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Homestead at 17 Ridge Road (circa 1770's)

"A Tribute to our Heritage"



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Homestead at 76 Nottingham Road (circa 1770's)



Homestead at 181 Mt. Delight Road (circa 1770's)

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&
School District*



Homestead at 57 South Road (circa 1770's)

Annual Report

Historical Photos Courtesy of Joanne Wasson

The 2005 Deerfield Town Report is Dedicated in the Memory of

Ruth S. Sanborn

January 6, 1912 - December 22, 2005



Ruth moved to Deerfield in 1940 when she married her life long husband Bob Sanborn. This was back when "The Grange" was the big social event of the town and if you wanted to know where anybody was you just called the local telephone operator.

Town Clerk for 29 years, Ruth began her career in Deerfield with her office being a desk at her home and any resident wishing to conduct town business had better remember to inquire with the family dog upon entry. The office eventually moved to the Historic Town Hall and when computers came of age, Ruth decided it was time for her to retire.

A 4H Leader, an active member of the Ladies Aid and Women's Club, Charter Member of the Historical Society, and past Town Treasurer Ruth also started a Sunday School in the Congregational Church where many of her past students have told her that they still have the scrapbooks she made with them during those classes.

Ruth was also a member of the Deerfield Fair Association where citizens could find her, for many years, in the fair association office answering phones for the upcoming events of that year.

Ruth really enjoyed living in Deerfield where she always said, "*Real People*" lived.

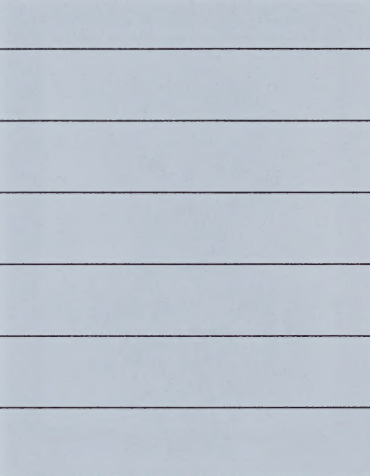
Courtesy of Ruth and Bob Sanborn's daughter, Priscilla Watts.

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The 2005 Deerfield Town Report
is Dedicated in the Memory of

Keith S. Sanford

January 2, 1912 - December 22, 2005



I am moved to Deerfield in 1934 when she married her long husband, Keith Sanford. This was just when the family was being sold and it was hard to know what to do next.

The office eventually moved to the Historic Town Hall and when construction of the new building was under way, I was able to see the old building again.

Keith was also a member of the Deerfield Fair Association where she would find her many friends and family members. I remember Keith also started a music school in the Congregational Church where she had her first piano lessons.

Keith really enjoyed being in Deerfield where she always said, "What happy days!"

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Fire Chief / Forest Fire Warden

Mark A. Tibbetts

Robert Mathews

Wendy S. Schorr

Fire Wards

Thomas Foulkes

Mark A. Tibbetts

Gary Clark

Diane Thompson

Dale L. Purdy

Judy Muller

Forest Fire Deputy Wardens

Serita Frey

Kevin J. McDonald

Dale L. Purdy

R. Andrew Robertson

Selectmen Member

Jeffrey Smith

Donald F. Smith

Parks and Recreation Commission

Keith Rollins

George F. Clark

Jeff Shute

April, 2006

Dwight Stevens

Mathew Kimball

Richard Pelletier

April, 2007

Nicholas Tordoff

Gary Clark

Dwight D. Barnes

April, 2007

Jonathan Hutchinson

April, 2008

Committees/Commissions/Boards

Heritage Commission

Katharyn E. Williams, April, 2006

James Deely, Chair April, 2006

Joe Sears, Finance April, 2006

Irene Shores April, 2006

Deborah Boisvert April, 2006

Hannah Gile Beye April, 2006

Frances L. Menard April, 2008

Honi Hougue April, 2008

Elsie Brown (Alternate) April, 2006

Rebecca Hutchinson (Alternate) April, 2006

Animal Control Officer

Donald Evans April, 2006

Board of Adjustment

Anthony DiMauro, Chair April, 2006

Dianne Kimball, Clerk April, 2006

Joshua Freed, Vice Chair April, 2007

Timothy Boucher April, 2008

George H. Thompson, Jr., April, 2008

Dennis Kuczewski, (Alternate) April, 2007

Scott Franz, (Alternate) April, 2007

John Leighton (Alternate) April, 2008

Veasey Park Commission

Vacant April, 2007

Donald Williams April, 2007

Glenda J. Smith April, 2008

Conservation Commission

Brenda Eaves, Chair April, 2006

Erick Berglund, Jr. April, 2006

Sara Callaghan April, 2007

Anne Deely April, 2007

Rebecca Whitmeyer April, 2007

David Linden (Alternate) April, 2007

Katherine Hartnett April, 2008

Wesley A. Golomb April, 2008

Deerfield Open Space Committee

Erick Berglund, Co-Chair

Katherine Hartnett, Co-Chair

Linda Lee

Cemetery Commission

Frances L. Menard April, 2006

Donald Tordoff April, 2007

Roger Hartgen April, 2008

Forestry Commission

Roger Mathes April, 2006

David Sidmore April, 2007

Vacant April, 2008

Representatives to the General Court

Harriet E. Cady Rudolph Kobel

Joseph E. Stone Robert A. Johnson

Elbert Bicknell

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2006 Town of Deerfield Warrant
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

FIRST SESSION:

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Deerfield, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Deerfield Community School on Saturday, the 11th day of February, 2006 at 9am. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the Warrant Articles numbered One (1) through Fifteen (15). The Warrant Articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, and (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion as amended.

SECOND SESSION:

Voting session to act on all Warrant Articles, as amended, including the proposed budget, as a result of the action of the "First Session" will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at the Deerfield Community School. Polls will be open from 7am to 7pm.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendments to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board. (The amendments as proposed by the Planning Board are available for inspection at the Offices of the Town Clerk and Selectmen during business hours of 8:00am to 7:00pm Mondays, and from 8:00am to 2:30pm Tuesday through Friday.)

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II, Section 207.1, Minimum Frontage, by deleting subsection B. Alternative Frontage on a Private Way. This will eliminate the so-called "Smith Ordinance".

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II, Section 210.2, Wetlands Defined, by adding the following to the end of the first paragraph: In addition, for the purpose of this ordinance, wetlands include those areas which are determined to be wetlands in accordance with the current State of New Hampshire Wetland Regulations (New Hampshire code of Administrative Rules Wt 100-800).

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II, Section 210.3 (A), District Boundaries, by replacing the first sentence with the following: The Deerfield Wetlands Conservation District is defined as those areas of the Town that contain wetlands as defined in 210.2 including, but not limited to, marshes, ponds, bogs, lakes, streams and rivers as well as soils that are defined as poorly or very poorly drained by the National Cooperative Soil Survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservations Service.

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II, Section 210.7 (A) and (E) General Provisions by replacing the existing language with the following:

- A. For lots created after the adoption of this amendment no septic tank or leach field may be constructed or enlarged closer than one hundred (100) feet of any wetland.

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E. For lots created after the adoption of this amendment no building shall be erected within one hundred (100) feet of any wetland.

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II, Section 213.7 Access Drives, Parking Lots, Walkways, Lighting Requirements and Parking by adding the following new paragraph:

D. Two (2) parking spaces per unit are required.

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II, Section 213 Senior Housing Overlay District by adding the following new paragraph:

213.13 Maximum Amount of Senior Housing Units.

A. The total number of dedicated senior housing units in the Town of Deerfield shall not exceed ten (10) percent of the total number of dwelling units in the Town at the time the determination is made. The total number of existing dwelling units shall not include those units set aside for senior housing.

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VI, Section 602 Term Definitions by adding the following new definition:

Affordable Senior Housing: Means any housing that have been so dedicated for said purpose so that the eligible occupant has an income which is at or below the median family income for Rockingham County, NH and the occupant does not pay more than 30% of income for housing including principal, interest, real estate taxes and utilities and in case of renters, no more than 30% of their income for rent and utilities.

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III, Section 325 (D), Open Space Development, by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following new Section D:

D. To facilitate achievement of the goals of the Deerfield Master Plan, the Planning Board will require all proposed subdivisions over 16 acres to be an Open Space Subdivision in order to conserve environmentally and/or historically sensitive areas unless the applicant can demonstrate that mitigating circumstances prevent the Open Space Development (OSD) and that the Planning Board determines the application is exempt.

In order to be exempt, the Planning Board shall determine the application meets one of the following criteria:

1. The subdivision will create three (3) or fewer lots that will accommodate not more than a total of three (3) dwelling units and there will be no potential for future subdivision nor for the construction of additional dwelling units on any of the lots.

2. The subdivision will consist of lots, all of which will have a minimum lot size of ten (10) acres and there will be no potential for future subdivision nor for the construction of additional dwelling units on any of the lots.

3. The subdivision will create not more than one additional dwelling units on any of the lots.

9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 325.1 (C) by adding the following new subsection:

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f. An objective of Open Space Development is to follow policies and priorities identified in the Master Plan and other Planning Board documents of the Town of Deerfield.

10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 325.3 (L), Protection of Common Land, by replacing the first paragraph with the following:

Open space, common areas, common facilities, private roadways, and other features within the open space development shall be protected by permanent covenants running with the land or a conservation easement and shall be conveyed by the property owners to a homeowner's association, or, if mutually agreed upon, may be deeded to the Town, so as to guarantee the following:

11. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 325.3 (C)(2) Standards and Conditions to read as follows:

2. No portion of any wetlands, as defined in Section 210 "Wetlands Conservation District", land with more than a 20% slope or land within the 100 year flood plain may be used to fulfill the minimum tract size for any proposed Open Space Development.

12. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 325.3(E)(3) to read as follows:

3. Side and Rear Setback or Buffer: No structure, access road, collector road or parking area shall be within one hundred (100) feet of an abutting property line to the subdivision.

13. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III by adding the following new Section 327, Sewage Disposal Systems, as follows:

327.1 Applicability:

The standards of the section shall apply to sewage disposal systems for all existing vacant lots of record and all lots proposed to be created within subdivisions approved by the Deerfield Planning Board. These standards shall also apply to the replacement of a septic system on an existing lot.

327.2 Suitability of the Location of the Leaching Field for a Proposed Lot:

The leaching field or other components of the system designed to infiltrate leachate into the ground shall be located within a rectangular area of suitable soils having a contiguous area of not less than four thousand (4000) square feet. The minimum width of the rectangular area shall be forty (40) feet. No portion of the required suitable area shall be located within one hundred (100) feet of very poorly or poorly drained soils or a water body. To demonstrate the suitability of the area, the applicant shall dig a minimum of three (3) satisfactory test pits within the suitable area. The Town's independent soil scientist shall observe the digging of the test pits and may require that additional pits be dug to demonstrate the suitability of the entire area. All test pits that are dug shall be recorded and the results of all test pits for lots within proposed subdivisions shall be provided to the Planning Board whether they are satisfactory or not.

The satisfactory pits shall be located at least forty (40) feet from any other satisfactory test pit. To be satisfactory, a test pit shall comply with the following criteria:

1. The minimum depth to be the estimated seasonal high water table shall be twenty four (24) inches, and
2. The minimum depth to ledge shall be four (4) feet.

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327.3 Suitability of the Location of a Leaching Field for an Existing Lot:

The requirement for the design of a leaching field for an existing lot shall be the same as that required for a Proposed Lot, Section 327.2, except that only two satisfactory test pits are required to be excavated in the area of the proposed disposal field. Within the area of the disposal field shall mean no more than ten feet from the footprint of the proposed field. All other requirements shall apply.

327.4 Duties of the Code Enforcement Officer:

The Town's Code Enforcement Officer shall be responsible for the oversight of the installation of septic systems. In this capacity he or she shall:

1. Retain an independent soil scientist to oversee the digging of the test pits and to verify the accuracy of the test pit data.
2. Review the test pit information, suitability of the proposed leach field location and design of the proposed septic system for conformance with the Town's requirements prior to submitting the application to the State of New Hampshire. If the proposed system does not conform to the Town's requirements, The Code Enforcement Officer shall reject the application and notify the applicant of that decision in writing setting forth the reasons for the denial.
3. Inspect the installation of the system to see that it conforms to the approved location and design.

327.5 Replacement of a Septic System on an Existing Lot:

For replacement of a septic system, the applicant shall make every effort to meet the standards of Section 327.2. When the standard cannot be attained, the septic system designer shall identify the standard of the proposed replacement system.

327.6 Duties of the Independent Soil Scientist:

The independent soil scientist shall be retained by the Town and shall be responsible to the Code Enforcement Officer. The soil scientist shall be responsible for observing the digging of the test pits and the recording of the information to determine if the test pit is satisfactory. The soil scientist may require that additional test pits be dug to demonstrate that the required area is suitable.

327.7 Review Fee:

Prior to the scheduling of the digging of any test pits, the applicant shall pay a review fee to the Town to cover the cost of the services of the independent soil scientist. The amount of the fee shall be equal to the Town's actual cost for the services of the soil scientist. The Code Enforcement Officer shall collect a deposit prior to the scheduling of any test pit observations. The amount of the deposit shall be returned to the applicant within thirty (30) days of the date that the application for subdivision approval is submitted to the Town.

327.8 Subdivision Approval by the Planning Board:

Subdivision approval by the Planning Board shall not be granted until all fees for test pit inspection and review have been paid and satisfactory test pits are shown for each receiving area on each lot proposed to be created.

14. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #14 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III by adding the following new Section 328 Phased Development as follows:

328.1 Authority

Pursuant to the authority granted in the New Hampshire RSA 674:21(b), the Town of Deerfield adopts the following zoning amendment to be administered by the Town of Deerfield Planning Board in conjunction with the Town's Subdivision Regulations.

328.2 Purpose

The Planning Board recognized the potential for a significant increase in the number of residential housing units due to several proposed subdivisions and their impact on municipal services and thus adopts this amendment for the following purposes.

1. To guide the implementation of a major subdivision in the Town of Deerfield so that residents of the Town can be adequately served by community services as those services are expanded.
2. To ensure fairness in the allocation of building permits.

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3. To phase in residential development at a rate that will be compatible with the orderly and gradual expansion of community services, including but not limited to education, fire and police protection, road maintenance, waste disposal and recreation.

328.3 Applicability

This article shall apply to all major subdivision applications filed with the Deerfield Planning Board. Major subdivisions are subdivisions that create four (+) or more new dwelling units. The following phasing schedule shall apply to all forms of residential subdivision of land as defined in RSA 672:14 (I) with the following exceptions.

When unusual or unforeseen conditions arise with regard to a particular subdivision, the applicant may request the Planning Board consider a modification to the phasing schedule. The applicant shall provide the Planning Board with sufficient information in order for the Board to consider such a request.

For subdivisions in excess of 60 dwelling units the Planning Board may require the subdivision to adhere to a longer phasing plan if the Planning Board determines that such phasing is necessary to protect the health, safety, welfare and environment of the Town.

328.4 Phasing Schedule

Number of Proposed Units	Years	Max. number of building permits that can be issued in one year
2 to 3	Not applicable	Not applicable
4 to 6	2	50%
7 to 9	3	33%
10 to 20	4	25%
21 to 40	5	20%
40 to 60	6	16%
Over 60	7 to 8	13%

328.5 Implementation

Subdivisions approved under the phasing schedule shall include a note on the plan that states the phasing schedule for the approved subdivision, identifying the phasing of each lot, consistent with the schedule in section 328.4. The Town's Building Inspector shall only approve building permits for lots in the subdivision approved after the effective date of this amendment consistent with the schedule in Section 328.4.

328.6 Periodic Review

The Planning Board shall periodically review the effectiveness and impact of this article, but not less frequently than once every two years to ensure that the phasing requirements of this article are:

1. Reasonable in its implementation.
2. Achieving the intent of the provision as stated in the Purpose above.

15. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #15 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III by adding the following new Section 329, Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Ordinance, as follows:

329.1 Authority

This Ordinance is adopted by the Town of Deerfield on March ____, 2006 in accordance with the authority granted by the New Hampshire RSA 674:16 and 21, II.

329.2 Purpose

These regulations have been enacted in order to establish general guidelines for the siting of towers and antennas and to enhance and fulfill the following goals:

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Preserve the authority of the Town of Deerfield to regulate and provide for reasonable opportunity for the siting of telecommunications facilities. Enhance the ability of providers of telecommunication services to provide such services to the community effectively and efficiently. Reduce the adverse impacts such facilities may create on, including, but not limited to: Migratory bird flight corridors, impacts on aesthetics, environmentally sensitive areas, historically significant locations, health and safety by injurious accidents to person and property, and diminution of property values. Preserve the Town's unique view sheds, scenic values and natural resources in particular those identified in the Town's recently completed Open Space Plan.

329.3 Definitions

Antenna: Means any exterior apparatus designed for telephonic, radio, television, personal communications service, pager, network, or any other communications through the sending and/or receiving of electromagnetic waves of any frequency and bandwidth.

Average Tree Canopy Height: Means the average height found by inventorying the height above ground level of all trees over 20 feet in height for a radius of 150 feet of the proposed tower site.

Tower: Means any structure that is designed and constructed primarily for the purpose of supporting one or more antennas.

Telecommunications Facilities: Means any antenna, tower, or other structure intended for use in the connection with the transmission or reception of radio or television signals or any other electromagnetic transmission/receptions.

329.4 Location of Telecommunications Facilities

Telecommunications facilities may be permitted in all districts provided they are camouflaged, hidden or disguised. In no case, however, shall such a facility be sited in a location that would impact any view to Pawtuckaway Mountains and Nottingham Mountain.

329.5 Permitted Uses

Principal or Secondary Use. Telecommunications facilities may be considered either principal or secondary uses. Having an existing permitted use on site shall not preclude the addition of a facility as a secondary use as long as all other provisions of the Town of Deerfield's Zoning Ordinance are met. A different existing use or an existing structure on the same lot shall not preclude the installation of a facility on such lot. For purposes of determining whether the installation complies with district development regulations, including but not limited to setback and lot coverage requirements, the dimensions of the entire lot shall control, even though the facility may be located on leased parcels within such lots. Facilities that are installed in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance shall not be deemed to constitute the expansion of a nonconforming use or structure.

Any alteration of the original permitted use and device configuration of the facility will require a new approval.

Amateur Radio: Receive-Only Antennas. This Ordinance shall not govern any tower, or the installation of any antenna that is under 70 feet in height and is owned and operated by a federally – licensed amateur radio station operator or is used exclusively for receive- only antennas. This Ordinance adopts the provisions and limitations as referenced in RSA 674: 16, IV.

Essential Services & Public Utilities. Telecommunication facilities shall be considered infrastructure, essential services, or public facilities, as defined or used elsewhere in the Town's ordinances and regulations. Siting for telecommunications is a use of land, and is addressed by this Section.

329.6 Construction Performance Requirements

Federal Requirements: All facilities must meet or exceed current standards and regulations of the FAA, FCC, and any other agency of the federal government with the authority to regulate such facilities. If such standards and regulations are changed, the owners of facilities governed by the Ordinance shall bring these into compliance within six (6) months of the effective date of the changes, unless a more stringent compliance schedule is mandated by the controlling federal agency. Failure to bring facilities into compliance with any changes shall constitute grounds for the removal of the tower or antenna at the owner's expense, in accordance with 329.10 through the execution of the posted security.

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Building Codes/Safety Standards. To ensure the structural integrity of towers and antennas, all facilities will be inspected every three years by an engineer approved by the Town, with the cost to be paid by the owner. The engineer will submit a report to the Town. If the report concludes that a tower fails to comply with such codes and standards and constitutes a danger to persons or property, the owner will receive notice that he/she has 30 days to bring such tower into compliance with the standards. If the owner fails to comply within 30 days, such action shall constitute an abandonment and grounds for the removal, in accordance with 329.10, of the tower or antenna at the owner's expense through execution of the posted security.

Additional Requirements for Telecommunications Facilities.

These requirements shall supercede any and all other applicable standards found elsewhere in Town Ordinances or Regulations that are less strict.

Height. All efforts should be made to keep tower height at a minimum; in no case shall a tower exceed 175 feet.

Setbacks and Separation. In addition to compliance with the minimum zoning district setback requirements for all structures and towers shall be set back a distance equal to 125% of the height of the tower from all property lines.

Security Fencing. Towers shall be enclosed by security fencing not less than six (6) feet in height and shall also be equipped with an appropriate anti-climbing device.

Landscaping. A vegetative buffer shall be provided that effectively screens the sight of the compound from adjacent property. The standard vegetative buffer shall consist of a landscaped strip of at least 10 feet wide outside the perimeter of the compound. Natural vegetation is preferred. In locations where the visual impact of the compound would be minimal or non-existent, the landscaping requirement may be reduced or waived entirely. Existing mature tree growth and natural landforms on the site shall be preserved to the maximum extent possible.

Camouflaging.

A. At a tower site, the design of the buildings and related structures shall, to the maximum extent possible, use materials, colors, textures, screening, and landscaping that will blend the tower facilities with the natural setting and built environment.

B. If an antenna is installed on a structure other than a tower, the antenna and supporting electrical and mechanical equipment must be of a neutral color that is identical to, or closely compatible with, the color of the supporting structure so as to make the antenna and related equipment visually unobtrusive.

Balloon Test. The applicant shall provide notice of a date on which a balloon(s) will be floated at the proposed site and provide pictures from all locations around the Town and within 20 miles from which the balloon(s) is visible.

