$509,151.00 and authorize the Selectmen to transfer as it becomes available said sum from the sewer receipts account established for such purposes for Fiscal Year 2015 for the operation and maintenance of the Wastewater Treatment Plants located in the villages of Old Deerfield and South Deerfield respectively, and for sewer line maintenance.

ARTICLE 21

Voted that the Town authorize revolving funds for certain town departments under MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, as follows:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY 2015 Spending Limit
Planning	Planning Board	Fees charged for filings	Activities and expenses related to proposal and permit reviews.	\$25,000.00
Recycling	Selectboard	Receipts related to the recycling program	Operation of solid waste and recycling	\$20,000.00

			programs, membership in and services of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, and the purchase of recycled content or environmentally preferable products	
Total Spending				\$45,000.00

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 22

Voted that 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

Voted that the Town appropriate \$ 12,839,052.00 to fund the accepted amounts voted and to meet this appropriation, transfer:

- \$ 55,553.00 from the Municipal Building fund,
- \$ 357.00 from the Workers Compensation fund,
- \$ 20,000.00 from the Insurance Indemnification fund,
- \$ 5,700.00 from Insurance Claims Fund,
- \$ 71,073.00 from the Overlay Surplus,
- \$478,790.00 from Free Cash,

And raise and appropriate a balance of \$12,210,079.00.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 23

Voted that the Town appropriate \$50,000.00 from Sewer Reserve Funds for the following Capital Projects:

Item	Department	Amount	Proposed Funding
Influents Solids Removal Equipment	Wastewater Treatment/Sewer	\$50,000.00	Sewer Reserve Funds

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 24

Voted that all votes taken under the Omnibus Budget and financial articles will be contingent upon receipt of a Cherry Sheet and other state funding which shows sufficient state aid to allow the Town to remain within its levy limit.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 25

Voted that the Town authorize the Board of Trustees of Tilton Library to proceed with a feasibility study to examine the options for expanding and renovating its current library building, or building a new facility which said authorization shall be contingent on the receipt of a state grant.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 26

Voted that the Town grant the Trustees of Tilton Library the authority to apply for, accept, and expend any state grants which may be available for a feasibility study for the current and future needs of Tilton Library including a library building plan and design project.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 27

No Action Taken

So declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 28

No Action Taken

So declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 29

Voted that the Town replace Chapter 60, Animals, Article Two – Dogs, §§60-4 – 60-8 with a new Chapter 60, Article Two – Dogs, §§60-4 – 60-12 in order that it be consistent with the new Massachusetts Animal Control Law M.G.L. c.140 §§ 136A - 174E, as follows:

§60-4 Hearing Authority; Animal Control Officer

- A. The Board of Selectmen shall act as Hearing Authority on all matters pertaining to the enforcement of this Bylaw.
- B. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint annually an Animal Control Officer under the provisions of M. G. L. c. 140 § 151 and § 151A to carry out the provisions of this Bylaw, and perform such other duties and responsibilities as the Board may determine.

§60-5. License requirements; fees.

- A. All dogs kept, harbored, or maintained by their owner or keepers in the Town of Deerfield shall be licensed and registered if over six months of age. Dog licenses shall be issued by the Town Clerk upon the payment of a license fee of \$5.00 for a spayed or neutered dog or upon the payment of a license fee of \$10.00 for an intact dog. The owner or keeper shall state at the time application is made for such license and upon printed forms provided for such purpose his or her name and address, and the name, breed, color and sex of each dog owned or kept by the applicant. For a spayed or neutered dog, a veterinarian’s certificate shall be provided to the Town Clerk upon application for a license as proof that the dog is spayed or neutered; provided, however, that the Town Clerk, in his or her discretion, may accept such alternative forms of proof as are specified in M.G.L. c. 140, §139, if a veterinarian’s certificate cannot be obtained.

- B. No dog license shall be issued unless the Town Clerk is presented with a veterinarian's certification that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies in accordance with M.G. L. c. 140, § 145B. The Town Clerk may grant an exemption from this §60-5(B) upon proof of certain enumerated conditions provided in said M.G.L. c. 140, § 145B.
- C. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a license shall be issued for any dog transferred from another municipality within the Commonwealth upon presentation to the Town Clerk of the original license and tag of such dog and payment of the license fee required by this Bylaw.
- D. Upon the payment of the license fee, the Clerk shall issue to the applicant a license certificate and tag for each dog so licensed. The tag shall have stamped thereon the name of the Town, the year for which it was issued and the number corresponding with the number on the certificate. Every owner or keeper shall be required to provide each dog with a collar to which the license tag shall be affixed, and shall see that the collar and tag are constantly worn. Dog tags shall not be transferable from one dog to another and no refunds shall be made on any dog license fee because of death of the dog or the owner's leaving the Town before the expiration of the license period.
- E. The licensing period shall be from March 15 to April 30 of each calendar year.
- F. Whosoever fails to license their dog(s) in violation of this §60-5 shall be punished by a fine of \$50.00.
- G. Notwithstanding the provisions of this By-Law, all other provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 140, §§ 136A through 174E not inconsistent with this By-Law shall be applicable.
- H. The fees collected shall be deposited into the general fund.