329.7 Conditional Use Permits

General. Telecommunications Facilities are permitted only after obtaining a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board. All such uses must comply with other applicable ordinances and regulations of the Town of Deerfield. Issuance of Conditional Use Permits. In granting the Conditional Use Permit, the Planning Board may impose conditions to the extent the Board concludes such conditions are necessary to minimize any adverse effect of the proposed tower on adjoining properties, and preserve the intent of this Ordinance.

Procedure on Application.

The Planning Board shall act upon the application in accordance with the procedural requirements of the Site Plan Review Regulations and RSA 676:4.

All Towns within 20 miles of the proposed location will be notified of the public hearing by certified mail, to be paid by the applicant. A notice will also be posted in the newspaper customarily used for legal notices by these municipalities. Such notice shall be published not less than 7 days nor more than 21 days prior to the public hearing date.

Decisions. All decisions shall be rendered in writing. A denial must be based upon substantial evidence contained in the written record.

Permits shall be renewable every three years. When possible, this time frame shall be consistent with the timing for performance bond renewal and inspection per 329.6.

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Plan Requirements. Each applicant requesting a Conditional Use Permit under this Ordinance shall submit a scaled plan along with information identified in Sections 4.4.1, Existing Data and 4.4.2 Proposed Data in the Town of Deerfield's Site Plan Review Regulations. The Planning Board may request the applicant to provide additional site plan information. This is customary for applications of this type.

Other Information Required. In order to assess compliance with this zoning amendment, the Planning Board shall require the applicant to submit the following prior to any approval by the Board:
Propagation Map showing proposed radio frequency coverage.

Photographic documentation of the balloon test(s).

The applicant shall submit written proof that the proposed use/facility complies with the FCC regulations on radio frequency (RF) exposure guidelines.

The applicant shall submit written proof that it has conducted an evaluation of any requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pertaining to the proposed facility, as may be required under applicable FCC rules, and the results of any such evaluation. If such documents are required, the applicant should provide the Planning Board with copies.

The applicant will provide the Board with the following information:

1. The number of sites for telecommunication facilities each provider will require.
2. Sites outside of the Town for the particular coverage area that are being considered.
3. How the siting of a telecommunication facility will affect the ability to allow a competition's antennas on the same property.
4. The applicant will provide the Board with studies of alternative sites in the town that have been considered for siting and the selection criteria.

The applicant shall submit an agreement with the Town that allows for the maximum allowance of co-location upon the new structure. Such statement shall, at a minimum, require the applicant to supply available co-location for reasonable fees and costs to other wireless telecommunication providers. An opportunity for co-location is not to be considered a justification for excessive height of towers.

The applicant will provide the Board with any copies of the federal license from the FCC. Upon request the applicant will provide:

1. Detailed maps showing all of the carrier's current externally visible tower and monopole locations in the State within a 20 mile radius, both active and inactive.
2. Site descriptions for each of the above locations showing the antenna height and diameter and all externally visible structures.

The applicant will submit an agreement to the Town to the effect that the Town will be held harmless for any extraordinary fire or safety events.

329.8 Waivers

Any portion of these regulations may be waived or modified when, in the opinion of the Board, strict conformity would pose an unnecessary hardship to the applicant and such waiver would not be contrary to the spirit and intent of these regulations. The applicant shall submit a waiver request in writing to the Planning Board.

329.9 Performance Guarantee Agreement and Security

The applicant shall provide a performance guarantee to the Town in the amount that would be sufficient to cover the costs of site improvements and costs of removal and disposal of the facility components. The Planning Board shall establish the form and amount of the security. The Planning Board shall also require the applicant to submit proof of appropriate liability insurance with respect to the proposed facilities prior to construction. The term of the performance guarantee shall be negotiated with the Planning Board and administered by the Board of Selectmen.

329.10 Removal of Abandoned Antennas and Towers

Any antenna or tower that is not operated for a continuous period of 12 months shall be considered abandoned and hazardous to the public health and safety, unless the owner of said tower provides proof of quarterly inspections. The owner shall remove the abandoned structure within 90 days of a receipt of a declaration of abandonment from

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the Town. A declaration of abandonment shall only be issued following a public hearing, noticed in accordance with the Town procedures with written notice to abutters and the last known owner/operator of the tower. If the abandoned tower is not removed within 90 days, the Town may execute the performance guarantee in order to remove the tower. If there are two or more users of a single tower, this provision shall not become effective until all users cease using the tower.

329.11 Administration and Enforcement

The Board of Selectmen shall be responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance.

329.12 Severability

The invalidity of any provision of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

329.13 Appeals

As provided by NHRSA 677:15, the applicant, an abutter or an aggrieved party may appeal a decision to the Superior Court as provided by RSA 677:15.

3. To vote on the following Warrant Articles, as amended, including the proposed budget, as a result of the action of the First Session.

Article 1

a. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,950,000)(gross budget) for the construction and original equipping of a new municipal building (Town Offices and Police Department located adjacent to the G. B. White Building); and

b. To authorize the issuance of not more than One Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,950,000) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and amendments thereto enabling for the purpose of defraying the costs of the foregoing interest on such notes or bonds and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance and sale of such bonds and notes; and

c. To authorize the Selectmen to apply for, negotiate, contract for, seek and do all other things necessary to obtain such Federal and State grant-in-aid, contributions and assistance as may be available for the construction of the municipal building (Town Offices and Police Department adjacent to the G. B. White Building), and to adopt any vote relating thereto; and

d. To authorize the Selectmen to do all things necessary or convenient to carry the foregoing into effect, including, without limitations, the employment of engineers and the execution in the name of the Town of a contract or contracts for the construction of the municipal building (Town Offices and Police Department adjacent to the G. B. White Building).

3/5 Ballot Vote Required

This is a Special Warrant Article

Tax Impact: \$.52

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation./The MBC recommends this appropriation.

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the construction, renovation, replacement or repair of municipal buildings and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to be placed in this fund. (Majority Vote Required)

Tax Impact \$.45

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation./The MBC recommends this appropriation.

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$148,740) for the purpose of reconstructing a portion of Ridge Road, approximately 5,200 feet.

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Tax Impact: \$.27

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation./The MBC recommends this appropriation.

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000) to make building renovations and repairs to the existing Highway Facility. Renovations and repairs include, but are not limited to, replacement of the existing overhead doors; install a waste oil burning furnace; repair existing salt storage shed and add on to the existing structure to increase storage capacity; and repair and insulate the existing inner wall of the garage itself which also serves as storage for tools.

Tax Impact: \$.06

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation./The MBC recommends this appropriation.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Four Dollars (\$17,534) for the purpose of Town employee raises for salaries and wages. (This represents a 2.5% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase for all part time and full time Town employees.)

Tax Impact: \$.03

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation./The MBC recommends this appropriation.

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of engineering and architectural studies with regards to proposals concerning municipal facilities or additions, replacement, renovations or repairs to existing municipal facilities.

Tax Impact: \$.02

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation./The MBC recommends this appropriation.

Article 7

To see if the Town of Deerfield will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$8,520) for the purpose of purchasing a speed display trailer and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$4,260) in offsetting federal funds to be applied to the purchase price.

Tax Impact: \$.02

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation./The MBC recommends this appropriation.

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty Five Dollars (\$4,245) for the purpose of replacing the gasoline fuel storage tank located at the Town Highway Department Garage. This includes a containment unit under the storage tank.

Tax Impact: Under \$.01

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation./The MBC recommends this appropriation.

Article 9

Shall the Town of Deerfield raise and appropriate an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$3,077,545? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,076,245, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Deerfield or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of the revised operating budget only.

Tax Impact: \$5.57 on the Total Operating Budget

Tax Impact \$.14 (2.6% increase over 2005)

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation./The MBC recommends this appropriation.

Article 10

Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Deerfield, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age to 75 years of age, \$70,000 (Present-\$30,000); for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$110,000 (Present-\$50,000); for a person 80 years of age or older \$154,000

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(Present-\$70,000). To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such persons' spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$36,800 (Present-\$18,400) or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$52,800 (Present-\$26,400); and own net assets not in excess of \$100,000 (Present-\$35,000) excluding the value of a person's residence. By Ballot.

The Selectmen recommend this Warrant Article.

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Highway Agent from an elected official to a position appointed by the Selectmen under the provisions of RSA 231:62.

(If a majority vote in favor of this article, the Selectmen elected at the next annual meeting shall appoint a Highway Agent.)

The Selectmen recommend this warrant article.

Article 12 (By Petition)

Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2), as adopted by the Town on March 8, 2005, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? (3/5-majority ballot vote required)

Article 13 (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to deposit 50% of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) into the Town's Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5,III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25,II. Increasing to 50% the percentage of the land use change tax going to the Conservation Fund will enable the Conservation Commission to be more responsive in protecting important open space in Deerfield which is under increasing development pressure.

Article 14 (By Petition)

To see if the voters will vote to establish an ordinance restricting the taking of real property by eminent domain and the taking of personal property without a two thirds vote of the voters at a regular Town Meeting.

Article 15 (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Planning Board members from an elected official to a position appointed by the Selectmen under the provisions of RSA 673:2,II(c).

Given our hands and seal this 26th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Six.

James T. Alexander, Chairman
R. Andrew Robertson, Vice Chairman Board
Joseph E. Stone of
John Reagan Selectmen
Stephen R. Barry

A True Copy,
Attest:

James T. Alexander, Chairman
R. Andrew Robertson, Vice Chairman Board
Joseph E. Stone of
John Reagan Selectmen
Stephen R. Barry

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2006 Town of Deerfield Proposed Budget

MS-7

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN
WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE**

OF: DEERFIELD NH

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): _____

26-Jan-06

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

Walter Hooker, Chair

John Harrington, Jr.

James Spillane, Vice Chair

James T. Alexander

Richard Pitman

James Sullivan

Donald Daley

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		282,811	265,466	284,352	0	284,352	0
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		9,735	7,378	14,353	0	14,353	0
4150-4151	Financial Administration		24,126	21,465	29,433	0	29,433	0
4152	Revaluation of Property		58,300	72,079	63,300	0	63,300	0
4153	Legal Expense		15,000	5,106	10,000	0	10,000	0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		57,477	55,546	57,561	0	57,561	0
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		62,908	70,728	92,187	0	92,187	0
4194	General Government Buildings		144,199	149,918	162,817	0	162,817	0
4195	Cemeteries		13,050	11,768	10,800	0	10,800	0
4196	Insurance		266,081	255,896	266,373	0	266,373	0
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		2,800	2,759	2,900	0	2,900	0
4199	Other General Government							
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		538,926	537,481	523,952	0	523,952	0
4215-4219	Ambulance		6,000	6,000	7,500	0	7,500	0
4220-4229	Fire		54,963	51,940	59,180	0	59,180	0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		71,116	69,448	74,876	0	74,876	0
4290-4298	Emergency Management		12,319	8,460	8,797	0	8,797	0
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		158,862	155,625	168,564	0	168,564	0
4312	Highways & Streets		537,653	575,317	543,112	0	543,112	0
4313	Bridges		36,750	15,776	40,000	0	40,000	0
HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4316	Street Lighting							
4319	Other							
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		53,591	47,830	53,754	0	53,754	0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		30,701	22,549	31,301	0	31,301	0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		151,301	136,905	155,801	0	155,801	0
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH/WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration							
4414	Pest Control		24,229	27,878	22,810	0	22,810	0
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		22,815	22,876	23,140	0	23,140	0
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		32,420	29,244	41,430	0	41,430	0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations	Actual	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
			Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		137,672	119,528	136,978	0	136,978	0
4550-4559	Library		64,605	64,381	73,246	0	73,246	0
4583	Patriotic Purposes		600	450	600	0	600	0
4589	Other Culture & Recreation							
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources							
4619	Other Conservation		1,808	1,802	1,802	0	1,802	0
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING							
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		100,000	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	0
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		11,250	11,250	5,625	0	5,625	0
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		1	0	1	0	1	0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		14,000	6,406	11,000	0	11,000	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.							
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-							
	Water-							

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OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	Electric-							
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund							
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1			2,998,069	2,929,256	3,077,545	0	3,077,545	0

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

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**** SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES ****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3.VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
					Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED
	Municipal Building	1	0	0	1,950,000	0	1,950,000	0
	Capital Reserve Fund	2	0	0	250,000	0	250,000	0
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	2,200,000	XXXXXXXXXX	2,200,000	XXXXXXXXXX

**** INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES ****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
					Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED
4312	Police Station	1	0	0				
4902	Reconstruction RT43/107 CR	2	0	0				
4902	Legal Expense/Enforcement	3	0	0				
4902	Highway Dept. Truck	4	0	0				
4903	Municipal Software Pkg	5	26,000	19,492				
4902	Engineering/Space Needs	6	10,000	0				
4902	Town Copier Lease	7	2,223	2,223				
4155-4159	Police Copier Lease	8	1,274	1,274				
4902	Employee 2.7% COLA	9	18,769	0				
4210-4214	Trash Containment Unit	10	5,000	0				
4210-4214	PD Traffic Patrols	11	1,950	0				
4903	PD DWI/Impaired Patrols	12	1,950	0				
4611-4612	CC Easement/MT Dellight	21	270,000	0				
	Subtotal		337,166	22,989				

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	Ridge Road Reconstruction	3			148,740	0	148,740	0
	Highway Facility Renovations	4			33,000	0	33,000	0
	Employee COLA Increase (2.5%)	5			17,534	0	17,534	0
	Engineering & Arch. Studies	6			10,000	0	10,000	0
	Speed Display Trailer	7			8,520	0	8,520	0
	Fuel Storage Tank	8			4,245	0	4,245	0
	SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	222,039	XXXXXXXXXX	222,039	XXXXXXXXXX

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
	TAXES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund			202,249.33	146,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		32,000	38,999.66	32,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		30,000	56,504.20	40,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		140	136.13	140
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		30,000	31,631.78	30,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		700,000	728,047.24	700,000
3230	Building Permits		30,000	30,205.13	30,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		13,000	10,554.53	10,500
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			28,249.69	
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		19,859	39,719.00	21,850
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		120,000	150,632.18	120,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		120,229	120,229.05	117,365
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		3,176	3,250.19	3,250
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		21,400	30,031.51	16,260
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		8,700	8,506.87	8,700
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		110,000	159,066.75	150,000
3409	Other Charges				
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property			2,250.00	
3502	Interest on Investments		30,000	80,661.11	45,000
3503-3509	Other		60,000	81,193.28	60,000
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		26,000	19,285.83	38,000

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		11,186	11,186.25	11,768
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			1,365,690	1,832,589.71	1,580,833

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	2,998,069	3,077,545	3,077,545
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	0	2,200,000	2,200,000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	337,166	222,039	222,039
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	3,335,235	5,499,584	5,499,584
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	1,365,690	1,580,833	1,580,833
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	1,969,545	3,918,751	3,918,751

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 368,669
 (See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

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BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

(for Calculation 10% Maximum Increase)

(RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21)

Rev 09/02

Version #1: Use if you have no Collective Bargaining Cost Items or RSA 32:21 Water Costs

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT: TOWN OF DEERFIELD FISCAL YEAR END 12/31/2006

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT	
1. Total RECOMMENDED by Budget Committee (See Posted Budget MS7, 27, or 37)	5,742,314	5,742,314
LESS EXCLUSIONS:		with no exclusions
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds and Notes	100,000	-
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds and Notes	5,625	-
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds and Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b	1,950,000	-
5. Mandatory Assessments	-	-
6. Total exclusions (Sum of rows 2 - 5)	2,055,625	-
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (line 1 less line 6)	3,686,689	5,742,314
8. Line 7 times 10%	368,669	574,231
9. Maximum Allowable Appropriations (lines 1 + 8)	6,110,983	6,316,545

Line 8 is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget.
Please enter this amount on the bottom of the posted budget form, MS7, 27, or 37.

Please attach a copy of this completed supplemental schedule to the back of the budget form.

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2006 Town of Deerfield Default Budget

DEFAULT BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF: Deerfield

For the Ensuing Year January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

1. Use this form to list the default budget calculation in the appropriate columns.
2. Post this form or any amended version with proposed operating budget (MS-6 or MS-7) and the warrant.
3. Per RSA 40:13, XI, (a), the default budget shall be disclosed at the first budget hearing.

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

or

Budget Committee if RSA 40:14-b is adopted

James T. Alexander, Chairman

John Reagan

R. Andrew Robertson, Vice Chairman

Stephen R. Barry

Joseph E. Stone

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

2006 Town of Deerfield Default Budget cont.

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	282,811	3,341	-1,800	284,352
4140-4149	Election,Reg. & Vital Statistics	9,735	5,919	-1,301	14,353
4150-4151	Financial Administration	24,126	9,980	-4,673	29,433
4152	Revaluation of Property	58,300	5,000		63,300
4153	Legal Expense	15,000	-5,000		10,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	57,477	84		57,561
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	62,908	29,279		92,187
4194	General Government Buildings	144,199	19,618	-1,000	162,817
4195	Cemeteries	13,050	-2,350		10,700
4196	Insurance	266,081	292		266,373
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	2,800	100		2,900
4199	Other General Government				
PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police	538,926	44,462	-59,636	523,752
4215-4219	Ambulance	6,000	1,500		7,500
4220-4229	Fire	54,963	6,808	-2,591	59,180
4240-4249	Building Inspection	71,116	4,760	-1,000	74,876
4290-4298	Emergency Management	12,319	1,477	-4,999	8,797
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)				
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations				
HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration	158,862	9,702		168,564
4312	Highways & Streets	537,653	23,822	-18,863	542,612
4313	Bridges	36,750	3,250		40,000
4316	Street Lighting				
4319	Other				
SANITATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration	53,591	163		53,754
4323	Solid Waste Collection	30,701	600		31,301
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	151,301	4,500		155,801
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up				
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other				

2006 Town of Deerfield Default Budget cont.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration				
4332	Water Services				
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other				
ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation				
4353	Purchase Costs				
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance				
4359	Other Electric Costs				
HEALTH		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration				
4414	Pest Control	24,229	-619	-800	22,810
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	22,815	325		23,140
WELFARE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	32,420	9,010		41,430
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts				
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other				
CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	137,672	-1,194		136,478
4550-4559	Library	64,605	8,641		73,246
4583	Patriotic Purposes	600			600
4589	Other Culture & Recreation				
CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources				
4619	Other Conservation	1,808	-6		1,802
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING				
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	100,000			100,000
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	11,250	-5,625		5,625
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	1			1
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	14,000	-3,000		11,000

2006 Town of Deerfield Default Budget cont.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
	CAPITAL OUTLAY	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment				
4903	Buildings				
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.				
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund				
4913	To Capital Projects Fund				
4914	To Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer-				
	Water-				
	Electric-				
	Airport-				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund				
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917				
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds				
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds				
4919	To Fiduciary Funds				
	TOTAL	2,998,069	174,839	-96,663	3,076,245

Please use the box below to explain increases or reductions in columns 4 & 5.

Acct #	Explanation for Increases	Acct #	Explanation for Reductions
4130	05 wage scale & Merit increases, copier lease	4130	One time water cooler and shredder
4140	Ballots-SB2	4153	Broken out into departments
4150	P/T technical person	4195	Reduced contracting services
4152	Consultant	4140	One time fireproof file cabinet
4155	05 wage scale and pay increases	4150	One time computers
4191	Master Plan and Legal	4194	One time equipment
4194	05 wage scale, heating oil and state required up grades	4210	One time cruiser and equipment
4196	Increase in rates	4220	One time equipment
4197	Increase in dues	4240	One time equipment
4210	Pay increases and electronic equipment	4290	One time equipment

2006 Town of Deerfield Default Budget cont.

Please use the box below to explain increases or reductions in columns 4 & 5.

Acct #	Explanation for Increases	Acct #	Explanation for Reductions
4215	Increase in rate	4312	One time equipment and tools.
4220	Training	4414	One time equipment. Meetings, contract, equipment.
4240	Merit Increase	4520	Bicentennial field and supplies
4290	Equipment	4619	Forestry Commission discontinued.
4311	Pay Increases		
4312	Heating oil, vehicle fuel, contractors		
4313	Repairs		
4321	Pay Increases		
4323	Heavy equipment		
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		
4415	Increase in appropriation		
4441	05 wage scale and increase appropriation		
4550	05 wage scale, merit increase and maint./repairs		

2005 Town of Deerfield Summary Inventory of Valuations

Land - Current Use	2,239,931
Residential Land	240,379,800
Commercial Land	8,039,000
Discretionary Preservation Easement	47,120
Residential Buildings	259,687,580
Manufactured Housing	4,759,200
Commercial Buildings	12,139,100
Public Utilities	<u>27,460,700</u>
	554,752,431
Less -Total Exemptions Allowed	<u>2,361,800</u>
NET VALUATION (All Other Taxes)	552,240,631
Less - Public Utilities - Electric	<u>27,460,700</u>
NET VALUATION (State Education Tax)	524,779,931

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Executive	282,811
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	9,735
Financial Administration	24,126
Revaluation of Property	58,300
Legal Expense	15,000
Personnel Administration	57,477
Planning & Zoning	62,908
General Government Buildings	144,199
Cemeteries	13,050
Insurance	266,081
Advertising & Regional Association	2,800
Police Department	538,926
Ambulance	6,000
Fire Department/Forest Fires	54,963
Building Inspection	71,116
Emergency Management	12,319
Highway Administration	158,862
Highways & Streets	537,653
Bridges	36,750
Transfer Station Administration	53,591
Solid Waste Collection	30,701
Solid Waste Disposal	151,301
Animal Control	24,229
Health Agencies & Hospitals	22,815
General Assistance	32,420
Parks & Recreation	137,672
Library	64,605
Patriotic Purposes	600
Conservation	1,808
Princ-Long Term Bonds & Notes	100,000
Int-Long Term Bonds & Notes	11,250
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	1
Other Dept Service	14,000
Warrant Articles	<u>337,166</u>
	3,335,185

LESS: ESTIMATED REVENUES & CREDITS	
Yield Tax	32,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinq Tax	30,000
Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)	140
Business Licenses & Permits	30,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	700,000
Building Permits	30,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	13,000
From Federal Government	
Shared Revenue	19,859
Meals & Rooms Tax	120,000
Highway Block Grant	120,229
State & Federal Forest Lands Reimb	3,176
Other State Grants & Reimb	21,400
From Other Governments	8,700
Income from Departments	110,000
Interest on Investments	30,000
G.B. White Rentals & Insurance	60,000
Impact/Off-Site Fees	26,000
Trust & Agency Funds	<u>11,186</u>
	1,365,690

General Fund Balance	825,521
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TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS

Appropriations	3,640,235
Less: Revenues	2,200,883
Less: Shared Revenues	13,487
Add: Overlay	147,892
Add: War Service Credits	92,700
Net Town Appropriation	1,666,457
Net School Appropriation	6,390,214
State Education Tax	1,128,827
County Tax Assessment	425,195

ALLOCATION OF TAX DOLLAR

	Town	School	County	STED	
	\$ 3.02	\$11.57	\$ 0.77	\$ 2.15	
2005 Tax Rate					\$17.51
2004 Tax Rate					\$32.57
2003 Tax Rate					\$27.81

End Document

2005 Town of Deerfield Town Meeting Election Portion

March 8, 2005

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, gave instructions and made the following announcements: The Instructions were posted, the Checklist was in place, Ballot Clerks, Assistant Moderator, Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Police Chief were present, Sample Ballots posted, Absentee Ballots to be cast at 1:00PM, procedures for voting and registering on Election Day, and there was to be no electioneering within the prescribed areas.

6:55AM The AccuVote Ballot Box was opened, examined by the election officers and shown to be empty. It was then locked.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, stated that citizens who are residents of Deerfield who had not previously registered to vote could do so by approaching the Supervisors of the Checklist. Those already registered to vote should approach the Ballot Clerks and state your name to receive a ballot.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, stated if a ballot is spoiled return the ballot to the Ballot Clerks for a new ballot. If anyone feels their rights are being violated, see the Moderator or Assistant Moderator or contact the Attorney General's Office.

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, explained that voting is a public event, however conversations should be held outside the voting area. There is no electioneering within the prescribed areas, and there should be no campaigning within that area. The campaigning area was restricted to the grass and not permitted on the pavement.

The warrant pertaining to the Town/School ballot questions were read while the Zoning Ordinances were not read aloud by the Moderator.

Election Officials present were: Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, Assistant Moderator, James County; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Melissa J. Buckner; Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, R. Lynne DeVarney; Inspectors of Elections, Barbara Daley, Ella Sawyer, and Suzanne P. Sherburne; Supervisors of the Checklist, Cherie Sanborn -Chairman, Kathayrn Williams and Diane Valade; Board of Selectmen, R. Andrew Robertson-Chairman; Frances Menard-Vice Chairman, James T. Alexander, and Stephen R. Barry; School District Clerk, Kevin J. Barry.

Gatekeeper for this Election was Police Chief, Robert Wunderlich.

7:00 AM The Moderator declared the Polls open and balloting began.

12:35 PM The AccuVote Ballot Box was full. A second ballot box was shown to be empty and the ballots without write-ins were moved into the second ballot box.

12:37 PM The second ballot box was locked.

1:00 PM Processing the Absentee Ballots Began

1:27 PM All Absentee Ballots received, to this point, were processed

1:35 PM Because of the creases of the absentee ballots, the AccuVote Ballot Box need to be emptied. A third ballot box was shown to be empty and the ballots without write-ins were moved into the third ballot box.

1:36 PM The third ballot box was locked.

5:20 PM Absentee Ballots received in day's mail processed

5:25 PM Absentee Ballots completed

5:52 PM Moderator accepted hand delivered ballot that came in after 5:00pm. The tardiness of the ballot was excused because of poor weather conditions.

7:00 PM Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson, declared the polls closed.

7:15 PM End Card put into AccuVote Voting Box to read results.

The counting of the Ballots began immediately.

Serving as Inspectors of Elections to count ballots were: Kevin Barry, Richard Boisvert, Evelyn DeCota, R. Lynne DeVarney, Cynthia E. Heon, Rebecca Hutchinson, Frances Menard, R. Andrew Robertson.

The Moderator announced the following dates of importance:

March 8, 2004 Election Statistics

3212	Registered Voters
871	Regular Ballots Cast
24	Absentee Ballots Cast
3	Spoiled
28 %	Voter Turnout

2005 Town Meeting Election Portion cont.

7:50PM Moderator Jonathan Hutchinson read the unofficial results of the Election for the Officers and Zoning Questions. The unofficial results were posted in the hall.

For Selectmen for Three Years

(Vote for Not More than Two)

Joe Stone	494
John Reagan	472
Stephen R. Barry	430

For Selectmen for Two Years

(Vote for Not More than One)

James T. Alexander	550
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For Town Clerk/Tax Collector for One Year

(Vote for Not More than One)

Melissa J. Buckner	668
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For Town Treasurer for Three Years

(Vote for Not More than One)

Cynthia E. Tomilson	793
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Write-Ins

Tom True	1
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For Trustee of the Trust Funds for Three Years

(Vote for Not More than One)

Dwight Barnes	114
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For Trustee of the Trust Funds for One Year

(Vote for Not More than One)

Write-Ins

Roger Hartgen	93
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For Trustee of The Philbrick James Library for Three Years

(Vote for Not More than Two)

Mary K. County	693
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Maureen Mann	618
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For Trustee of The Philbrick James Library for Two Years

(Vote for Not More than One)

Gregory Doane	638
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For Water Commissioner for Three Years

(Vote for Not More than One)

Write-Ins

David O'Neal	145
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Matt Kimball	39
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For Planning Board for Three Years

(Vote for Not More than One)

Gile Beye	397
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George Thompson	396
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For Highway Agent for Three Years

(Vote for Not More than One)

Alex E. Cote	737
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For Municipal Budget Committee for Three Years

(Vote for Not More than Three)

Christopher Roberge	490
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2005 Town Meeting Election Portion cont.

For Overseer of Welfare for One Year

(Vote for Not More than One)

Write-In

Colleen Guardia 34
Liz Wunderlich 7

TOWN BALLOT QUESTION

BY PETITION, PURSUANT TO RSA 40:14, SHALL WE ADOPT THE PROVISION OF RSA 40:13 TO ALLOW VOTING BY OFFICIAL BALLOT ON ALL ISSUES BEFORE THE TOWN DEERFIELD. (3/5 Vote Required)

Yes 528 **No** 329

For School Board Member for Three Years

(Vote for Not More than Two)

Don Gorman 557

For School District Moderator for One Year

(Vote for Not More than One)

Douglas Leavitt 689

For School District Clerk for One Year

(Vote for Not More than One)

Write-InsDavitt, Candy 4
Beaubien, Bonnie 3

For School District Treasurer for One Year

(Vote for Not More than One)

Cynthia E. Tomilson 737

School Ballot Question

BY PETITION, PURSUANT TO RSA 40:14, SHALL WE ADOPT THE PROVISION OF RSA 40:13 TO ALLOW VOTING BY OFFICIAL BALLOT ON ALL ISSUES BEFORE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF DEERFIELD. (3/5 Vote Required)

Yes 534 **No** 338

Deerfield Zoning Ordinance Results

Question 1:

1. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 AS PROPOSED BY THE DEERFIELD PLANNING BOARD FOR THE TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS?

Yes 502 **No** 288

Revise Article II, Section 211 Floodplain Development Regulations: A Applicability by removing last paragraph and replace it with the following:

The following regulations in this ordinance shall apply to all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its "Flood Insurance Study for Rockingham County, New Hampshire" dated May 17, 2005 or as amended, together with the associated Flood Insurance Rate Map Panels numbered 0060E, 0065E, 0070E, 0090E, 0095E, 0155E, 0160E, 0178E, 0180E, 0185E, dated May 17, 2005 or as amended which are declared to be part of this ordinance and are hereby incorporated by reference.

Question 2:

2. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 AS PROPOSED BY THE DEERFIELD PLANNING BOARD FOR THE TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS?

Yes 553 **No** 281

Amend Article II, Section 213, Senior Housing Overlay District as follows:

An affirmative vote will be for the passage of all of the proposed amendments to Section 213. A negative vote will be against all the proposed amendments to Section 213.

Revise Article II, Section 213.1, Location, to read as follows:

213.1 General Requirements and Location

2005 Town Meeting Election Portion cont.

A. The design and site layout of all elderly housing developments shall compliment and harmonize with the rural character of the Town of Deerfield, shall maximize the privacy of dwelling units and preserve the natural character of the land. A mixture of exterior architectural styles, acceptable to the Planning Board, shall be provided in each development.

B. All such elderly housing developments shall be landscaped to enhance their compatibility with surrounding areas, with emphasis given to the utilization of natural features wherever possible.

C. Senior Housing may be located in the A/R Zone.

Revise Article II, Section 213.4, Building Requirements, by replacing it with the following:

213.4 Building Requirements

A. The front, side line and rear setbacks for buildings, internal roadways, and parking lots from all external property lines shall be fifty (50) feet.

B. Lot coverage, including roofs, roadways, sidewalks and parking areas shall not exceed 25 percent of the lot.

C. Senior Housing development shall not be located within identified floodplains.

D. No dwelling unit shall contain more than two (2) bedrooms.

E. Each dwelling unit within the complex shall contain at least four hundred (400) square feet of living space.

F. No more than one third (1/3) of the dwellings shall be a single bedroom unit.

G. Dwelling units containing two (2) bedroom units shall have a minimum of six hundred (600) square feet per unit.

H. Two (2)-story buildings are permitted but all units shall have at-grade access. The maximum building height shall not exceed thirty five (35) feet.

I. There shall be no more than four (4) dwelling units in any one structure.

J. Where there will be more than one building on a lot, they shall have a minimum horizontal separation of thirty-five (35) feet.

K. A community building shall be provided of sufficient size for the residents, which can be used as a place of assembly and to provide the usual amenities and living aids bound in housing designed for use by the elderly.

Revise Article II, Section 213.7 by replacing paragraph B with the following:

B. Paved sidewalks and/or walking paths shall be provided within the development for access to public road, connection to other walking paths in the vicinity and, to the extent possible, to off-site community facilities. Such sidewalks and/or walking paths shall be for pedestrian access for exercise/recreation for the residents.

Revise Article II, Section 213.9 to read as follows:

213.9 Assurances of Senior Residency.

Residency restrictions for residential projects approved under the Elderly Housing Ordinance shall be accomplished by restrictions recorded in deeds, Condominium Declarations and/or other documents recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds. All deeds and covenants shall be subject to review of the Planning Board's attorney at the sole expense of the developer/builder, and shall be approved by the Planning Board. Covenants shall expressly provide that they may be specifically enforced by the Town whether by injunctive relief or otherwise. Covenants shall be signed by the Planning Board, and shall contain language specifying that Board approval is required for any subsequent changes to the covenants. Covenants shall expressly provide that they shall not be amended or modified, nor waivers granted thereunder, without the prior written approval of the Planning Board.

Revise Article II, Section 213 by adding the following sections:

213.10 Common Land/Open Space

A. In every Elderly Housing development, common land/open space shall be set aside and covenanted to be maintained permanently as open space. The required amount of open space for all elderly housing developments shall be calculated as follows:

2005 Town Meeting Election Portion cont.

Either:

1. No less than 30% of the gross upland area of the development. Upland area is defined as all soils, excluding poorly and very poorly drained soils, alluvial soils (subject to flooding), water bodies, and slopes equal to greater than 20%; or

2. No less than 30% of the gross land area of the development. No more than 50% of the open space land shall contain poorly drained soils.

B. In calculating common/open space area the following shall not be included: public right-of-way, very poorly drained soils, soils with slopes equal to or greater than 20%, parking lots, the footprints of all structures and the area within 35 feet of the structures. For developments with interior lot lines, the areas inside the lot lines shall not be included in the open space calculations.

C. Use of Common Land. Such common land shall be restricted to open space recreational uses such as park, swimming pool, tennis courts, golf course, or conservation. While the setbacks, front, rear and side are considered part of the common land, none of the above uses shall be allowed within these areas nor any other uses that would disturb the natural vegetation within these areas. These restrictions of the use of the common land (including the landscaped buffered area) shall be stated in the covenants running with the land.

D. Access to Open Space/Common Land. Such common land shall have suitable access to a road within the development.

E. Protection of Common Land. Open space, common areas, common facilities, private roadways, and other features within the Elderly Housing development shall be protected by covenants running with the land and shall be conveyed by the property owners to a homeowners association so as to guarantee the following:

1. The continued use of land for the intended purposes.
2. Continuity of proper maintenance for those portions of the development requiring maintenance.
3. The availability of funds required for such maintenance.
4. Recovery for loss sustained as a result of casualty, condemnation or otherwise.
5. Creation of a homeowners association or tenancy-in-common or similar form of ownership, with automatic membership and obligation of the residents of the Elderly Housing development upon conveyance of title or lease to single dwelling units. Homeowners association, tenancy-in-common, or similar form of ownership shall include lien provisions and shall be subject to review by the Planning Board.

213.11 Homeowners' Association

A. It shall be the responsibility of the developer/builder of each such elderly housing development to establish a Homeowner's Association and to prepare and adopt appropriate Articles and By-Laws, which are to be submitted in advance to the Planning Board and Town Counsel for their review and approval. In preparing the Articles and By-Laws, particular consideration shall be given to accommodating the unique needs of the elderly citizens and to ensuring that residents of such developments are guaranteed adequate and appropriate services. The creation of the Homeowner's Association and the Articles and By-Laws shall be at the sole expense of the developer/builder and the costs for the review by the Planning Board and Board's attorney shall also be born by the developer/builder. Any association formed for the purpose of elderly housing must have stipulated in the By-Laws and Declaration of Covenants, that the Association will at all times be in compliance with current ordinances of the Town governing elderly housing.

213.12 Senior Housing Documents

A. Condominium Documents, By-Laws, Homeowners1 Association and Declaration of Covenants shall be submitted to the Planning Board at the time the application is filed. The application will not be considered complete unless these documents are included. All documents in their final form must be signed by the Chair of the Planning Board and recorded at Rockingham County Registry of Deeds.

B. The applicant shall provide a listing of all elderly housing developments undertaken in the previous ten years by that applicant.

Question 3:

3. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NUMBER 3 AS PROPOSED BY THE DEERFIELD PLANNING BOARD FOR THE TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS?

Yes

421

No

370

2005 Town of Deerfield Town Meeting Business Minutes

March 26, 2005

The Business Portion of the Deerfield Town Meeting was originally scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2004. Due to inclement weather conditions, it was rescheduled for Saturday, March 26, 2005. In attendance were; Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson; Assistant Moderator, Douglas Leavitt; Selectmen, R. Andrew Robertson-Chairman, Frances L. Menard, Joseph E. Stone, James T. Alexander, and John Reagan; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Melissa J. Buckner; Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, R. Lynne DeVarney; Ballot Clerks, Suzanne Sherburne, Ella Sawyer, Barbara Daley, and Judith Hartgen; Election Assistants, Kevin Barry, Donald Gorman, Peter Aubrey, George Clark, George Keech and Richard Boisvert; Supervisor's of the Checklist; Cheri Sanborn, Diane Valade and Kathryn Williams; Town Administrator, Cynthia E. Heon; Office Assistant/Bookkeeper, Jeanette L. Foisy and Budget Assistant, Stephen R. Barry.

9:00am

Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson called the meeting to order. He stated that there was no smoking anywhere in the building and that the four emergency exits were the four blue doors. He stated that everyone should have checked in at the checklist and pick-up a set of ballots and a voter card to participate in the meeting. Those present who were not registered voters were to sit to the Moderator's left and he offered to put more chairs there if needed. In recognition of the labor and sacrifice of those who created, defended and refined the privilege of a democratic government under which those who assembled that morning, the Moderator asked the crowd to rise to pledge allegiance to the flag.

9:01am Pledge

*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands,
One Nation under God,
Indivisible with Liberty and Justice for All.*

The Moderator welcomed the body to the 2005, Deerfield Town Meeting. He introduced the Town Officials seated on the stage; the Selectmen; R. Andrew Robertson, Frances Menard, James Alexander, Joseph Stone, John Reagan and Stephen R. Barry as their Budget Assistant; Assistant Moderator; Douglas Leavitt; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Melissa Buckner assisted by Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, R. Lynne DeVarney; Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon assisted by Jeanette Foisy. He then introduced the officials working in the back of the hall, the Supervisor's of the Checklist, Cheri Sanborn, Diane Valade and Kathryn Williams; Ballot Clerks, Barbara Daley, Ella Sawyer assisted by Suzanne Sherburne and Judith Hartgen.

Election Results

The Moderator stated that at the Tuesday, March 8th (2005) Election a number of our neighbors stood for election. He explained that local public offices require a lot of time, and attention, and that the work is sometimes thankless and criticized. He expressed that the Town appreciated the willingness to serve of all the candidates who stood for office and wished wisdom and patience to all of those who were elected. Any candidates elected who had not already taken the oath of office were urged to do so immediately following the meeting. Once sworn in they would officially assume their positions. Elected were:

Selectmen: Joe Stone and John Reagan (James Alexander)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Melissa Buckner

Town Treasurer: Cynthia Tomilson

Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 Years: Dwight Barnes by Write-In

Trustee of the Trust Funds for 1 Years: Roger Hartgen by Write-In

Trustee of the Philbrick-James Library for 3 Years: Mary County and Maureen Mann

Trustee of the Philbrick-James Library for 2 Years: Gregory Doane

Water Comissioner: David O'Neal by Write-In

Planning Board: Gile Beye

Highway Agent: Alex Cote

Municipal Budget Committee for 3 Years: Christopher Roberge

Municipal Budget Committee for 3 Years: Dick Pitman & William Venn by Write-In

Overseer of Welfare: Colleen Guardia by Write-In

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The Moderator recognized these individuals and all who filed for office.

An Amendment to VOTE by Official Ballot System: PASSED

History of Town Meeting

as written and read by Town Moderator, Jonathan Hutchinson

Thinking about our adoption of SB2 and the changes we'll be making over the next year, I went to the archives to learn about Deerfield Town Meeting history and how our meetings have changed over the years. This morning, before we begin our 239th Annual Meeting, I would like to take a few minutes to share some of that with you. The Parish of Deerfield was authorized by the House of Representatives of the Province of New Hampshire on January 7, 1766, "Chargeable with the Duty of Maintaining the poor...repairing all Highways...and Supporting the...Preaching of the Gospel." Three weeks later we held our first Town Meeting at which we formed a committee to "Look out for a Suitable Place to Sett a Meetinghouse."

Since 1766 each meeting has had a warrant, and minutes have been recorded and preserved. The language used then is familiar to us today. The Warrant for our first annual meeting in March 1766 begins "This is to Notify and Warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Parish of Deerfield Qualified by Law to Vote in Parish affairs to Meet at the house of Mr. Wadleigh Crams in Said Deerfield Tuesday the 18th of March at ten of the Clock before noon." But we did not have an easy time learning to work together. The early minutes sometimes reported, "Voted to negative all the Articles of the warrant."

And we did not have Robert's Rules. In a 1769 meeting we, "Voted that all the votes that was passed the twelfth of January past and the 24th of February last at the house of Mr. Henry Tucker was Reconsidered and Entirely Disannulled and Revoked and are of no force No More than if it had never been voted." How is that for a reconsideration? The Congregational Meetinghouse, the first project of our young town, was ready for the September 1771 meeting. It was also the home of the Congregational Society. It stood where we now find Old Center Cemetery. In 1772 we set a wage rate for the town "a man is to have for a Days work two shillings the same for oxen the same for plough. Eighteen pence a day for Cart wheels."

In 1775 Deerfield volunteers joined in the Battle of Bunker Hill. Among them was John Simpson who fired the first shot. Three years later we "voted to allow each man that went to Cambridge at the time of Lexington battle one dollar per day." and "voted that fifty dollars be allowed to each man that enlisted into the Continental Services... without hire." In 1776 we voted a "Committee of Safety" responsible for loyalty oaths, identifying and disarming Tories and overseeing the men opposed to the revolution who were sent to New Hampshire under armed guard by the State of New York.

In 1777 we appropriated town funds to pay one of the two companies we raised for General George Washington's army. Eighteen Deerfield soldiers died in service during the Revolution – about 1 in 50 of our population. That would be like losing 80 of our sons and daughters today.

85 years later during the Civil War, President Lincoln called for 300,000 troops for the Army of the United States. Deerfield's quota was 23. We voted \$300 each for the conscripts or their substitutes. That year the annual school budget was \$1200 and the highway budget \$1500.

We were still carving our town out of a wilderness. In 1782 a petitioned Article sought to establish a bounty on wolves. Education was an early concern. In 1783 we considered "the erecting of schoolhouses in the center of each District." There would come to be 16 School Districts in Deerfield, each with its own schoolhouse and a single teacher who taught all grades.

When an epidemic of Spotted Fever struck Deerfield in 1815, we met on one day's notice. We voted "to supply such persons as may be attacked with... the Spotted Fever with such mediums and necessaries as may be prescribed by the Physicians", "that a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars be raised for the benefit of the sick in this town", and to "employ as many physicians as... necessary and pay them by the day."

Article 10 of the 1818 warrant reads "To take into consideration the Poor of this town and make such provisions for the year ensuing as thought most proper." A lengthy DEBATE on this topic dominated the meeting.