§60-6 Running at Large

- A. No person who owns, keeps, or controls a dog within the Town of Deerfield shall permit such dog to be at large in the Town of Deerfield at any time, elsewhere than on the premises of the owner except; (1) it be on the premises of another person with the knowledge and assent of such person, or (2) it be in a dog park established by the Town for the specific purpose to allow dogs to run; and otherwise the dog shall be controlled and restrained by a leash of appropriate length. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall pay a fine in accordance with the following schedule:
 - (1) First offense within calendar year: \$15.
 - (2) Second or subsequent offense within calendar year: \$30.

§60-7 Seizure and Confinement of Dogs Running At Large

- A. If any dog is at large in the Town of Deerfield in violation of §60-6 of this By-Law, the Animal Control Officer, or his duly appointed assistants, may seek out, catch and confine any such dog. The Dog Officer shall confine any such dog until claimed by the owner. If by license or other means the owner of the dog can be identified, the Animal Control Officer may return the dog to the owner and issue a citation in accordance with §60-6. During any period of confinement the dog shall be confined in a place suitable for such detention as provided in M.G. L. c. 140, §151A. Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize the Animal Control Officer, or his assistants, to enter upon private property to seek out or catch any dog, except with the consent of the owner of such private property.
- B. No dog confined under the provisions of §60-7(A) shall be released to its owner until said dog is licensed and all kennel fees and penalties are paid.
- C. If the dog has not been claimed by the owner within 10 days following the commencement of such confinement, the Animal Control Officer may dispose of any such dog in a manner consistent with the provisions in M.G. L. c. 140, §151A.

§60-8 Disturbing the Peace

- A. No person who owns, keeps, or controls a dog within the Town of Deerfield shall permit the following on the part of the dog:
 - (1) Excessive barking, howling, or any other behavior on the part of the dog which disturbs the peace or quiet of any neighborhood.
 - (2) Worrying, maiming, or otherwise injuring another's fowl, livestock, or domestic animals;
 - (3) Chasing vehicles, persons, or bicycles on any way open to public travel.
- B. Whoever violates any provision of this Bylaw shall pay a fine in accordance with the following schedule:
 - (1) First offense within calendar year: \$15.
 - (2) Second or subsequent offense within calendar year: \$30.

§60-9 Waste Removal

- A. Each person who owns, keeps, or controls a dog within the Town of Deerfield shall remove and dispose of any feces left by such dog on any sidewalk, street, park, or other public area, or on any private property which is not owned or occupied by such person.
- B. No person who owns, keeps, or controls a dog within the Town shall permit such dog to be on any sidewalk, street, park, or other public area unless such dog is accompanied by a person equipped with the means to pick up and contain feces, unexposed to such person and the general public.
- C. Dog feces may only be disposed of at a place suitable and regularly reserved for the disposal of human feces, or otherwise designated as appropriate by the Board of Health.
- D. The provisions of this §60-9(A-C), inclusive, shall not apply to a dog accompanying any handicapped person, who, by reason of a handicap, is physically unable to comply with these requirements.
- E. Whoever violates any provision of this Bylaw shall pay a fine in accordance with the following schedule:
 - (1) First offense within calendar year: \$15.
 - (2) Second or subsequent offense within calendar year: \$30.

§60-10 Complaint of Nuisance

- A. If any person shall make a complaint in writing to the Board of Selectmen that any dog owned or harbored within the Town is a nuisance by reason of vicious disposition or excessive barking or other disturbance, the Board of Selectmen shall investigate or cause an investigation by the Animal Control Officer of such complaint, which may include an examination under oath of the complainant. If such investigation is carried out by the Animal Control Officer, such Officer shall submit a written report to the Board (with a copy to the Town Administrator) of his/her findings and recommendations, together with the written complaint. Upon completion of its investigation or receipt of such report, examination of the complainant under oath and public hearing, the Board shall make a determination of whether such dog is a nuisance or a dangerous dog. If the Board determines that such dog is a nuisance, it may order that the owner or keeper of the dog take remedial action to ameliorate the cause of the nuisance behavior. If the Board determines that such dog is a dangerous dog, it shall order one or more of the punishments and/or controls as more fully set forth in G.L. c. 140 §157.
- B. The owner or keeper of any dog subject to an order of the Board of Selectmen shall have the right to appeal such order in accordance with M.G.L. c. 140, § 157.
- C. Failure to comply with an order issued under this §60-10 shall result in a fine of not more than \$300.00 for each offense. Each day of said violation shall constitute a separate offense.