The care of the poor, the infirm, the elderly and the mentally unsound was entirely a town responsibility until 1868 when Rockingham County established the County Poor Farm in Brentwood.

Our 1845 meeting was the last in the Congregational Meetinghouse. We voted to dismantle it and reuse the material for a new Town House. We went on to "authorize and instruct" the selectmen "to erect such a building for a town house as they may think proper, the cost of which shall not exceed eight hundred dollars." That Town House was ready for the next Annual Meeting in 1846. We met there until 1990 when this school and gymnasium were opened.

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From 1766 until 1892, the election procedure was deliberate and lengthy. Taking 1846 as an example: our first order of business was filling 27 offices starting with Moderator and Town Clerk and ending with Cutlers of Staves, Measurers of Wood, Hogreeves, Field Drivers, Pound Keepers and the Superintendent of the Town Farm. One office at a time, nominations were taken, ballots cast and counted, the result announced and, if there was a winner, the elected official sworn in. If no candidate received a majority of the ballots cast, then a new ballot was taken. Once a winner was declared and sworn, the process recycled with nominations for the next office.

We worked a day and a half that year to complete elections. Then we took up the other Articles. On those, if a division of the house was called for, everyone exited the hall. Then as counters stood at each door, all in favor entered by the East Door and those opposed by the West Door.

In January, 1893, we voted 21 to 11 to "adopt provisions of Chapter 33 of the Public Statutes of New Hampshire for annual elections." That vote, by less than 10% of registered voters in a special meeting, ended the practice of conducting balloting one office at a time in open meeting. Now the polls opened at the start of the meeting and remained open until an agreed time, usually 3:00PM. Meanwhile we deliberated and voted the warrant Articles in parallel.

In 1895 we voted to "Make arrangements with the Telephone Co. to put a Telephone in this town." In 1933 we adopted the Australian ballot for the election of town officials. The following year would see the first use in Deerfield of a printed ballot listing all declared candidates.

Also in 1933 we addressed Depression unemployment by distributing road work among all men wanting it. "It was voted that the selectmen keep a list of the names of men who desire to work on the State Road Construction and employ a staggered crew of men working three days each week until all who wish have had employment."

In 1966 we moved to Saturday town meetings though in the following few years there was **DEBATE** about Tuesday evening versus Saturday morning and we switched back and forth. And then by 1976 we see Absentee Ballots for local elections.

Deerfield began as a parish of 800 colonists. Travel was difficult, mostly by foot. Interdependence with our neighbors and commitment to community was much higher. We did not lack for candidates for town offices – the leading citizens of the community all served. Most of us rarely left Deerfield.

At first we met in the homes of settlers. The poor, the roads and the church were our concerns. We met about six times a year as we struggled and often failed to make and sustain decisions.

During the period of the Revolutionary War, our meetings became more orderly and productive. In addition to responsibilities for the poor, the roads, the church and the schools, we set a wage rate for laborers, paid soldiers who served in the Army, funded medical care, regulated trade, set a bounty on crows and participated in the formation of state government. For one hundred and twenty-six years the form of the meetings was stable, though participation varied widely. Some declarations report as few as thirty votes were cast.

We made our first big change in 1893 when we adopted a single prepared ballot for election to all offices. Then in 1933 we moved to an official ballot with declared candidates. In the years following we separated elections from our business meeting and later introduced absentee ballots.

Though many descendants of the early settlers continue to live in Deerfield, today we are largely a bedroom community of people whose work and families are in other places. Federal and State authority have increased and local responsibility and prerogative declined. We no longer have primary responsibility for the poor, pay Deerfield soldiers for their service, hire doctors in an epidemic or elect Scalers of Weights and Measures and others to regulate trade. In fact now we sometimes have elections with no declared candidate.

But for 238 years we've been electing a moderator and selectmen and debating and funding roads and education as a citizen legislature in the Town Meetings Thomas Jefferson described as "the wisest invention ever devised by the wit of man for the perfect exercise of self government." The Town Meeting is a New England invention which, though widely admired, has never taken root in any other soil. And it has been in decline in much of New England for some years now. We've been privileged to participate in this pure form of democracy. It is our challenge to do as well with the next step we've voted to take under SB2. We have a proud history as a community. I hope that we can work together to build an equally proud future.

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POINTS OF RECOGNITION

The Moderator announced that there were several point of recognition that would be made at the meeting. He recognized Selectmen, R. Andrew Robertson.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson recognized Stephen Barry who served the Board over the last few years. Selectman Robertson explained that Mr. Barry was on stage for the meeting because he was the Municipal Budget Committee representative who held the key to the Selectmen's budget. On behalf of the Selectmen, Selectman Robertson gave Stephen Barry a few tokens of appreciation for his service.

The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon.

Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon recognized Jeanette Foisy who held the position of Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 16 years. Mrs. Heon explained that Mrs. Foisy met challenges with enthusiasm and thanked her for walking beside her with late nights of election requirements and computer conversions. Mrs. Heon also thanked Mrs. Foisy's family, Frank, Heidi and Ted for giving up their wife and mother at times that may not have been convenient. Mrs. Heon presented Mrs. Foisy with a token of her appreciation and a certificate of meritorious service for her 16 years as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joe Stone

Joe Stone asked Joanne Wasson and Mark Tibbetts to join him on stage. Selectman Stone stated that he was thrilled to see so many residents came to this meeting because for a few minutes he wanted to pay tribute to a former member of Deerfield, Bill O'Neal. He asked Town Historian, Joanne Wasson, to give a little history of Bill O'Neal. Joanne Wasson explained that Selectman Stone would later give the specifics of the great bequest that Bill O'Neal had recently given to the Town for historic preservation and other departments in Town. However, Ms. Wasson wanted to give a brief personal account of Bill O'Neal's character. Bill O'Neal was a friend to Ms. Wasson. They grew up together in a very small town (Deerfield) during the Great Depression. They went to school in a one room school house heated by a big woodstove with no modern facilities. They would often reminisce of people back then who they would today describe as "characters." Bill in his own way became a marvelous character on his own. Besides being a very intelligent man, he was blessed with a fantastic memory. In school, they were required to memorize who poems, some of which they still remember. But even after school, Mr. O'Neal kept on memorizing poetry. He loved poetry of all kinds. This led to his popularity in his later life when he became a very well known reciter raconteur. Bill was in great demand by many organizations for his humorous program. He appeared on television programs like New Hampshire Crossroads. He spoke to all kinds or organizations and radio stations but he was also in demand for programs at the University of New Hampshire where professors would invite him in to speak. Mr. O'Neal was the Yankee voice in Politician Judd Gregg's early campaign ads. Mr. O'Neal kept well informed of what was going on in the world and he had a great sense of respect and interest in the past. It was the Town's good fortune that Mr. O'Neal had such an interest in the past. He bequested funds to the Historical Society for a Museum and maintenance of artifacts for the society. One of Mr. O'Neal's favorite poems in his programs was by Frank Stanton, "Keep a Goin'." Ms. Wasson claimed that it appeared in every one of his programs and it was a philosophy of life for him. It was her hope that his memory "keeps a goin'."

Selectman Stone recognized Fire Chief, Mark Tibbetts

Chief Tibbetts explained that Bill O'Neal left a little over \$168,000 to the Deerfield Fire Department. With the donation, the Department had already started refurbishing their Forestry truck and ordered a new piece of apparatus to replace the 1985 Utility Van which hauls the jaws cascade system and all of the fire equipment. A picture of Bill O'Neal and his Well Drilling Truck will be placed on the side of the van with the words, "Keep a Goin'." According to Chief Tibbetts, Bill O'Neal left the Deerfield Rescue Squad over \$168,000 as well. The Rescue had used some of the funds to send eight EMTs to classes, to purchase a computer for the department and protective gear for all the members. The rest of the money will be invested for future equipment and training. Selectman Joe Stone said that after Bill O'Neal had passed away, the Historical Society was notified that his wishes werethat the Historical Society go to his home and pick out items that they felt would make a good part of the museum one day. The Society followed his wishes. On top of that, he gave two gifts to the Historical Society, \$168,000 to be used for administration and or the building of a museum and another \$168,000 to be used to build a museum. The Directors of the Historical Society had decided to let that money lay there for a year or so as they look at what may want to in the future for a Historical Museum. Selectman Stone hopes within five years that there will be a museum where people can come and see the Heritage of the Town of Deerfield. On behalf of the Historical Society, Selectman Joe Stone thanked Bill O'Neal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

The Transfer Station Manager Eugene Edwards wanted residents to know the Transfer Station would be open the next day (Easter Sunday). The Conservation Commission had materials on display that pertained to articles on the warrant.

PURPOSE RULES AND DECORUM AS READ BY MODERATOR

Each member who wishes to vote in this meeting should have checked in with the ballot clerks, and should have received a voting card and a sheet of ballots. If you are a registered voter and have not checked in yet, please do so now. All

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individuals present who are not registered voters of the Town of Deerfield, must be seated in the designated area to my left your right. They are permitted to participate in **DEBATE**, but not to **VOTE**.

The rules for this meeting will be Robert's Rules of Order as modified by the moderator in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire. Our order of the day is the Town Warrant. We will proceed through the warrant as follows. I will read each Article, then seek a motion and a second. The maker of the motion will have the first chance to speak. Then the floor will be open to all. If you wish to address the meeting, please approach one of the microphones. I will recognize members at the microphones in turn. When it is your turn to speak, please step up to the microphone and speak directly into it. The microphone is voiceactivated, and your remarks are recorded so that the clerk may make an accurate record of this meeting. All remarks must be confined to the merits of the pending question, or to questions of order or privilege, and all remarks must be addressed to the chair. When you are recognized, please state your name. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes to express his/her views. You may speak as many times as you wish, but all members who wish to speak will have a first turn before any has a second. The overriding principle in all cases must be fairness. The speaker may address the currently pending question or he may **MOVE** to close **DEBATE**, but he may not do both in the same turn. This means that if a speaker argues for or against a motion, he may not then conclude his remarks with "and I **MOVE** the previous question." We adopted this rule a number of years ago, and, with the support of the assembly, will follow it in this meeting. A secret ballot will be conducted when requested by five members in writing prior to a hand vote. Such request must be for a specific vote, not for all votes in this meeting or all amendments to this Article. The secret ballot provision exists to offer secrecy, and is not intended to be used as a tactic of delay. If you wish to request a secret ballot, please approach a microphone, and, when recognized, make the request. Then pass the written request to the moderator. Otherwise votes will be by a show of voting cards. If the Chair cannot judge a clear majority, he will move to a Division. Likewise if a member is not satisfied that the result announced by the Chair is correct, he should request a Division. Division will be a count of the raised cards. Seven members who question any non-ballot vote immediately after it is announced may request a written ballot vote. If the margin of a vote by Division is narrow, the moderator may also move to a ballot vote. Five voters may request a recount of a written ballot vote, providing that the vote margin is not more than 10 percent of the total vote cast. In this case, the recount shall take place immediately following the public announcement of that vote. If there is something you wish to accomplish here but you are uncertain how to proceed, please ask. You can do that at any time during the meeting at one of the microphones, or you can approach any of us during a recess. Similarly, if during the meeting, something is not clear to you, please rise to a point of inquiry, then ask for an explanation. Finally, the role of the moderator is to fairly organize and regulate the meeting according to rules agreeable to the members. Rulings of the moderator are subject to appeal by any member. An appeal must be made immediately following the ruling. A second is required. The ruling and the appeal will be explained to the meeting. Then the members will vote either to sustain or to reverse the ruling.

ORDER OF THE DAY, THE TOWN WARRANT

The warrant began on page 9 of the 2004 Annual Report.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF DEERFIELD, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Deerfield Community School in said Deerfield, Saturday, the twelfth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand One Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$420,135) for the purpose of constructing a new Police Station. This sum to be raised and appropriated in one year.

Moderator: What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson: I would **MOVE** Article 1 as written.

Selectman, Frances Menard: I **SECOND**.

Moderator: The Article is now Open for Discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained that this Article was part of an on-going process to rectify the situation in the Police Station. The Selectmen perceived that the Town was not interested in a Safety Services Complex at this time. Article 1 was a proposed modular building at that same location where the Safety Services Complex was proposed for last year. The Board of Selectmen and the Police Department have been advised by outside authorities that the Town's current facility for a Police Department does not meet State or Federal regulations. Selectman Robertson deferred to Chief Robert Wunderlich for more specific items regarding the project.

The Chair Recognized Police Chief Robert Wunderlich

Police Chief Robert Wunderlich stated that over the past several years the Police Department has come to the Town with the needs for the safety services. In 2004, Sergeant Steven Turner and the Chief took a tour of Strafford's modular Police

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Facility because other Police Departments have gone with this alternative. Chief Wunderlich and Sergeant Turner were impressed with the modular facility because of its affordability, durability and ease of setup. The company that designed Strafford's Modular Police Station set up a proposal for the Town of Deerfield which included all site work, building materials and labor which came to \$420,135. The Chief felt that this was the least amount of money that could be spent for a Police Station which should last for 25 to 50 years.

The Chair Recognized Gary Roberge, 326 North Road

Gary Roberge claimed that if anyone has had the need to interface with the Police Department that they would see that there is a space crunch and there is no room to do work or provide any service. He explained that despite the fact that he didn't like the idea of raising his taxes, the Police Department dearly needed a new building. He whole heartedly supported it and hoped the rest of the body would as well.

The Chair Recognized Warren Billings III, 37 Reservation Road

Warren Billings claimed that Deerfield has never once failed to support Emergency Services in this Town. The criteria that needed to be met was that it was fiscally responsible and that it shared some common sense. He vehemently believed that the residents have yet to be offered those requirements to solve this problem. He served on the Emergency Services Space Needs Committee and saw the Police Station six years ago and claims they were out of space then. It was deplorable working conditions and it was a liability lawsuit waiting to happen then. According to Mr. Billings, instead of using Yankee ingenuity to solve that problem, it was melded into one that all the emergency services were in crisis. He claimed that the Fire Department has not been in crisis, nor is it presently in crisis. This is why the Safety Services Complex did not pass. Mr. Billings was frustrated because he felt the Town of Deerfield owns too much real estate including an old school building. He felt an accurate cost analysis had not been sought for renovations of that school building for the Town Offices and a Police Station. He pointed out that the Town attempts to run it as a retail business but fails miserably which ends up costing taxpayers money as they subsidize rental. Mr. Billings recommended that the Board put together a committee to assess the cost of renovating what the Town already owns. He believed that prior estimates were done by people who were at the same time offering estimates to build a new safety services complex which they thought the Town could afford. The Town has shown time after time that it cannot. Mr. Billings had looked at the Sherett plan for the Town and claimed that he had yet to see a vinyl sided modular building in the center of Town.

The Chair Recognized Steven Turner, 3 North Road

Steven Turner arose in favor of the Article. He explained that he had a vested interest in the Article because he works for the Department. In 1991 when he started, the Police Station had just moved out of a corner room in the Highway Shed from what is now the Food Pantry. They moved into two former classrooms in the lower section of the George B. White Building which is now occupied by the kindergarten. They were cramped for space then, so a few years later, they got another classroom that doubled their size and they were still cramped for space. From the time he arrived in 1991, there was talk that a new Police Station was needed however, he heard that other bonds needed to be paid off first and there was always a reason why the Town could not afford it. Mr. Turner stated that taxes are a sore subject, but there comes a time when the risks outweigh the proposed tax increase.

The Town Insurer came in to do a Risk Assessment for the Station and the Insurer found that the Town was in dire jeopardy for a major lawsuit. Mr. Turner claimed that the Town has been looking for a Police Station for the past fifteen years. For the past two years, Safety Services has come before Town meeting with a solution to the problem and this was the third proposal. This Modular building would suit the Department's needs and save the Town almost 1.4 million dollars over last year's proposed complex. Mr. Turner explained that people had asked why the Article was not a bond and the reasoning was that if it was requested this year it would be done and paid for in one year and it would last for thirty to fifty years. In addition, a bond would add another \$50,000 to the project bringing the cost up to about a half million dollars. He asked the members of the meeting to use the same wisdom and judgment that they used last year to recognize the need for a Police Station and that they vote in favor of Article 1.

The Chair Recognized Jonathan Barry, 27 Lang Road

Mr. Barry noted that one of the diagrams posted at the meeting showed that the proposed modular Police Station is where the previously proposed Safety Service Complex was to be located. He asked if there were any plans to add to a Safety Complex as it was brought to the Town Meeting last year or the year before.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson stated that there was no specific plan to add onto this building at this state, but it is proposed for the same sight. However, the Selectmen and Police would like to use the same ground plan as the previously proposed complex that would leave a section open for later expansion or addition of buildings etcetera.

The Chair Recognized Carolyn Emerson, 75 Raymond Road

Ms. Emerson asked how space needs could escalate to a lawsuit. She also wanted to know if a tenant could be removed to create more space for the Police Department.

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The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained that the space needs leading to lawsuits comes down to a couple of specific instances. For example, if juveniles have a situation with an adult, the two need to be completely separated sight and sound from each other in the station. When there are domestic violence situations there needs to be secure space. This particularly comes into play with crimes of a sexual nature. According to Selectman Robertson, right now as the building stands it is not particularly secure. There certain walls and doorways which a grown man could easily break through. There are dangerous crimes from time to time in Deerfield and there is virtually no way to separate someone brought into the Police Station who may be violent or under the influence who may be giving their version of an incident that happened with a juvenile, rape cases, domestic situations, from the victim and that is where space and liability comes into play. There has been some analysis of what could be done with the G.B. White Building. It is conceivable that the Town could get rid of tenants. One of the things that the Select Board and other Select Boards have looked at is the cost of renovating that building and whether it is actually worth spending that amount of money on renovation.

The Chair Recognized Christine Hatfield, 107 Mount Delight Road

Ms. Hatfield claimed that she started out in favor of this Article because the space is inadequate and for the reasons that Selectman Robertson had stated. But, she also had respect for Warren Billings and she was impressed by what he said. She would like to hear more from the Select Board on whether Mr. Billing's concerns had been address with a serious look in terms of numbers as to why the George B. White Building is not a good candidate for taking back more space for Town use in terms of cost.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson stated that there was not a specific analysis that the Board has looked at over the last six months. However the Board's primary concerns start with the septic system across from GBW which is right on the edge of what it can support now. Another concern is the roof. There was a look at what it would cost to turn the George B. White Building into usable space for the Town about six years ago. His recollection was that the minimum cost was around \$900,000. He was not sure if other Board Members had a better recollection.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

Selectman Alexander explained that he had served on the original Building Committee. At that time, they studied the feasibility of converting the lower section of the building to house either the Police or Fire Departments, but because it was a steel building with a life expectancy of 20 years, they estimated the renovation cost to be a minimum of \$800,000 to convert that lower portion. It was never an intention of the Board when he was a member to consider this option because of the cost involved.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

Selectman Stone claimed that he was a member of the School Board in 1971 when the George B. White Building was built. When a recommendation that an addition be made to the George B. White Building and pay it off in one year people laughed. But when the vote was taken, it passed to the shock of the maker of the motion. What Selectman Alexander has stated, he echoed. In 2000, Plan New Hampshire came to the Selectmen with a group of professionals to survey the best use the Town Green. At that time the Selectman asked the group to look at the George B. White Building to see if there was a feasibility of putting the Police Station at the lower level. Jeff Taylor of this group came back and said it was not feasible. The walls of the current Police Department are not sound proof according to Selectman Stone. Children are walking the halls with their escorts from the child care center and people are coming through the front door. He believes that sooner or later there is going to be a liability that will exceed the cost of the proposed building. He is against huge tax increases, and he knows that there was a large increase last year. But he urged people to think about the liability, what is needed at the station and to vote their consciences.

The Chair Recognized Laura Cote, 5 James City Road

Ms. Cote wanted to echo what Selectman Joe Stone stated. She implored people to vote YES on this Article. Mrs. Cote shared that she has a 5-year-old that has attended the daycare in the George B. White Building. She explained that people from the daycare and the pizza place walk the same halls to use the restrooms in the building. She had a conversation with Mr. Turner and learned that there is a room where 22 firearms are stored safely in that same corridor. This was a huge concern and a liability in Mrs. Cote's mind. There are too many people that are coming through that building and there were a lot of outside a lot of people who were not aware of the situation she described and she wanted to share that.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road

Mr. Broad wanted clarification as to why a new Police Station needed to be constructed. He questioned if it was because the walls were in disarray at the current station and asked if anyone had ever escaped from the Deerfield Police Department.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson stated that he did not believe there had been an escape from the Deerfield Police Department. He did know that there had been relatively dangerous folks lined up in the hallway when the station did not have room for them. He deferred to Sergeant Turner.

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The Chair Recognized Sergeant Stephen Turner

Sergeant Turner stated that no one has escaped from the Deerfield Police Department.

The Chair Recognized Walter Hooker, Municipal Budget Committee Chairman

As Chairman of the Municipal Budget Committee (MBC) he wanted to report that when the MBC initially voted on this warrant prior to the Public Hearing, it was not recommended by a vote of 2 to 8. After the Public Hearing, it was voted to be recommended by a vote of 7 to 2. He could not speak for the other members because he did not change his vote. He did not recommend the Article, but the Members were encouraged by the Police Chief and Sergeant Turner to recommend this Article so that the members of the Town Meeting could vote on it. If the MBC had not recommended this Article, the member of the Town Meeting could not vote on it. It is Mr. Hooker's belief that a number of MBC voters may have changed their votes so that the members of Town Meeting could vote on it.