§60-11 Restraining

- A. The Animal Control Officer may restrain or muzzle, or issue an interim order to restrain or muzzle, for a period not to exceed fourteen days, for any dog for any of the following reasons:
- (1) if found at-large or unmuzzled, as the case may be, while an order for the restraint of such dog is in effect;
 - (2) for having bitten any person;
 - (3) if found at-large in a school, school yard, or public recreational area;
 - (4) for having killed, maimed or otherwise damaged any other domesticated animal, including livestock and fowl;
 - (5) for chasing any vehicle upon a public way or ways open to public travel in the Town;
or
 - (6) for any violation of §§60-6, 60-8, 60-10 above.
- B. Upon restraining or muzzling, or issuing an interim order to restrain or muzzle, the Animal Control Officer shall submit in writing to the Board (with a copy to the Town Administrator) a report of his/her action and the reason therefore. Upon receipt of such report the Board may take action in accordance with §60-10. If the Board fails to act upon report during the period the dog is restrained or muzzled, upon expiration of the period, the interim order automatically is vacated.

§60-12 Liability for damage to person or property.

- A. The owner or keeper or, if the owner or keeper be a minor, the parent or guardian of such minor, of a dog who shall cause damage to either the body or property of any person shall be liable for such damage, unless such damage shall have been occasioned to the body or property of a person who at the time such damage was sustained was committing trespassing or was teasing, tormenting or abusing such dog.
- B. If a minor is under seven years at the time the damage was done, it shall be presumed that such minor was not committing trespass or teasing, tormenting or abusing such dog, and the burden of proof thereof shall be upon the defendant in such action.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 30

Voted a citizen petition to request the Board of Selectmen place on the ballot a question to the voters of Deerfield to cease assessing excise tax on certain animals, machinery and equipment in accordance with G.L. c. 59 §8A. Further that this request is advisory in nature only to the Board of Selectmen.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 31

Voted that the Town present any instructions to its officers, boards, committees, commissioners.

Voted that the Selectboard of the Town of Deerfield refuse permission to Kinder Morgan (KM), its subsidiaries and/or subcontractors, to survey Town properties within the Town of Deerfield as potential locations for the proposed 30-36” high pressure Northeast Expansion pipeline, as motioned by Lisa Turowski as follows:

Whereas a proposed High-Pressure Pipeline carrying natural gas obtained through hydraulic fracturing may come through Deerfield and/or neighboring communities, bringing said fuel en route to Dracut, Massachusetts to be used primarily for electricity generation and possibly for export; and

Whereas said pipeline would destroy, damage or alter substantial amounts of property within the Town of Deerfield, including farmland protected under the Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program, conservation land and wildlife habitat; and public and private sources of

drinking water; and would likely reduce property values, raise insurance costs, and potentially make some private land unsellable; and

Whereas Kinder Morgan (KM) and its subsidiaries and/or subcontractors including Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (TGP) are seeking to survey land in Deerfield as potential locations for a proposed 30-36" high pressure pipeline named the Northeast Expansion, and such "surveys" include cutting of tree limbs and possibly other undefined actions to create "unobstructed site lines" along the proposed route; and

Whereas the pipeline regulatory process is far too fast and biased against addressing local concerns once surveys are complete; and

Whereas once the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) grants the pipeline project a "Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity" FERC is empowered to seek the taking of private property by eminent domain and to otherwise grant project overrides to local, state and federal laws in what it calls "the public interest"; and

Whereas once FERC approves KM/TCP's application, history shows that it becomes virtually impossible to significantly change or stop the pipeline; and

Whereas ratepayers would bear the financial risk for the endeavors of a private corporation, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C., a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P., since the cost of said pipeline would require Massachusetts citizens to pay a utility bill tariff as well as environmental costs not required by law of TGP.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Jeffrey Komosa instructed the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and the Community Preservation Committee to consider a possible reduction of the rate charged for the CPA assessment.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Matthew Russo asked that the Select Board and Finance Committee request that the Deerfield Elementary School and Frontier Regional High School separately, prepare cost/benefit analysis to determine the actual costs/benefits to continuing to accept School Choice students. And that a report be presented to the Select Board and the Finance Committee by November of 2014 to take action before the next budget year preparation begins.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted to adjourn at 10:30 p.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, the 5th day of May next at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of elections and at the closure of the polls, dissolve.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

A true copy.

Attest:

Barbara J. Hancock, Town Clerk