The Chair Recognized Walter Hooker, 1 Blue Heron Lane

Speaking as a citizen, Mr. Hooker was still not in favor of Warrant Article 1 primarily because he did not feel that all of the alternatives were presented at the time that the warrant Article was presented or discussed. He did not believe that anyone could say with absolute certainty that the modular would be adequate fifty years from now and thirty may be a stretch. He was further disappointed that a bond was not presented to reduce the cost. There was no mention of a bond because in Mr. Hooker's opinion, the warrant was not thoroughly researched by the Police Department.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady stated that many years ago when the school moved out of the George B. White Building and into the current facility, she made the motion that the George B. White Building not be sold for the appraised value of \$195,000, but instead used it for Town Offices because it was costing approximately \$40,000 a year to keep the offices in the Old Center Road Town Hall. There was a concern of handicapped accessibility in the Old Town Hall and it seemed that there would be a need for more Town facilities in the George B. White Building. Mrs. Cady stated she could not understand the "piece-mail" attitude of the selectmen over the years to keep renting and not foreseeing the needs of the Police Department. It really bothered her, because as she sees the changes in office space and extended lease agreements with the day care, she felt that space should have been used for the Police Department. Mrs. Cady stated that the cost of replacing a septic system seemed small in comparison to building a structure. The George B. White Building was intended to be for the Town's use, not for rental completely. The rentals were to be an interim use of empty space to defray the cost of the facilities of the Town Offices being in the building. She echoed Warren Billings and the Budget Chairman, Walter Hooker. Mrs. Cady pointed out that good planning would have facilitated using the George B. White Building for public offices in the Town of Deerfield. The Board of Selectmen shouldn't have been landlords they should have been putting Town Offices in the building.

The Chair Recognized Jeanne Menard, 36 Mountain Road

Ms. Menard, a Member of the Volunteer Rescue Squad, gave a personal account. When Rescue has been called into the Police Department to assist with a medical situation which may have arisen with someone who has been taken into custody, it is a very volatile situation in a very cramped room. There are times, in an effort to help someone at the Police Station, the Rescue Members put themselves at risk. It was personal example of the need for the Police to have a room to work with people who need correction or restraint.

The Chair Recognized Rebecca Hutchinson, 30 Lang Road

Mrs. Hutchinson claimed that as a member of the Municipal Budget Committee she voted against Article 1 at first because it came very late and they didn't have an opportunity to hear much about it. After the Public Hearing, she did change her vote. Mrs. Hutchinson explained that as Mr. Hooker had stated, as a Member of the Municipal Budget Committee, one has to weigh whether or not to support big budget items so that they can be heard by the full body of Town Meeting. She did change her vote for this reason. Mrs. Hutchinson believed that the chances of the Town supporting a larger building that encompassed Fire, Rescue and Police was not likely. She was saddened to hear that the discussions about safety were discussions of liability and lawsuits. She hoped that what people were really worried about was not about a potential lawsuit, but about the safety of the people that use that building. She asked that safety be the guiding factor in deciding to vote for Article 1 rather than a fear of lawsuits. She was convinced that there was never going to be a perfect time, so she supported Article 1.

The Chair Recognized Richard Boisvert, 68 Old Center Road

Mr. Boisvert expressed that it was clear that there is a need. It had been brought before the Town Meeting and the cost had been lowered each time. In his opinion, this presentation was at a rock bottom price. In the past, the concern had been cost, he believed the Police Department had met that concern and that the members of the meeting should support it

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained that it was the cost that was driving this. What attracted the Selectmen to this as a Board, was the number one thing they had heard about in 2004, the tax rate and keeping an eye on spending. Regardless what proposal was favored, either renovating the George B. White Building or waiting until the Town could afford a Safety Service Complex, the Town would not see a more cost effective, low cost Police Department proposal than Article 1. It was the Board's belief that this was not going to be done more cheaply by renovating the George B. White Building and there was significant danger in waiting to convince the Town to do something with the Safety Service Complex. The Police Chief

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and Sergeant had their ears to the ground regarding taxes and spending and that is why they have proposed a modular building. Vinyl siding might not be the most appropriate for the center of Town but he believed that something could be done to pass the test for appearance.

The Chair Recognized Robert Matthews, 47 Candia Road

Mr. Matthews accepted the need for space and he felt the need to address the issues, however, he agreed with Warren Billings that it doesn't seem as though due consideration had been given to the design aspects. He didn't feel that this would be an addition to the Town that residents would be happy to live with for the next fifty years and he would like to see more emphasis put on that aspect of the issue and to consider the matter further.

The Chair Recognized Norma Koski, 30 Perry Road

Ms. Koski just wanted to go on record "historically speaking" at the last Town Meeting. She felt that like the Quakers, the community coming together on this issue might be a really good thing. She would be willing to work on something like that, but she would not support any vinyl buildings in her name. She has been in the Community for 22 years and she would like to be here for many more.

The Chair Recognized Warren Billings, III, 37 Reservation Road

Mr. Billings wanted to make it clear that he could not agree more that the George B. White Building is a very poor place to have a childcare center. That said, because the tenants currently in the building are ill suited to the Town's needs does not necessarily mean the Town should move out. Mr. Billings claimed that the estimate given for the steel part of the building was a ballpark figure given by the same company that was proposing to build the Safety Complex. But as a contractor he explained that if a contractor was pricing a new building to replace an existing building, the cost of renovation goes up. Whether that was done or not, he had no clue. However, the Town has never been offered a line item estimate for renovating the George B. White Building. Mr. Billings explained that in 1971 as Mr. Stone stated, an addition to the George B. White Building was passed at Town Meeting. As Mr. Billings remembered it, Preston Wears didn't bring the Article forward because he wanted it to fail, but because in his words, although not exact, "These people keep moving into Town and they want a bigger school, then by God they're going to pay for it before they move out." It was paid for in a year. Mr. Billings admitted that the addition was a short term solution to a long term problem and the Town's people knew it when they built it. He asked the members of the meeting to humor him for a moment. The George B. White Building is out of septic, parking and space. Mr. Billings suggested that the tin building be taken off, that the brick and mortar buildings be renovated and put offices in there. He explained that it might cost more, it may have to be bonded, but twenty years from now whether the Town owns it or someone buys it and puts an architectural facade on it, people will still drive by and say, "there's the old school." It is the nature of the beast. Mr. Billings closed his statement by saying, "We own it. Let's use it." *Applause coming from the room prompted the Moderator to remind people that there were not be displays after speakers because it is important to respect everyone's opinion in the room.*

QUESTION MOVED: David O'Neal, 10 Meetinghouse Hill Road.

MOTION SECONDED: Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road.

Moderator: There were two speakers waiting for a turn to address the meeting. Should we stop **DEBATE** now and order an immediate **VOTE** on Article 1 as written? (requires a 2/3 majority). As many as in favor may signify by raising their voting cards and keeping them raised. Those Opposed?

The **AYES** had it and **DEBATE** is **CLOSED**.

Five members of the meeting put in writing a request for a secret ballot prior to a hand vote of Article 1.

Moderator: Once the empty boxes are shown, the procedure will be announced. For Article 1, Ballot A will be used. If Ballot A is not used, it will not be counted. **Article 1:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand One Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$420,135) for the purpose of constructing a new Police Station. This sum to be raised and appropriated in one year. If you are in favor of this Article, please clearly mark YES on Ballot A, if opposed please clearly mark NO.

The ballots were collected.

The results were announced after the **VOTE** on Article 2.

The Results for Article 1 were:

YES: 88

NO: 251

Article 1 was **DEFEATED**.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Mrs. Wilson stated that she would like to **MOVE** Article 13 to Article 2.

Moderator: You would like to take up Article 13 at this time. This would be a **MOTION** to suspend the rules in order to take up Article 13 at this time. Do we have a **SECOND** for that **MOTION**? **MOTION SECONDED:** David Twombly, 8 Old Center Rd

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MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Mrs. Wilson stated her reason for moving to suspend the rules and moving Article 13 out of order was because in there was a hidden amount of \$3.20. So, considering what was voted the prior week at School District Meeting, and if the budget was accepted as it was presented it brought the tax rate to \$37.77 without any additional warrants. She believed that voters would be more cautious about spending if they knew they were voting in \$37.77 per thousand.

MODERATOR: Is there any other factual information the voters should understand to vote intelligently on this motion to suspend the rules and take up Article 13 now? Seeing none, are we ready for the Question? The Question is on a **MOTION** to Suspend the Rules and take up Article 13 which is the main budget Article next instead of Article 2. As many as are in favor of this Article, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised.

The Results of the **MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES** were:

The **NAYS** had it.

The **MOTION** is **DEFEATED**.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of reconstructing a portion of State Routes 43 and 107 at the intersection of Candia Road and Old Center Road. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7,VI and will not lapse until the reconstruction is completed or by December 31, 2010, whichever is sooner. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.

Moderator: What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

Selectman, James Alexander: I would **MOVE** Article 2 as printed.

Selectman, Frances Menard: I **SECOND**.

Moderator: The Article is now Open for Discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

According to Selectman Alexander, Article 2 has been an ongoing project and it fell under the same category that the reconstruction of South Road did. For every dollar that the Town appropriates and raises, the State will match it with two. At the time of Town Meeting, the Town had credit between the engineering work that had been done and money that had been set aside of slightly over \$112,000. The State had set aside an earmark of \$250,000 for this project. The purpose of putting in \$40,000 in 2005 was to keep the project at the front of the State's list. It appeared it would be slated for the State's fiscal year of 2007/2008. The State had been reviewing the plans there were submitted by the Town to that point. Selectman Stone and Alexander met with the State who seem to favor a round about at the Old Center Road and Candia Road intersection. It was believed that it would relieve congestion with new housing and construction that is proposed for Old Center Road and Meetinghouse Hill Road. He urged the people to vote in favor of this so that the threat of a bad situation could be eliminated and in the future it could act as a deterrent for high speed at that intersection.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Robinson, 156 Mountain Road

Mr. Robinson believed that Selectman Alexander answered his question regarding whether the State was going to participate on a two for one basis. Mr. Robinson felt that was acceptable arrangement between the Town and the State as far as State Roads were concerned.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

Selectman Alexander shared that he and Selectman Stone were told that if they waited for this project to be funded 100% by the State, none of the members of the meeting would live long enough to see it happen. The State Department of Transportation is allowed some funds that do not fall into the 10 year highway project, and it was unlikely to be in the next 10 year project.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Robinson, 156 Mountain Road

Mr. Robinson's asked if the work being done on Old Center Road and Candia Road was dependant upon the State being the major shareholder of the funding.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

Selectman Alexander confirmed Mr. Robinson's statement and explained that the State would contribute 2/3 of the funding on this project. Deerfield at that time had made monetary contributions to this. Once the project was under way, the land that was along Route 107 which is Town owned would be considered as a donation at it's market value for the Town's part. Although not monetary, the State would match the value 2:1.

The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Mr. Gross asked if this project was going to happen two or three years into the future, would the Town be asked again to provide more funding for this fund or was this the last of the money the Town would be asked to provide.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

Selectman Alexander responded that the request would be ongoing to the taxpayers. The Town's ultimate cost on this based on current projections, would be in the range of \$400,000 to \$450,000.

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The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Mr. Gross asked for more clarification, that if he understood, Article 2 would bring the Town's fund up to \$150,000 of that \$450,000. He asked if that was correct.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

Selectman Alexander responded that the \$40,000 requested in Article 2 would bring the fund approximately to that amount.

The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Mr. Gross wanted to know how Article 2 might dovetail on Warrant Article 1 which was for a Police Station if at all.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained that the two Articles were not specifically dovetailed, but the same groundwork that was laid for the safety service building would be used with the appropriate amount of space. The amount of land on the borders of Route 107 and Candia Road allowed the road construction and Police project to not effect each other in any manner. He further explained as Selectman Alexander had mentioned, that the strip of land along side of those roads would count in lieu of cash at an appraised value toward the Town's contribution for construction.

The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Mr. Gross expressed, "I am going to miss this exchange."

The Chair Recognized Karla Hatem, 107 Mount Delight Road

Ms. Hatem asked for clarification of whether the \$400,000 to \$450,000 was the total cost of the project or just the Town's portion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

Selectman Alexander explained that the \$450,000 was the Town's cost and that the total cost for the project would be somewhere in the 1.5 million dollar range.

The Chair Recognized Karla Hatem, 107 Mount Delight Road

Again, Ms. Hatem sought clarification on the location and reason for the construction. She asked if it had to do with the proposed elderly housing on Meetinghouse Hill Road.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained that Selectman Alexander mentioned increased housing, but there was elderly housing currently and the state had looked at that intersection prior to elderly housing. The intersection had been an on-going concern of the Selectman and State Highway Engineers. Three roads come together at an odd angle at an odd hill juncture around a small island. According to Selectman Robertson, the State engineers believed the layout made no sense and it was not in the interest of public safety. Essentially, the contribution kept the Town in line to show good faith. If the contributions were not made, the project's slated position could lose priority.

The Chair Recognized Karla Hatem, 107 Mount Delight Road

Ms. Hatem asked whether the \$112,00 was money that was already put-up came from the prior years and whether there would need to be more money put-up each year until the project was completed. Her concern came from the recent increase in taxes in 2004 and as a result she felt a lot of people were struggling. She claimed that the results of the School District Meeting would already raise taxes \$3.00 per thousand in 2005.

She stated that Deerfield is a small town where the taxpayers are directly responsible for the budget because there are no big businesses to help. She understood that it was only another \$40,000, but she claimed it would raise taxes another \$.50 per thousand. She stated, as a Mount Delight resident, she would love to see the roads fixed, but she just did not think Deerfield could afford Article 2 right now. As someone pointed out, before the warrant Articles, the taxes were \$37.00 to \$38.00 per thousand and Ms. Hatem believed that people were being taxed out of Town.

The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres

Ms. Ruiz asked with the State contributing 2/3 toward the construction proposed in Article 2, what will happen to local control of the planning. She asked if the Town would still have control over a traffic circle or if there would be other options.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

Selectman Alexander explained that the traffic circle had been indicated by the State to be the favored way of treating intersections like this one. However, he stated there was nothing carved in stone as to what the final plan would be. The Town had turned in one set of plans to the State which was still under review.

The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres

Ms. Ruiz questioned whether the Town voted on the plans submitted to the State.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

Selectman Alexander stated that the Town had almost total control over the plans that were submitted to the State, although the State would hold final approval because the State would not put in 2/3 of the financing for a plan they did not approve.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady, as a former appraiser of Right of Way for the Department of Transportation, stated that there are certain things that take place when roads or bridges are rebuilt in a town. The Department of Transportation puts State Roads in a 10 year plan for reconstruction. She asked if the project was in the 10 year plan.

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The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

Selectman Stone's answer was no.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady explained that the Department of Transportation pays for Highway repairs, expansions and widenings for various reasons. She suspected that the reason in this case would be a safety problem. She claimed that State of New Hampshire determined safety problems by having a study conducted that shows how many deaths have occurred at an intersection. According to Mrs. Cady, that is when the State decides if an intersection needs to be repaired or if lights should be put up, as in Candia's case at the intersection of State Route 27 and State Route 43. She asked if Deerfield had those figures.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

Selectman Stone's answer was no.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady stated that the Department of Transportation pays all costs for repairs to State Highways and when repairs are done on an intersection such as the one at Old Center Road and Candia Road, the State always does the grading etcetera to it. Her second point was that before any funds would be used to repair State Route 107, public hearings would be held and the Executive Counselor and three other people would hold a public meeting for the people of the Town to comment on the engineered plans for the design being changed. Although, the Town had submitted plans to the Department of Transportation, the State would go with its own plans on how they decide to engineer the project and there would be public hearings.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

Selectman Stone corrected Mrs. Cady's statement by clarifying that there would be an Executive Counsel plus four other, not three other.

QUESTION MOVED: Philip Bilodeau, 140 Nottingham Road

MOTION SECONDED: Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

The Chair Recognized Gary Roberge, 326 North Road

Mr. Roberge asked for a POINT of ORDER. He felt that the tax rate of fifty cents for \$40,000 should be corrected. *The Moderator explained that that was not a point of order. It was a point of information. A Point of Order always pertains to a ruling and it has a very high precedence. There was no ruling at that time.*

The Chair Recognized Gary Roberge, 326 North Road

Mr. Roberge said a prior speaker said that \$40,000 on the tax rate would be fifty cents and he wanted one of the members of the Board of Selectmen to verify that.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson said that he did not have a specific number, but that \$277,000 equals one dollar on the tax rate.

Moderator: We are ready for the question? We had previous question **MOVED** and

SECONDED. Now we are ready to **VOTE** on that. This closes **DEBATE** and we have no one at the microphones. That means we do not need to **VOTE** on this. Are you ready for the question? We are ready to take a **VOTE** on the Article itself. We do not need to take a **VOTE** on previous question since we have no speakers. So the question is on the adoption of Article 2 as written:

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of reconstructing a portion of State Routes 43 and 107 at the intersection of Candia Road and Old Center Road. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7,VI and will not lapse until the reconstruction is completed or by December 31, 2010, whichever is sooner. As many as in favor of this Article, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. You can look around. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. You can look around. And the Nays have it. Article 2 is Defeated. The Results for Article 2 are:

They **NAYS** had it.

Article 2 is **DEFEATED.**

Moderator: The Moderator had the results on Article 1. Yes 88, No 251. Article 1 was **DEFEATED.**

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of legal expenses, enforcement and clean up of certain code enforcement violations.

Moderator: What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson: I would **MOVE** Warrant Article 3 as written.

Selectman, James Alexander: I **SECOND.**

Moderator: The Article is Now Open for Discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained that this Article was in place primarily to get some direction from the Town. Some of the situations involved cars and debris. The selectmen had worked to clean up certain spots which appeared to be code violations,

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vehicle violations that sort of thing. What the Board of Selectmen had found was that they end up in legal situations where they may get a favorable legal decision, but there may not be funds available on behalf of either party to enact the clean-up. The request for the money in the warrant Article was to have funds available both for legal action and for physical clean-up of these sites.

The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road

Mr. Davitt asked for clarification of whether the money would be used for Code Enforcement and specifically what areas.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained that the money would be for the clean-up. It would be used for legal expense and administration expenses if they were incurred by Code Enforcement or possibly the physical clean-up of vehicles or construction debris.

The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road

Mr. Davitt stated that he did not like the appearance of the Warrant Article because each Selectman takes an oath of office to carry out the laws of the Town or State. So, whether or not this Article passed he claimed the Selectmen were fully obligated to carry out the laws and he would expect that that would be done because the Town would be in deep trouble if it was on the wrong side of the law. He felt that it should be a matter of fact that the laws of the Town would be carried out on every zoning issue.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

Selectman Stone claimed that he had been a Board Member for seven years and that when he first came on, residents came forward requesting that the abandoned cars in yards problem be resolved. As a result, Selectman Stone claimed the Selectmen had the Police Department and the Code Enforcement Officer go around Town and come up with a list of "junk yards." They reported that there were about 33 violations. The Board got together with the Code Enforcement Officer and sent letters to each of the offenders and a majority of the people cooperated. There were approximately five that did not. Selectman Stone explained that the Board tried to be accommodating by offering 30 and 60 days to be in compliance or get back to the Board on how they could work with the Board to be in compliance. However, it has been going on for about six years. The Town has been to court and won cases, but some people still refuse to comply. Selectman Stone was frustrated as a Board Member, when he had to come to the Town Meeting and explain that the law is in place and the Select Board has adhered to the law, but there still has not been compliance. He knew that one situation was that the person could not physically or financially remove the items. That is why the Selectmen had brought the warrant Article forward. He wanted to respond to the previous speaker by stating that the Board took very seriously the laws concerning "junk yards." The Selectmen needed the Article because they needed direction from the body because they need funding from somewhere. Mr. Stone claimed that there were two choices; one was to forget about it, the Selectmen can try, but they cannot enforce it or two, put some teeth into the law with the funds requested so that the law can be reinforced and the removal can be done.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road

Mr. Broad deferred to Harriet Cady.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady commented that it seemed that the Town was taking a club where it could take a glove. If the Town was going to take people who were trying to court, she wanted to know why the money couldn't be offered to help them try to remove the stuff instead of spending it on lawyers. After sitting in Selectmen's meetings, she was not pleased with the leadership in this area.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained that Article 3 was for exactly what Mrs. Cady was talking about. They did not want to clobber people with legal proceedings that cannot afford the legal proceedings or to clean-up their properties. Essentially, Selectman Robertson went on to say, that the Selectmen have sought legal action, received legal action and prevailed, however, just because they prevailed that did not necessarily mean that the problem will go away. If the person cannot physically or financially remove the items, they do not get removed. There is no SWAT team in the State of New Hampshire that could remove the items. The Selectmen have had to work cooperatively with those residents. Selectman Robertson claimed that the Selectmen knew what the laws were, they have received favorable legal judgment favoring the Town, but there was no particular way to clean-up. The Selectmen were looking for resources to be put into the budget so that they could help people with this problem.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Robinson, 156 Mountain Road

Mr. Robinson looked at the previous Article for \$40,000 and whatever impact it had on the public and the tax rate. He agreed with Robert Davitt, that this was something that the Selectmen had to take care of and if it meant going to the final end of the legal process, fine. But, to put it back on the Town was a habit that the Selectmen had to break. **The Chair Recognized**

Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Mrs. Wilson just wanted to quote Robert Frost that "Good fences make good neighbors."

The Chair Recognized Frederick McGarry, 23 Old Center Road

Mr. McGarry pointed out that the Town's ordinances are only as effective as the enforcement of those ordinances, so he strongly supported this Article. However, he wanted to know if there was an attempt to recover those costs if they were

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expended on a particular site?

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained that the Selectmen would take every legal step to recover costs if they could. There were a host of remedies available to Boards of Selectmen such as placing liens and that sort of thing. Their hope was that this would enable the Selectmen to work productively and cooperatively.

The Chair Recognized Carmella Davitt, 40 Old Center Road

Mrs. Davitt commented that the \$40,000 in the warrant was already in last year's budget and was pulled out and placed as a warrant. So in her opinion, the Selectmen already had the ability to assist people in cleaning up. In talking to the Building/Code Enforcement Officer, it was her understanding that now that he was down to \$10,000 in his legal budget it was going to limit him from pursuing legal actions toward people. That he would only be able to send letters to violators rather than pursuing legal action. Her question was if this Article did not pass, would the Selectmen still be pursuing upholding the zoning laws that were put into effect.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson stated that clearly, the Selectmen were going to uphold the law regardless of what the body chose to give them for funds to do that with. In regard to what was in the budget 2004 versus 2005, funds were reallocated and the language for the Article was slightly different. The language in the warrant Article allowed the Selectmen to use the funds for physical clean-up which they would have had a hard time justifying using just the legal line item in the budget.

The Chair Recognized Walter Hooker, 1 Blue Heron Lane

Mr. Hooker gave a point of information that \$40,000 was about \$.15 on the tax rate. He also commented that there had been a change in the RSAs, that if this Article was defeated that the money could not be funded from the operating budget for the removal of items. He was in favor of the Article.

The Chair Recognized Nancy Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Mrs. Gross stated that this was "our" problem as a Town. It was not the Select Board's problem because Deerfield did not have a City Counsel to solve these problems for the Town. According to Mrs. Gross, that is why Deerfield has Town Meetings to solve their own problems. If the residents did not want to pay for it, she asked them to own up to that, but not to tell the Selectmen, that as volunteers who spend hours in meetings coming up with recommendations, that they have not done their job. She reminded the body that it was the job of the members of the meeting to decide. **Moderator:** Is there anyone else that wishes to speak to this Article? Are you ready for the question? The question is on Article 3 as written:

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of legal expenses, enforcement and clean up of certain code enforcement violations. As many are in favor of the Article adoption as written, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Please look around. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Please look around. It's too close to decide, I'd like to count the cards please. Article 3 will be voted with Ballot B. Is there anyone in the hall submitted a ballot who wishes to. Seeing none, the balloting is closed now and we'll count those votes and together we will move onto Article 4.

There was a verbal request for a secret ballot. Five members of the meeting rose to second the motion.

A secret ballot was conducted.

Results of Article 3 were read after the results of Amended Article 14.

The Results were:

YES 125

NO 202

Article 3 is DEFEATED.

MOTIONS TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION

The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road

Before the call to close the VOTE on Article 3, Mr. Broad had a parliamentary inquiry. He asked if he could make a MOTION to Restrict Reconsideration on Articles 1 and 2.

The Moderator explained that Mr. Broad could offer the motion at that time and he would take it up at the next opportunity. He asked if there was a SECOND for the MOTION.

MOTION SECONDED: Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Moderator: Mr. Broad if you would like to bring forward your motion.

Mr. Broad was not available.

MOTION TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION ON ARTICLES 1 & 2: Jana Ruiz, 2 Bow Acres

Moderator: I would like to take those up one by one. We have a motion to restrict Article 1, do we have a second.

MOTION SECONDED: Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Moderator: The Restriction of Reconsideration is an RSA that was adopted a few years ago that allows the meeting to decide that if an Article is reconsidered, that reconsideration will be taken up in a later meeting at least 7 days later and that you will know the date of that meeting before you leave today. This does not stop reconsideration, it just restricts

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reconsideration of the Article. If reconsideration is Moved and Adopted, then we would actually **DEBATE** and **VOTE** again on that Article later. Is there any discussion on Restricting Reconsideration on Article 1? Seeing none, as many as are in favor of Restricting Reconsideration our **VOTE** on Article 1, please do so by raising your cards and keeping them raised. You can look around Those opposed, please signify by raising your cards and keeping them raised. The **Ayes** have it.

We have **ADOPTED** to **Restricted Reconsideration** on Article 1.

MOTION TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION ON ARTICLE 2: Jana Ruiz, 2 Bow Acres

MOTION SECONDED: Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Moderator: It has been Moved and **SECONDED** to Restrict Reconsideration on Article 2. Is there any discussion on this **MOTION**? As many are in favor of Restricting Reconsideration on our **VOTE** of Article 2, please do so by raising your cards and keeping them raised. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your cards and keeping them raised. The **Ayes** have it.

We have **ADOPTED** to **Restricted Reconsideration** on Article 2.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES & TAKE ARTICLE 14 OUT OF ORDER: Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Rd.

MOTION SECONDED: David O'Neal, 10 Meetinghouse Hill Road

Moderator: It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Suspend the Rules take up Article 14 out of order.

The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Mr. Gross expressed that he wanted to move Article 14 out of order because it had to do with the Town's desires with respect to the George B. White Building. There was substantial discussion on the George B. White Building with respect to Article 1 which would not be reconsidered. He had the sense that the Town seemed to be interested in the preservation and reuse of the building and he thought while it was at the top of everyone's mind that it would be a good time to discuss Article 14.

Moderator: Is there anyone else who wants to offer up information to other voters that would be helpful in deciding whether we should address Article 14 at this time. Are you ready for the question? The question is on a **MOTION** of whether to Suspend the Rules and takes up Article 14 at this time. As many as are favor, please signify by raising your cards and keeping them raised. Look around please, cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards. The **Ayes** have it. We will take up Article 14 at this time.

ARTICLE 14

To achieve a Sense of the Meeting to see if it is the desire of the voters to authorize the Board of Selectmen to pursue the sale of the G. B. White Building to a private entity.

Moderator: What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

Selectman, James Alexander: I would **MOVE** Article 14 as printed.

Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson: I **SECOND**.

Moderator: The Article is now Open for Discussion.

1st PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 14

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

Selectman Alexander wished to amendment to Article 14 to delete the words following "Board of Selectmen to pursue the sale" and replace them with "authorize a feasibility study of the sale."

Moderator: We have a proposed amendment to see if it is the desire of the voters to authorize a feasibility study of the sale of the G.B. White Building to a private entity. This would modify the Article to read, " To see if it is the desire of the voters to authorize the Board of Selectmen to authorize a feasibility study of the sale of the G.B. White Building to a private entity." Do we have a **SECOND** for the Amendment?

AMENDMENT SECONDED: Selectman, Frances Menard

Moderator: It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to replace the language of "pursue the sale" with the language "authorize a feasibility study of the sale." Now the Amendment is open for discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

Selectman Alexander explained that the Amendment was to clarify the motion because as it was originally written, it appeared that the Selectmen were seeking approval for the sale of the building which was not the intent. This was intended to be an advisory motion from the people to allow the Board to go forward and study the feasibility of sale and report back to the people at the future date, if it turned out that the sale of the building would be in everybody's best interest. **Moderator:** Is there any further discussion on the Amendment to Article 14 to change the language to "pursue the sale" with "authorize a feasibility study of the sale."

The Chair Recognized Ruth Kletnick, 206 Middle Road

Ms. Kletnick asked what was the Board's interest in pursuing a feasibility study to sell the building?

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

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Selectman Robertson explained, that as a Selectman he routinely heard that there should be renovations done to the George B. White Building, but he also heard that the Town should not be landlords and why doesn't the Town sell it. He felt most of the other Selectmen had heard the same concerns. This is why they were pursuing a sense of the meeting to see if the Town wanted to see if there was any validity to selling it or if they wanted the Selectmen to hang onto it and see what can be done with it.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady felt that at the end of the meeting a study committee should be set up for renovating the GBW Building for a Police Building if the Town gave up the tenants versus constructing a new building with a new septic and well.

Moderator: I feel the best time to have that conversation is while we are talking about the building, but let us deal with the Amendment first. It sounds like you might have another amendment that you would like to offer.

The Chair Recognized Leo Roy, 26 Tandy Road

He understood that the Amendment would have the Selectmen look at the possibility of selling the building and he supported that.

Moderator: Does anyone wish to speak to just the Amendment to change the language. So we're ready for the VOTE. The Amendment is to replace the language of "pursue the sale" with the language "authorize a feasibility study of the sale" in Article 14. As many are in favor of Amending Article 14 in this manner, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you, cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. You can look around.

The Ayes have it.

The AMENDMENT to Article 14 is ADOPTED.

2nd PROPOSED AMENDMENT ARTICLE 14

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady MOVED that the Article be Amended to state that there would be a Committee of ten members made up of the Community to study this with one Selectman and one Municipal Budget Committee Member. The purposed would be to study the renovation of the building, the decision of whether or not to build other buildings for Police, Fire and Rescue Squad. *The Moderator asked Mrs. Cady to put her proposed Amendment in writing before he took a SECOND. He was going to go ahead with other speakers until it was in writing. He offered that if others wanted to speak on the topic or the Article or the Amendment he would allow it until he had Mrs. Cady's proposed Amendment in writing.*

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

It seemed to Selectman Robertson that the Amendment would change the complete purposed of the Article. *The Moderator agreed, but because it was an advisory motion, the purpose of the motion was to get a sense of the meeting in regard to the disposition of the George B. White Building. It seemed to be the perfect time to consider it, so the Moderator RULED it in order, but was happy to take a CHALLENGE.*

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained that he didn't know if he should challenge it or not, but it seemed to him that the Amendment would be predetermining the sense of the meeting. The Selectmen were asking if the body wanted to purse that one particular avenue or not. Mrs. Cady's Amendment changed it to pursuing an avenue and taking the question away from the body.

Moderator:

The Moderator disagreed with Selectman Robertson and said the body would hear Mrs. Cady's proposed Amendment which would be voted on and the body would decide which avenue they preferred. He felt that allowing the Amendment to be voted on, allowed the body to give the Selectmen the advice they wanted in the way they chose to offer it. He asked if anyone thought they were not going to get the advice they wanted.

The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Mr. Gross asked if someone could read Article 14 as it stood.

Moderator: To see if it is the desire of the voters to authorize the Board of Selectmen to authorize a feasibility study of the sale of the G.B. White Building to a private entity.

The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Mr. Gross asked if he could make a simpler Amendment for which Mrs. Cady was going to propose. *The Moderator told Mr. Gross that he could not make the Amendment yet. They had to go in order. He would wait for Mrs. Cady's Amendment.*

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Frances Menard

Selectman Menard stated that she was confused as to the direction that Mrs. Cady's Amendment would take the Article because it was the Selectmen's intent that the body's response to the Article would tell the Selectmen what the appropriate evidence would be to make the Town feel that the sale of the building should be considered. The way she interpreted Mrs. Cady's Amendment would be, not to sell, but renovate. And she prefer that the body have more information before they vote to just renovate.

The Moderator believed that discussion on the proposed Amendment would get that conversation because people would be able to VOTE

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and DEBATE the issues. The Moderator asked if anyone felt that people were being limited to please rise. **The Chair Recognized Paul Tremblay, 10 Mountain View Road**

Mr. Tremblay asked if there was going to be a feasibility study if it be done by a professional or professional organization which would have a certain amount of cost involved. The Moderator told Mr. Tremblay that he would have a chance for that question, but that he needed to take Mrs. Cady's Amendment on the floor and then it could be discussed and people could ask questions.

Moderator: I have in writing from Mrs. Cady this wording: I MOVE that we have a Committee made up of ten Community Members, one Selectman and one Municipal Budget Committee Member to study the use of the GB White Building for all Community Offices or to sell building and start over. To clarify, this is substitute language which would replace the entire Article. To the Selectmen, would that be clear to you if that language were adopted at this meeting?

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson stated that the language would be clear to him, but that the original Article would give them a much clearer idea.

Moderator: We have a MOTION to substitute the for language for Article 14, the language: That we have a Committee made up of ten Community Members, one Selectman and one Municipal Budget Committee Member to study the use of the GB White Building for all Community Offices or to sell building and start over. Do we have a SECOND?

MOTION SECONDED: Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Moderator: It has been MOVED and SECONDED to Amend the Article Substituting this language. (It has been MOVED and SECONDED to discuss the Amendment to this Article.)

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady claimed that there was a prejudice of the Select Board because she knew that they did not want to be landlords and they wanted to sell the building. So, she did not feel that they could conduct a feasibility study that would bring in all people's interests. She believed that the Community should study plans for a Safety Complex, Town Hall, Freeze's pond with all the information that is presently on file and calling on people they know. Mrs. Cady felt that after attending Selectmen's meetings, that there was a prejudice from the Selectmen that they did not want to be landlords.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

Selectman Stone wanted to go on record as stating that he has always tried to act in the needs of Deerfield and that he was not prejudice in regards to this building. He clarified that he was looking for direction.

The Chair Recognized Jonathan Barry, 27 Lang Road

Mr. Barry believed that Mrs. Cady's amendment was too specific. He felt it could be accomplished by amending the prior amendment to the Article instead of replacing it in its entirety.

The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Mr. Gross second Mr. Barry and felt that this Amendment was unnecessary. He claimed that original intent of the Article should be respected which was to get a sense of the meeting. He felt that the body was following up on Article 1, but he suggested that the body give a sense without moving too far forward in one direction. He also thought it would be appropriate to respect the Selectmen who are working in the Town for the Town. He did not agree with Mrs. Cady's comments about a prejudice that she claimed that the Board of Selectmen had. He believed that the Selectmen were looking for direction as Selectman Stone had stated and he suggested that the body vote against the amendment. *The Moderator reminded the body that this was an advisory motion. They could not actually create the committee by voting but it would give an understanding of the will of the body.*

The Chair Recognized Walter Hooker, 1 Blue Heron Lane

Mr. Hooker questioned who would determine who the community members would be. He thought that maybe the amendment was best left defeated. If the Selectmen chose to invite community members maybe that would make more sense. Because the Committee mentioned in the amendment did not have a chair or an organization he wasn't sure how it would work.

The Chair Recognized Wesley Golomb, 224 South Road

Mr. Golomb asked if a feasibility study had ever been done looking at what the best use of the building would be, renovation versus sale.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

Selectman Alexander responded that that was the intent of the motion. The Selectmen wanted to know if the Town wanted the building to be sold. They just needed to have a direction to go in.

The Chair Recognized Wesley Golomb, 224 South Road

Mr. Golomb explained that, without a feasibility study, he could not answer to the Board on what he would like done with the George B. White Building.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson commented that when Selectman Alexander and Stone spoke to the Amendment of this warrant Article, that was exactly what the Selectmen were looking for. If a feasibility study were approved, the Selectmen would report back to the body their findings.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

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Selectman Stone stated this his personal feelings were with situations like this in the past, the Selectmen asked for volunteers to help make the decision and that this would be the same set of circumstances with the George B. White Building.

The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road

Mr. Davitt stated that he was a bit confused and asked the Moderator to read the amendment exactly as written.

Moderator: That we have a Committee made up of ten Community Members, one Selectman and one Municipal Budget Committee Member to study the use of the GB White Building for all Community Offices or to sell building and start over.

The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road

Mr. Davitt questioned if he was correct in assuming that if the amendment passed that the Committee would look into selling the building or keeping it for Town use.

The Moderator repeated the last portion of the Amendment which read, "to study the use of the GB White Building for all Community Offices or to sell building and start over".

The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road

Mr. Davitt asked if that meant the study would look at selling and keeping the building.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson did not believe he could speak on the amendment because it was not their Article at that point because all of the language had been replaced.

The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road

Mr. Davitt asked what the definition of a sense of the meeting would be.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone.

Selectman Stone said his interpretation of a sense of the meeting would be where the body wanted the Selectmen to go. If the body voted in the affirmative that they wanted it to be looked at, the Selectmen would look into it, if the body voted against it, the Selectmen would not look into it.

The Chair Recognized Jeanne Menard, 36 Mountain Road

Ms. Menard was concerned about what the Board's opinion of how the change in the amendment would effect that original Article. She also wanted point out that the intent of the Board was not to steer the direction of what to do with the building but to ask for direction. She went on to affirm that there were many residents that valued respected the Board's opinions as individuals and the direction that they give the Town as a Board.

The Chair Recognized Donald Gorman, 158 Mountain Road

Mr. Gorman asked the Moderator if there was a way to split the question so that the body could have a straight up, straight down, keep it or sell it and then get back to DEBATE. The Moderator explained that there was sill an amendment on the floor which was an advisory amendment. He believed that the Selectmen were very interested in the input from the Community and he felt that the meeting could take up the issues Mr. Gorman was asking for after the vote on the amendment.

QUESTION MOVED: Jonathan Winslow, 11 James Road

Moderator: The question has been MOVED on the ADOPTION of the Amendment. If you VOTE yes, we will close DEBATE and we will VOTE on the amendment to the Article whether we should change the language from "To see if it is the desire of the voters to authorize the Board of Selectmen to authorize a feasibility study of the sale of the G. B. White Building to a private entity" to "to have a Committee made up of ten Community Members, one Selectman and one Municipal Budget Committee Member to study the use of the GB White Building for all Community Offices or to sell building and start over". As many as wish to substitute the second sentence I said for the Article that was previously amended, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you, cards down. Those opposed to substituting the language.

The Nays have it.

The AMENDMENT to Article 14 is DEFEATED.

The Moderator explained that they were back on the main MOTION of Article one as previously amended. He asked what further action the body wish to take on the Article.

3rd PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 14

The Chair Recognized Jonathan Barry, 27 Lang Road

Mr. Barry made a MOTION to Amend Article 14 by replacing the word "sale" with the words "future of the G.B. White Building" and to removed the phrase "private entity."

MOTION SECONDED: Robert Strobel, II, 27 Lang Road

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady believed she had a Point of Order in that the Moderator required Mrs. Cady to put her amendment in writing. She requested that the members of the meeting all be treated the same.

The Moderator thanked Mrs. Cady for putting her amendment in writing and explained that hers was much longer.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady believed that it was a Point of Order that using the word "sale" in the amendment made it a prejudice motion. *The*

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Moderator explained to Mrs. Cady that she had been speaking about the content of the amendment which was not a Point of Order. There was a MOTION and a SECOND for the amendment of Article 14 which would have the Selectmen pursue the "future of the George B. White Building."

The Chair Recognized Jonathan Barry, 27 Lang Road

Mr. Barry believed that his proposed amendment would accomplish all that Mrs. Cady's amendment would do without being as specific as her proposed amendment without changing the original intent of the Article. It would serve to broaden what selectmen could look at.

The Chair Recognized Neal Turquist, 21 Candia Road

It seemed to Mr. Turnquist that this amendment completely defeated the purpose of getting a sense of the meeting. It seemed to him that the whole point of the Article was to see if the Town wanted to sell it. **The Chair Recognized Carmella Davitt, 40 Old Center Road**

Mrs. Davitt stated that she did not know which way to VOTE on the Article. She would want to know what the expenses would be whether it was renovated or sold. She wanted more options before she made a decision.

The Chair Recognized Robert Strobel, 27 Lang Road

Mr. Strobel claimed that the Board of Selectmen had repeatedly asked for input from citizens with what they wanted to do with G.B. White. The amendment would not be biased. The message would be for the Selectmen to go ahead and bring the body some options and get back to them.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

According to Mrs. Cady, this amendment would not say how the study would be accomplished except that the Selectmen would conduct the study. There were no specifics on how anything would be arrived at.

The Chair Recognized Roger Marquis, 11 Perkins Road

Mr. Marquis supported Mr. Barry's amendment. He felt the Selectmen wanted feedback and the body really needed information on selling it or renovating it to make a decision. He thought that this discussion gave feedback.

MOVE TO CLOSE DEBATE: Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres

MOTION SECONDED: Walter Hooker, 1 Blue Heron Lane

Moderator: This MOTION closes DEBATE therefore requires a 2/3 VOTE. As many are in favor of closing DEBATE on the amendment to Article 14, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Look around. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

The AYES have it.

DEBATE is CLOSED.

Moderator: Now we are ready to VOTE on the Amendment to Article 14. Should we replace the word "sale" with the word "future" and strike the phrase "to a private entity" from Article 14. As many are in favor of this amendment to Article 14, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Look around, cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

The AYES have it.

Article 14 Stands AMENDED.

Moderator: We are now back on the main Article in the new language. To achieve a Sense of the Meeting to see if it is the desire of the voters to see if it is the desire of the voters to authorize the Board of Selectmen to authorize a feasibility study of the future of the G. B. White Building. Is there further discussion on this Article.

The Chair Recognized Paul Tremblay, 10 Mountain View Road

Mr. Tremblay wished to know who would undertake the feasibility study.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson stated that at that point there was no particular source of the study, but he would suspect that the Selectmen would move along the line that was outlined out by Mrs. Cady.

The Chair Recognized Paul Tremblay, 10 Mountain View Road

To clarify, Mr. Tremblay asked if there was an outline of how much would be spent to hire a professional to do the study.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson answered No.

The Chair Recognized Andrew Palitka, 57 Raymond Road

Mr. Palitka asked what the annual income of the George B. White Building was and what the taxable income would be if the property was sold.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

Selectman Alexander stated that as landlords in 2004 the building ran a \$50,000 net loss for the Town when taking into consideration the space that the Town uses and the \$4.00 per square foot for the building. The effect if it was sold would be based solely on the estimates achieved by the Board while he was gone, but realtors had appraised the value at 1.2 million dollars. Based on the current tax rate, the building would bring in \$30,000 a year in tax revenue if it belonged to a private entity. Another possibility would be to sell the building as a working entity because it had been proven that it was a rentable

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commodity and there was a place for it in this community. As part of the sales agreement, the Town could strike a rental deal that would rent space the Town needed for a given time which would give the Town no loss of the space from what was currently used. With the tax income, Selectman Alexander felt it would be a wash, but the Town would have the million dollars in the bank to be used for future construction as needed. That is why the Board needed to know if the Town would be in support of selling the building if that scenario would come true because potential buyers would need to know that in order to make an offer.

The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres

Ms. Ruiz thought it was important to have a study done so that the Town could have an overall idea of what the options were. She wanted a point of clarification, that if the amendment passed that the body agreed to have the Selectmen conduct a study, but that there was no agreement for funds to support the study.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained that the Selectmen were not asking for an appropriation for money or permission to sell the building. They wanted to get a sense of the meeting and get back to the body with some options.

QUESTION MOVED: Jonathan Winslow, 11 James Road

MOTION SECONDED: Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady stated that she had a point of information that the figure that Selectman Alexander gave for the Town's cost to rent the building was inaccurate. She stated that the Town's usage of the building was not taken into consideration and the fact that the Town would have to rent was not taken into consideration.

Moderator: The Question is on the adoption of Article 14 as Amended. To see if it is the desire of the voters to authorize the Board of Selectmen to authorize a feasibility study of the future of the G. B. White Building. As many as are in favor of the adoption of this Article as amended, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you.

Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

They **AYES** have it overwhelmingly.

Article 14 is **ADOPTED** as **AMENDED**.

Moderator:

The Moderator read the results of Article 3. Yes 125, No 202. Article 2 was **DEFEATED**.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease agreement for Ninety Seven Thousand Dollars (\$97,000) for the purpose of leasing a Highway Department Truck, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000) for the first year's payment for that purpose. The lease agreement contains an escape clause.

Moderator: What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson: I would **MOVE** Article 4 as written.

Stephen Barry: 1 **SECOND**.

Moderator: It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Adopt Article 4 as written. The Article is now Open for Discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson claimed that the Article spoke for itself, but that he would defer to Stephen Barry for more technical information on the topic.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Barry, Budget Assistant

Mr. Barry explained that this Article was put on the warrant to replace a 1988 dump truck which the Town purchased used from the State of New Hampshire. In the last 12 months it has cost the Town over \$7,600 in repairs. The Highway Department was looking to replace it. The Highway Agent went out to look at four or five different types of vehicles and came back with a recommendation for a four-year lease on a Freightliner fully-loaded. At the end of the four-year lease the Town would own the vehicle.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Robinson, 156 Mountain Road

Mr. Robinson asked if after four years of leasing the Town would own the truck and hopefully get many years of usefulness thereafter.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Barry, 178 North Road

Mr. Barry confirmed Mr. Robinson's statement with a yes.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady asked how long ago a State Truck was bought for \$4,000.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Barry, 178 North Road

Mr. Barry stated that he believed that the Town purchased a State pick-up truck three years ago for \$4,000, but it was not a six-wheel dump truck like the one that the Highway Department was currently looking to replace.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady insisted that a dump truck was purchased from the State although she was not sure when, but she wanted to know what was paid for it.

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The Chair Recognized Alex Cote, 5 James City Road

Mr. Cote indicated that he didn't have any concrete figures, but from what he gathered, the Town paid about \$8,000 for it five years ago.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady tried to reason that if that truck was bought five years ago for \$8,000 and with \$5,000 a year in repairs the Town has not exceeded the cost of a new truck. So, buying a new truck for \$90,000 would have to give more than 10 or 12 years to come up with the cost of what a former State vehicle actually costs the Town to run.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Barry, 178 North Road

Mr. Barry added that at the present time, the Town also operated a 1994 International which was bought new and has lasted 11 years. He did not believe that it had accrued half the repair figures that the State vehicle had.

The Chair Recognized David O'Neal, 10 Meetinghouse Hill Road

Mr. O'Neal questioned how the Highway Department kept its equipment and thought that the consideration of how it was kept should be taken into consideration when purchasing new equipment.

Moderator: Is there further discussion on this? Are you ready for the question. The question is on the adoption of Article 4 as printed:

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease agreement for Ninety Seven Thousand Dollars (\$97,000) for the purpose of leasing a Highway Department Truck, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000) for the first year's payment for that purpose. The lease agreement contains an escape clause. As many are in favor of this Article as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. You can look around, cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. This is too close to call, please count the vote.

There was a call for a secret ballot from the floor and seven voters who would stand for it. Ballot C was to be used. The boxes were shown to be empty and the collection of ballots began. The results of Article 4 were read after the results of Article 19. There results were:

YES 130

NO 180

Article 4 is **DEFEATED**.

It had come to the Moderator's attention that some people had used the wrong ballots for secret ballot votes. He asked that if it came to anyone's attention and it was brought to his attention, the Moderator would simply use a different ballot. It would be easy to do that, but it had to be done before the vote was announced.

MOTION TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION

MOTION TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION OF ARTICLE 14: Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres

MOTION SECONDED: Alan O'Neal, 1 Millstone Lane

Moderator: It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 14, the advisory Article that was considered previously. All those in favor Restricting Reconsideration of Article 14, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. You can look around, cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards. The **AYES** have it.

The **ADOPTION** of Restriction of Reconsideration has been approved on Article 14.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

The Chair Recognized Lester Kurzban, 30 Pleasant Hill Road

Mr. Kurzban asked that the rules be suspended to take Articles 18 and 19 out of order.

MOTION SECONDED: Anthony DiMauro, 32 Mountain Road

Moderator: It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Suspend the Rules and take up Articles 18 and 19 out of order at this time. Is there any discussion on this?

The Chair Recognized Lester Kurzban, 30 Pleasant Hill Road

Mr. Kurzban claimed that veterans kept this country free and safe and they deserved all the consideration. He claimed that five surrounding towns had adopted this amendment, and Deerfield could have done it last year, but did not.

Moderator: Is there any further discussion on this **MOTION** to Suspend the Rules to take up these two Articles at this time? Seeing none let's take up the **VOTE**. The **VOTE** is on the **MOTION** to Suspend the rules and take up Articles 18 and 19 at this time.

As many as are in favor of taking up those Articles at this time, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Look around. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards. The **Ayes** have it.

Articles 18 and 19 will be taken up at this time.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28 allowing the maximum veterans' tax credit in the amount of \$500.

Moderator: What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

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Selectman, Joseph Stone: I would MOVE the Article as written.

Selectman, Frances Menard: I SECOND.

Moderator: It has been MOVED and SECONDED to Adopt Article 18 as written the Article is now Open for Discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

Mr. Stone stated that in 2004, the legislature passed into statute, a law which would allow a town or city to grant all veterans a tax credit exemption up to \$500. Presently, the exemption is \$100. Selectman Stone claimed he was a veteran, and he felt those who served should be allowed to receive more than \$100. He put that before the body to make that decision.

Moderator: Is there any further discussion. Seeing none. Are you ready for the VOTE? The VOTE is on:

Article 18: To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28 allowing the maximum veterans' tax credit in the amount of \$500. As many as are in favor of the adoption of the Article as written, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Look around. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. The AYES have it.

Article number 18 is ADOPTED.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 allowing the maximum veterans' tax credit for service-connected total disability to the amount of \$2,000.

Moderator: What ACTION do you wish to take on this Article?

Selectman, Joseph Stone: I would MOVE the Article as written.

Selectman, Frances Menard: I SECOND.

Moderator: It has been MOVED and SECONDED to ADOPT Article 19 as written. The Article is now Open for Discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

Selectman Stone explained that in 2004, the legislature passed a law to raise the exemption to a veteran who is totally disabled from \$1,400 to \$2,000. Deerfield presently had the benefit of \$1,400. At that time, Deerfield had five residents who received this credit and Selectman Stone felt that anyone who served in harms way and became total disabled as a result that deserves to receive the amount of \$2,400. He then urged the body to vote for it.

The Chair Recognized Walter Hooker, 1 Blue Heron Lane

Mr. Hooker made a Point of Information that the exemption was for \$2,000 not \$2,400.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Frances Menard

Mrs. Menard wanted to comment that the Board has always recommended that the Town allow the maximum exemptions allowed by the RSAs whether it was for veterans or not.

Moderator: Is there any further discussion on Article 19. Are you ready for the VOTE?

The VOTE is on the adoption of Article 19 as printed:

Article 19: To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 allowing the maximum veterans' tax credit for service-connected total disability to the amount of \$2,000. All those in favor of the adoption of the Article as written, please signify by raising your voting cards. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards. The Ayes have it. It is unanimous.

Article number 19 is ADOPTED as printed.

Mr. Keech wanted to say on behalf of all the Veterans in Deerfield, thank you very much.

The Moderator announced the results on Article 4; Yes 130, No 180. The Article was DEFEATED.

MOTIONS TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION

MOTION TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION ON ARTICLES 3&4: Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

MOTION SECONDED: Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Moderator: We have a MOTION to Restrict Reconsideration on Article 4. This MOTION would defer any Reconsideration of this Article for seven days. Are you ready for the Question?

Moderator: The Question is on the Adoption of a Restriction of Reconsideration of our VOTE

to DEFEAT Article 4. All those in favor of the Restriction of Reconsideration, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you. Cards down. Those opposed to Restricting Reconsideration, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you. Cards down.

The MOTION to Restrict Reconsideration is ADOPTED on Article 4.

Moderator: We have a further MOTION to Restrict Reconsideration on Article 3. Is there a SECOND?

MOTION SECONDED: Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Moderator: It has been MOVED and SECONDED to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 3.

Is there any discussion on this? Are you ready for the Question?

The Question is on the Adoption of a Restriction of Reconsideration on Article 3. Should we Restrict Reconsideration of our negative VOTE on Article 3? As many are in favor of restricting, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you, Cards down. Those opposed to Restricting Reconsideration, please signify by raising your voting

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cards.

The **AYES** have it.

The **ADOPTION** of Restricted Reconsideration of the Vote on Article 3.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

The Chair Recognized Donald Smith, 17 Penn Ave

Mr. Smith made a **MOTION** to Restrict the Rules (Suspend the Rules) and take Article 21 out of order.

MOTION SECONDED: Philip Bilodeau, 140 Nottingham Road

Moderator: It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to take Article 21 out of order at this time. Mr. Bilodeau, could you explain your reasons.

The Chair Recognized Donald Smith, 17 Penn Ave

Mr. Bilodeau believed that **DEBATE** on this Article 21 would be lengthy and he wanted to begin discussion on it while there were still a lot of the members of the meeting present.

Moderator: Is there any further discussion on this **MOTION**? Are you ready for the **VOTE**?

The Vote is on the **MOTION** to Suspend the Rules and take Article 21 out of order. As many are in favor of the adoption Article (**MOTION**) and moving immediately to Article, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised.

Thank you. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

They **AYES** have it.

The **MOTION** to Suspend the Rules is **CARRIED**.

ARTICLE 21 (By Petition)

Article 21 (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$270,000) for the purpose of purchasing a conservation easement on approximately 80 acres of open space land from Sylvia Clifford, Trustee, John Silver Real Estate Trust, on Mount Delight Road, (Tax Map 410, Lot 8 and Tax Map 414 Lot 112). The total value of the conservation easement is Five Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$575,000). Sylvia Clifford has agreed to donate Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) of the value to the Town and sell the Conservation easement for Five Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$520,000). Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) is to be paid from the Town Conservation Fund. The Conservation Commission will attempt to reduce the cost to the Town by applying for matching funding from private, state, and/or federal sources. Likely sources include, but are not limited to, the U. S. Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program grant or similar sources. This is a petitioned Warrant Article.

Moderator: What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

The Chair Recognized Brenda Eaves, Conservation Commission Chairman

Ms. Eaves **MOVED** the Article as read.

MOTION SECONDED: Philip Bilodeau, 140 Nottingham Road

Moderator: It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to **ADOPT** Article 21 as written. The Article is now Open for Discussion.

The Chair Recognized Brenda Eaves, 280 North Road

Ms. Eaves DEFERRED to Erick Berglund.

The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member

Mr. Berglund stated that the Conservation Commission and the Open Space Committee came to the Town a year ago to request an Open Space bond. The Commission and Committee had been working on the protection of Open Space. They sought funding through bonding which did not succeed. However, the strong message that came to Members of Open Space was that the Town wanted to be more involved in these types of decisions. Mr. Berglund explained that the Open Space Commission gathered from Town Meeting that the body wanted specific projects brought to them with a specific amount of money. The Town also wanted to be part of the decision regarding projects. Mr. Berglund claimed that was the reason the Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee were there, because they now had a specific project. There were fliers on the proposed project were at the door and they were also mailed to residents. The Article was brought forward to preserve conservation values and what is part of Deerfield. Mr. Berglund gave an overview from the handout. The project was to purchase a conservation easement. He explained that a conservation easement does not purchase the land. The landholder still owns the land, but a conservation easement permanently restricts development for residential purposes on the land. It can be used for agricultural and forestry purposes. The property referred to in the Article was located on Mount Delight Road just near the four corners of Mount Delight, Meetinghouse Hill, and Old Center Road. It included 3,727 feet of road frontage and it had about 41 acres of prime agricultural soil. The 41 acres represented almost 3% of the Town's prime agricultural soil. The specifics around the cost involved of Article 21 the request of \$271,000 from the Town to be supported through taxation. The total price of the conservation easement was \$575,000. The owner, Sylvia Clifford, had donated \$55,000 of that value, so the Conservation Commission was looking at a price of \$520,000. Mr. Berglund went on to explain that, the conservation fund which was administered by the Conservation Commission had put up more than half of the value of that fund, \$250,000 which together with the amount requested from the Town would meet the price. The Commission was also seeking grant money from the Federal Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program and Mr. Berglund

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referred to LCHIP which had been in the news. Assuming that LCHIP is restored, the Commission would seek whatever they could from the program. Mr. Berglund asked that the members of the meeting please listen carefully to what the Commission was going to present and share concerns. He urged the body to support Article 21.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road

Mr. Broad asked if the owner of the property would still own the property and if she would get a tax break if this Article was passed.

The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member

Mr. Berglund explained that the nature of a conservation easement would be that the property owner would still own the land, but the development rights are restricted. But in this case, the land was in current use, so the taxation would be the same regardless of the conservation easement.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road

Mr. Broad was concerned with whether with a conservation easement, the landowner could post the land preventing people from hunting or fishing on the property.

The Chair Recognized Katherine Hartnett, Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee Member

Ms. Hartnett referred to a tan handout given out at the meeting that answered Mr. Broad's question. She went on to say that the Commission had spoken with the owners, the Cliffords, and they recognized that public access was essential and had provided a mix of land. There would be some will posted "No Trespassing" around their house and the fields immediately around their house, but they would allow public access in some areas and hunting by permission.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road

Mr. Broad felt that the hunting and fishing were still restricted because it was only with the landowner's permission, which he felt could be bias. He asked if it was true that the land was currently posted as "No Hunting. No Fishing. No Trespassing."

The Chair Recognized Katherine Hartnett

Ms. Hartnett claimed that the land was currently posted, but the signs would come down if the Town agreed to the Article and the owners would follow the language described on the handout.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road

Mr. Broad asked if there was a clause that insured that the agreement could not be broken no matter who the land was left to or deeded to.

The Chair Recognized Katherine Hartnett

Ms. Hartnett explained that the nature of the Conservation Easement would be that the land would be in effect forever, regardless of ownership.

The Chair Recognized Carmella Davitt, 40 Old Center Road

Mrs. Davitt stated that she was not a conservationist, but a taxpayer who was looking for tax breaks. She claimed when she sent her children to the school system her tax bill did not cover the cost of their tuition. That difference was made up by other residents. She claimed that members of the Conservation Commission had foresight. If twenty buildings were put on the lot in Article 21, no one would be hunting or fishing on that lot. Mrs. Davitt would not be able to ride her horse on the lot. She claimed that this was a gift to the Town of future planning and if people wanted lower taxes they should support the Article.

The Chair Recognized Karla Hatem, 107 Mount Delight Road

Ms. Hatem stood in support of the Article despite the fact that she wouldn't want to add twenty cents to her taxes, because she believed that once the land went up for sale there were going to be more houses. She believed this was beautiful piece of property and she supported the Article.

The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road

Mr. Davitt claimed that the residents attending the School District Meeting heard that people could not afford higher taxes. The Federal Government has cut back on what they give for school funding yet they mandate more rules. The State has not returned as much money to fund Town and School things with the taxpayers at the bottom of the pyramid in both cases footing the bill. Mr. Davitt claimed that this was the taxpayers' chance to permanently keep the tax rate at a lower rate than it would be. The land was prime land and twenty plus houses and depending on who moved in, if it is figured that it costs about \$7,000 per elementary student and \$10,000 per high school student could effect the tax rate between one and three dollars more just for those houses. He claimed it was a way for residents to take control of their property tax as other Towns in New Hampshire were doing. He felt that the Conservation Commission listened to what residents said in the Town Meeting last year and came forward with a specific property. He urged others to support this with the immanent development of Interstate 93 to widen to eight lanes, there would just be more development pressure.

The Chair Recognized Jonathan Barry, 27 Lang Road

Mr. Barry asked who the money was being paid to for the conservation easement.

The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member

Mr. Berglund explained that the money would be paid to the landowner.

The Chair Recognized Jonathan Barry, 27 Lang Road

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Mr. Barry stated that he had heard of people wanting to protect their land putting it into trusts. He wanted to know if that was an option in this case because he knew there were other pieces of conservation land in Town and he did not recall something like this happening before.

The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member
Mr. Berglund explained that the property was currently in a trust.

The Chair Recognized Katherine Hartnett, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member

Ms. Hartnett claimed that conservation easements had been paid in the past, but not for the amount that was being proposed. She wanted to clarify that the landowner would receive the money, but thereafter, the land would never be developed in any way. She explained that the Commission was also seeking Federal, State and Local funds to support the Article which they hoped would substantially reduce the impact of ninety-five cents on the tax bill. However, passage of the Article would help with the Federal and State grants they were applying for.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Frances Menard

Mrs. Menard stated that she was sure that most of the members of the meeting had seen that the Article was not recommended by the Selectmen. She wanted to make a minority report that originally when the Article came up there was some concern about the current use funds being applied to it. Mrs. Menard felt that the Article would have more chance of passing if the Conservation Commission would reconsider increasing the amount that would be credited toward this. She realized that there were probably other projects that they were working on, but in consideration of the almost emergency situation, the price that was more than favorable when it was taken into consideration what developers would pay for developable land in Deerfield. She claimed the Old Center Road area in Deerfield was about as close as one could get to Historic Deerfield. The location was perfect with open fields with views. If they were filled with houses there would no longer be open views. Mrs. Menard would recommend that some adjustment be to the amount of current use money being put toward the purchase of the easement and have funds be replaced by the grants that would be received later. She did recommend passage of the Article.

The Chair Recognized Wesley Golomb, 224 South Road

Mr. Golomb claimed that he was a member of the Conservation Commission and he wanted to point out that the owner would still pay taxes on the land. He stated that statistics have found that for every dollar spent on taxes, residential development costs the Town one dollar and fifteen cents while Open Space would cost the Town thirty-five cents. He also claimed that studies have shown that towns with Open Space have lower taxes. Surveys in Deerfield have shown that residents want to retain the rural character of the Town. Mr. Golomb explained that the Conservation Commission had worked on the project for over four years and he urged voters to support it.

The Chair Recognized Walter Hooker, 1 Blue Heron Lane

Mr. Hooker claimed that he was not completely in favor of the Article because he was not sure what the precedent of spending \$520,000 for 82 acres shows. After reviewing a handout outlying other projects with twice as much land for 15% of the money, he was not sure what kind of message that would give future landowners when they negotiate conservation easements.

The Chair Recognized Katherine Hartnett, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member

Ms. Hartnett believed that Selectman Menard addressed that issue when speaking from a real estate perspective. She claimed that land was prime development land and that a developer would pay more. She claimed that the land was a jewel in Deerfield and that they assessed other land in Deerfield but this one had the highest potential for development. The Commission believed that this land had a great Historic and Conservation value which would be an enormous deal for the Town. Ms. Hartnett believed that sentiment was reflected by the statement Selectman Menard made who is a real estate professional.

The Chair Recognized Frank Mitchell, 21 Meetinghouse Hill Road

Mr. Mitchell claimed that he worked on the project as a volunteer for Bear Paw. He saw the project as an investment in the Town's future and an opportunity that Deerfield may never have again to protect clean water, open fields, a place where wildlife can thrive and a place people can enjoy. He claimed it was protection for the long term against the cost of development as well. Mr. Mitchell hoped that the residents shared his view because they had a responsibility for future generations. He asked members of the meeting to think about things that are enjoyed today, such as roads, schools and transfer stations, those things were paid for by previous town meetings. He asked that people think about the Clifford property and what it would be like to lose it. He claimed that doing nothing would be result in accepting the cost and negative consequences of excess of growth. If people were not satisfied with the rate of growth, voting for the Article would do something about the growth today. Mr. Mitchell acknowledged the Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee for doing a fine job of undertaking a careful, thoughtful, planning process. They encouraged public participation to collect information on what was important information and used that criteria to select a property such as the Clifford property in order to get the greatest value for conservation expenditures on the part of the Town.

QUESTION MOVED: Jonathan Winslow, 11 James Road

MOTION SECONDED: from the floor.

A request for secret ballot was submitted with 9 signatures to the Moderator.

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Moderator: It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to close previous Question which stops **DEBATE**. This requires a 2/3 majority. There are two speakers waiting.

Moderator: As many as are in favor of stopping **DEBATE** and moving to a **VOTE** on Article 21 as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

The **AYES** have it.

DEBATE is **CLOSED** on Article 21.

Moderator: The Question is on Article 21 as printed which will be done by secret ballot. Does everyone have a Ballot D that they can use? If anyone does not have a ballot D we will move to another one. Seeing no objection we are using Ballot D. The boxes are shown to be empty. The Question is on the adoption of Article 21 as printed:

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$270,000) for the purpose of purchasing a conservation easement on approximately 80 acres of open space land from Sylvia Clifford, Trustee, John Silver Real Estate Trust, on Mount Delight Road, (Tax Map 410, Lot 8 and Tax Map 414 Lot 112). The total value of the conservation easement is Five Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$575,000). Sylvia Clifford has agreed to donate Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) of the value to the Town and sell the Conservation easement for Five Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$520,000). Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) is to be paid from the Town Conservation Fund. The Conservation Commission will attempt to reduce the cost to the Town by applying for matching funding from private, state, and/or federal sources. Likely sources include, but are not limited to, the U. S. Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program grant or similar sources. This is a petitioned Warrant Article. As many as are in favor of this Article, please mark Yes on ballot D, those opposed, please mark No.

The Results of the **VOTE** on Article 21:

YES 196

NO 122

Article 21 is **ADOPTED**.

Announcements by the Moderator:

A survey has been distributed and they just want to remind people to fill it out and drop it off at the door. The www.deerfield.nh.org is a new website sponsored by the Deerfield Heritage Commission provide internet information of historic maps and photographs. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Heritage Commission or the webmaster on the website.

MOTIONS TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION

MOTION TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION ON ARTICLE 21: Barbara Mathews, 47 Candia Road

MOTION SECONDED: Wesley Golomb, 224 South Road

Moderator: There is a **MOTION** to Restrict Reconsideration on the **VOTE** of Article 21. These does not prevent us from reconsidering the **VOTE**, it only delays it from being reconsidered at the meeting. Is there any information to share with the meeting about this. Seeing none are you ready for the **VOTE**? The Vote is on the **MOTION** to Restrict Reconsideration on Article 21. All those in favor of Restricting Reconsideration, please signify by raising your voting card and keeping it raised. Look around, thank you, cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting card and keeping it raised.

They **AYES** have it.

We have **VOTED** to Restrict Consideration of Article 21.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member

Mr. Berglund **MOVED** to Suspend the Rules and take up Article 17.

MOTION SECONDED: Wesley Golomb, 224 South Road

Moderator: It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to take up Article 17 at this time. Is there any further discussion on this **MOTION**?

The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member

Mr. Berglund explained that the Article was related to the Article 21.

Moderator: Are we ready for the Question? As many are in favor of the **MOTION** to take up Article 17 out of order, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

They **AYES** have it.

Article 17 will be taken up at this time.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the percentage of Land Use Change Tax Revenue transferred to the Deerfield Conservation Commission from 100% to 25% and cap the amount retained in the Deerfield Conservation Commission Fund at \$500,000.

Moderator: What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

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Selectman, James Alexander: I would MOVE Article as read and printed.

Selectman, Frances Menard: I SECOND.

Moderator: It has been MOVED and SECONDED to Adopt Article 17 as printed. The Article is now Open for Discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

Selectman Alexander explained that the purpose of the Article was not to deprive the Conservation Fund of all income and all money. Since the adoption of the action to take 100% of the current use fund to go to the Conservation Commission, four years ago, there has been a considerable amount of money which has Town has paid, approximately \$500,000, that would have come in on impact fees. He claimed many people ask why their tax bill went up, but that money would have been \$2.00 of the tax rate. Selectman Alexander stated that based on projections, if they are correct, the current use money coming in would be over \$250,000 in 2005. That equates to about a dollar on the tax rate. Selectman Alexander claimed by capping the amount of current use funds that go to the Conservation Commission at 25% per year it would assure the Conservation Commission of funds for ongoing projects they need.

The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III, Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee Member

Mr. Berglund referred to the handout where on the reverse side there was a listing of projects in process. It also listed how the money in the conservation fund today would be allocated if they all the projects go through. He claimed if this Article was passed, it would severely limit actions similar to Article 21 and prevent them from doing any conservation of significance. He said they were trying to use the money in a very smart way to leverage them. The grants in Mr. Berglund's opinion, were the best way to use it and set it aside as an investment. Any of the efforts that the body just supported would be just about impossible to accomplish for some of the very important places they would like to protect in Deerfield. Mr. Berglund wished to correct Selectman Alexander's statement of \$2.00 being taken off the tax rate. That would be \$2.00 over four years. He wanted to point out that there were expenditures beyond the projects listed on the handout. He cited the Peg King Park which was donated to the Town by Roger King, but the Conservation Commission supported expenditures there at about \$25,000 to prepare the park. There were other projects that the Selectmen had asked the Conservation Commission to consider where that money had been used. Mr. Berglund wished to thank the body for the previous vote, but would ask for the full support to deny Article 21 because it would cut off what was just supported.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady wanted clarification of whether the Conservation Easement for Article 21 was going to be deeded to Bear Paws. Under the law of the State of New Hampshire, the Town can only sell or gift away land by support of the members of Town Meeting. The Conservation Commission have asked the Selectmen to sign over Conservation Easements to Bear Paw or Rockingham Land Trust. She wanted to know if that was the intention of what was to happen with the Clifford property.

The Chair Recognized Frank Mitchell, 21 Meetinghouse Hill Road

Mr. Mitchell asked the Moderator for a Point of Order because Mrs. Cady's question seemed to refer to the previous Article.

Moderator: This Article came up because it was related to the last Article. We are talking about the amount of money available to the Conservation Commission, so it would seem to me that how they spend their money would be germane.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady asked if the Conservation Commission planned to consistently deed away easements that the Town pays for.

The Chair Recognized Frank Mitchell, 21 Meetinghouse Hill Road

Mr. Mitchell explained that the Town buys conservation easements which represent the value of the development rights on a property. The Town does not own the property and therefore cannot deed it to anyone. The land remains privately owned. The development rights are extinguished with the conservation easement. In the case of some easements, the responsibility of the Town is to have an executory interest with Bear Paw as holding the principal interest. Mr. Mitchell went on to explain that means that the responsibility of enforcing the easement over the long term. If Bear Paw ceased to exist, the Town would have the right to step in and take over the responsibility. He suggested that someone from the Conservation Commission could answer why the arrangement was deemed preferable. He claimed that Land Trust's business was a non-profit organization that works to conserve land with the expertise to do that professionally. He felt that they could do it in a more effective manner than volunteers working part-time on the local level. The point was that the Town would still have full control in terms of enforcing and managing the easements.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady stated that by law she is certified and practices real estate appraisal. She claimed that perhaps Mr. Mitchell was unaware that when an easement is purchased, it is part of a property. The Town owns the development rights on the easements. Mrs. Cady made a point that the deeding over that right to be managed by a third party that takes away the Town's ownership rights in what to do with the property because they can sue the Town if they feel that the property was not managed properly. Mrs. Cady stated that she want this practice to stop.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson claimed that the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee have heard of Mrs. Cady's concern previously, and have talked at length on interests, that the Board of Selectmen ultimately signs off on these deals. However, nothing has been signed off on that has not been approved by Town Counsel, James

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Raymond who works for Upton and Hatfield specifically in this area of expertise. Selectman Robertson pointed out that the Selectmen have been concerned with the language with the conservation deeds and have been very nitpicky about making sure they conform to the letter of the law as could be attested by the Conservation Commission or the Open Space Committee. He wanted to set the body at ease that the Board of Selectmen were not operating illegally and that there was nothing illegal in the acceptance of the conservation easements to date.

The Chair Recognized Christine Hatfield, 21 Candia Road

Ms. Hatfield felt that the discussion at hand was clouding the issue of what the body was trying to accomplish by funding conservation easements. She stated that she was not related to Attorney Hatfield, so she did not know all the details about the discussion, but she felt that if the Town pays to extinguish in perpetuity development rights, the land can be preserved as Open Space forever. Ms. Hatfield felt that as long as the land was protected in perpetuity that whether the easement was vested in the Town or anything else, the goal had been accomplished

QUESTION MOVED: Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

MOVE SECONDED: George Keech, 12 Perkins Road

Moderator: It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to **MOVE** the Question on Article 17 as printed. If we adopt this motion the people waiting will not have a chance to speak and we will move directly to a **VOTE** on this Article. As many are in favor of closing **DEBATE** on Article 17 and moving to a **VOTE** on the Question at this time, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. You can look around. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

The Ayes have it.

DEBATE is **CLOSED** on Article 17.

A request for secret ballot was submitted with 9 signatures to the Moderator.

Moderator: Now we move to our **VOTE** on Article 17. This is also going to be a secret ballot. We are going to use Ballot E if there are no objections. Seeing none:

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to reduce the percentage of Land Use Change Tax Revenue transferred to the Deerfield Conservation Commission from 100% to 25% and cap the amount retained in the Deerfield Conservation Commission Fund at \$500,000. As many as are in favor of the adoption of this Article as printed please signify by marking, YES on Ballot E. Those opposed, please signify by marking, NO on Ballot E. For clarification, Yes means that you favor adoption of the Article as printed reducing the amount of tax revenue going to the Conservation Commission. No means you want to leave it as it is. If anyone has not deposited his or her ballot in the ballot in the ballot box and wishes to **VOTE** on this Article, please signal me. Seeing none. The balloting is closed.

The results for Article 17 were read after the results of Article 8. The Results were:

YES 142

NO 139

The Article was **ADOPTED**.

There was a vote to restrict reconsideration after the results were read.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000) for the purpose of purchasing a municipal software package.

Moderator: What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

Selectman, John Reagan: So **MOVED** as printed.

Selectman, Frances Menard: 1 **SECOND**.

Moderator: Article 5 has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** as printed. The Article is now open for Discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, John Reagan

Selectman Reagan claimed that the more accurate price for the software was \$25,278. The software would enable the operation of the Town Clerks's Office to increase accuracy in matters pertaining to everybody's property and how the reconciliation is done for the collection of property taxes. Mr. Reagan stated that there it was a lack of timeliness in the ability of the Town Clerk's Office to report their activities now because of the two existing software packages. So this software would replace two existing software packages and would increase the timeliness of the reporting function of the Town Clerk. It would also reduce the reconciliation time of the office. Mr. Reagan claimed that it was news to him that the Town Clerk's Office was open from 8:00am to 2:30pm, but the staff was there until 4:00pm to reconcile things that the software should have done for them, but this package would do that. So, the residents may see increased counter time at the Town Offices. Mr. Reagan saw this as a necessary management tool for the operation of Town Administration.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady asked if the new software would be updateable as laws and rules change so that the Town will not be buying software that cannot be used in the future. By her account this was the third time in the last five years that software was purchased.

The Chair Recognized R. Andrew Robertson

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Selectman Robertson deferred to Cynthia Heon, the Town Administrator to answer that question.

The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon

Mrs. Heon said to directly answer Mrs. Cady's question the answer was yes. She claimed the Town Offices would not have brought forward a package that did could not provide the Town with updates and bridges and whatever else was needed to be compatible with what was currently in house or in the future.

The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres

Ms. Ruiz asked for the name of the software package that was going to be purchased.

The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon

Mrs. Heon answered that the name of the package was MuniSmart and that it was a group that was an all inclusive, comprehensive government package that the Town was not going to purchase all at once. She did have a list of which items the Town was going to purchase, but the software would be expandable if there were future changes.

The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres

Ms. Ruiz asked what the package that was being sought for purchase included.

The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon

Mrs. Heon listed that the package had a systems manager, accounts payable, general ledger, budget development, purchase orders, cash receipting, payroll, property taxation which wasn't included in the beginning. Mrs. Heon stated that she would later refer to the Tax Collector for more comments on the tax portion as well as the recommendations that she received. Mrs. Heon claimed that MuniSmart was also providing the Town with a printer which will print checks on stock paper for accounts payable and payroll. There was a ten user database and annual software was included. The total cost of the package came to \$25,278.

The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres

Ms. Ruiz asked how long Mrs. Heon saw the program lasting for the Town and what were the future costs for updating were.

The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon

Mrs. Heon stated that at that point in time, the only future cost would be the maintenance support every year which would be \$5,373.00. In looking at the current support costs and taking out the support costs that would be paid to vendors who would be dismissed, MuniSmart would save the Town Offices \$2,700 in the maintenance.

The Chair Recognized Alan O'Neal, 1 Millstone Lane

Mr. O'Neal asked if the cost of the software cost included the cost of installation, conversion and the first year of maintenance.

The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon

Mrs. Heon replied that those costs were included in the price.

Moderator: Are there further questions? Are you ready for the question? The question is on the Adoption of Article 5 as printed:

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000) for the purpose of purchasing a municipal software package. As many as are in favor of this Article as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Look around. Cards Down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised.

The **AYES** have it.

Article number 5 is **ADOPTED** as printed.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for engineering, studies and development of plans for space needs for the Town of Deerfield.

Moderator: What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

Selectman, James Alexander: I **MOVE** the Article as printed and read.

Selectman, Frances Menard: I **SECOND**.

Moderator: It has been **MOVED** (and **SECONDED**) to Adopt Article 6 as printed. The Article is now open for Discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

Selectman Alexander stated originally the Selectmen were tempted to drop this Article. However, with the outcome of the vote for the future of the George B. White Building, the Selectmen have elected to leave the \$10,000 in there to fit in the desires of the Town because it is conceivable that architects or engineers may need to be brought in to determine some of the feasible options for that building.

The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Ms. Wilson asked if Article 6 should be put off until a volunteer study is done of the George B. White School.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

Selectman Alexander expressed that the Board of Selectmen would do as much as they could with volunteer help. However if the Selectmen were unable to get the kind of volunteer help, that could produce a report to bring back to the body with a series of possible uses with accurate costs. The Selectmen may need to turn to professional help where money would obviously be required.

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The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Mrs. Wilson commented that the study probably wouldn't start until the fall, so she asked why this Article couldn't just wait until next year.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

Selectman Stone claimed he was puzzled because as he understood it, the body wanted the Selectmen to get back to them for the next Town Meeting. He wanted clarification on whether the body wanted professional advice to be sought out by the Selectmen after the current meeting or if the body wanted them to wait until the next annual meeting.

The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Mrs. Wilson responded, "Yes."

The Chair Recognized Robert Strobel, II, 27 Lang Road

Mr. Strobel asked for clarification of what departments this study would cover.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

Selectman Alexander explained that the money was set in the Article with the thought to study the space needs of the Town of Deerfield. That would mean all of the Departments within the Town.

The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Mr. Gross felt the amount of money in the proposed Article was pennies in comparison to what renovations should cost. In his mind it dove-tailed perfectly with what Article 14 where he believed that someone even mentioned adding money in for this reason.

Moderator: Is there any further discussion. Are you ready for the Question. The question is on the adoption of Article 6 as printed:

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for engineering, studies and development of plans for space needs for the Town of Deerfield.

As many as are in favor of this Article as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Cards Down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

The **AYES** have it.

Article number 6 is **ADOPTED** as printed.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 3 year lease agreement for Six Thousand Seven Hundred Five Dollars (\$6,705) for the purpose of leasing a copier, for the Town Offices, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$2,235) for the first year's payment. The lease agreement contains an escape clause.

The Moderator noticed that the numeric figure for the first year's payment did not match the written figure.

Moderator: What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson: I **MOVE** Article 7 as written.

Selectman, Frances Menard: I **SECOND**.

Moderator: It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Adopt Article 7 as written. Selectman Robertson, I would like to hear a motion to adjust the "35" to a "23".

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson made a **MOTION** to adjust the "35" to a "23."

MOTION SECONDED: Selectman, Frances Mendard.

Moderator: If there is no objection, we will make that adjustment by unanimous consent. The Amendment is Adopted by unanimous consent. Now it reads \$2,223 in both places and it is open for discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson deferred to Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon.

The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon

Mrs. Heon said in regards to the copier purchases for the Town Offices, without making light of it she would like to defer to Walter Hooker who waited for many budget reports and the cost of going to pay to get them copied. Mrs. Heon claimed that the Town has not had good luck in purchasing copiers, but with the lease program if there were to ever be a problem like the one currently, a phone call could be made and the copier would be replaced. The proposed annual lease payment was \$2,223 and the whole amount was within the warrant Article. The copier would produce 35 copies per minute and about 180,000 copies annually. The service agreement and the activation fee were put in the data processing budget as requested by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee. Mrs. Heon stated technology is continually changing. With a lease, if a copier turns out to be a lemon, it can be replaced. The Town researched several companies and Conway had given great service in the past unlike with the present provider. Conway Office Products quoted the Town Offices a lower price by allowing them to piggyback with the Police Department and a deferred payment for 90 days after Town Meeting if the Article were to pass.

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The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road

Mr. Broad asked if piggybacking meant that the Town got a better price because two copiers were going to be leased; one with the Town Offices and one with the Police Department.

The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon

Mrs. Heon replied that that was correct.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road

Mr. Broad asked what the language of the escape clause read.

The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon

Mrs. Heon stated that the clause was a non-appropriation of funds clause. The bottom line was that if the Article was not passed that no vendor would be chosen.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road

Mr. Broad was under the impression from reading the Article that there was an escape clause in the lease. It was now his understanding that the escape clause was only if Town Meeting did not VOTE in favor of the Article.

The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon

Mrs. Heon explained that the Town Offices researched four vendors and presented them to the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee before selecting Conway. No lease was to be signed until after Town Meeting.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road

Mr. Broad explained that as he understood it, leases typically go two years, three years or four years and that the escape clause led him to believe that the Town could get out of the lease two years down the road if it wanted to. He wanted to know if that was the case or if the Town was locked into the lease once it was ratified.

The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon

Mrs. Heon deferred to Jeanette Foisy, Office Assistant/Bookkeeper.

The Chair Recognized Jeannette Foisy, Office Assistant/Bookkeeper

Mrs. Foisy explained that at the moment there was no contract with Conway. The Town Offices have spoken with the vendor and if the Town approved the contract with him, the Town was bound for one year. If next year, the Town comes before the meeting and it is decided that the Town no longer wants the Conway copier, Conway will come in and take the copier and the Town Offices will be without a copier.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady understood that the Town Office's copier was piggybacked on the Police Department's copier, but she wanted to know why the copier for the Town Offices was about \$3,000 more expensive than the Police Department's copier.

The Chair Recognized Town Administrator, Cynthia Heon

Mrs. Heon wished to defer to the Police Chief for that answer.

The Chair Recognized Police Chief, Robert Wunderlich

Chief Wunderlich explained that the model for the Police Department was very basic without the bells and whistles. The Town's needs were more than the Police Department's so the Town's had more bells and whistles.

The Chair Recognized Margo Dearbhail, 103 Mount Delight Road

Mr. Dearbhail mentioned that last week that a 9 million dollar budget was passed with less discussion and she felt that it was an insult to the people who work at the Town Offices to be querying such items. She stated that she trusted their judgment on buying a copier because they could not do business without one. She urged the Select Board to put these types of items in the budget because they would know what model would work for them for the least amount of money. She thought that the Town Offices had proven today that they do try to save the Town money through their efforts and she appreciated it.

QUESTION MOVED: Mary Doane, 81 Mount Delight Road

MOTION SECONDED: Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

The Chair Recognized Lawrence Lassins, 11 Meetinghouse Hill Road

Mr. Lassins asked for a Point of Order because the number that was changed to "23" should have been "35" because if the total amount of \$6,705 divisible by three would be \$2,235.

Moderator: They have already made a **MOTION** to Amend the Article. The previous question has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** and seeing that there are no speakers, are we ready to **VOTE** on the question. The question on the adoption of Article 7 as Amended to \$2,223:

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 3 year lease agreement for Six Thousand Seven Hundred Five Dollars (\$6,705) for the purpose of leasing a copier, for the Town Offices, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (**\$2,223**) for the first year's payment. The lease agreement contains an escape clause. As many as are in favor of this Article as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Look around. Cards Down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised.

The **AYES** have it.

The Article is **ADOPTED** as printed.

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ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 3 year lease agreement for Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$3,822) for the purpose of leasing a copier, for the Police Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$1,274) for the first year's payment. The lease agreement contains an escape clause.

Moderator: What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson: I **MOVE** Warrant Article 8 as written.

Selectman, Frances Menard: I **SECOND**.

Moderator: It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Adopt Article 8 as printed. The Article is now open for discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Roberston

Selectman Roberston just wanted to repeat what was set for the previous warrant Article. A copier is a critical piece of equipment for the Police Department and they have done their homework. The piggyback deal as mentioned on the previous Article would give the Police Department a little better deal on the copier. He deferred questions specific to the use to the Police Chief.

The Chair Recognized Walter Hooker, 1 Blue Heron Lane

Mr. Hooker asked why the two copiers were warrant Articles and not included in the operating budget. He asked if it was specifically because they were contracts.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Roberston

Selectman Robertson explained that it was because it was a lease and a lease contract for multiple years.

Moderator: Is there any further discussion. Are you ready for the question? The question is on the adoption of Article 8 as printed: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 3 year lease agreement for Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$3,822) for the purpose of leasing a copier, for the Police Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$1,274) for the first year's . The lease agreement contains an escape clause. As many as are in favor of the adoption of this Article as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Look around. Cards Down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised.

The **AYES** have it.

Article number 8 is **ADOPTED** as printed.

I have the results of the **VOTE** on Article 17: Yes, 142, No, 139. Article 17 is **ADOPTED**.

The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road

Mr. Davitt requested that Article 17 be reconsidered.

Moderator: Did you **VOTE** in favor of the Article? If you did not you cannot motion that it be reconsidered. Only people that voted on the prevailing side can **MOVE** for reconsideration. Reconsideration is only in order if new information has come to our attention that would suggest that the outcome would be different. It is not to have a second chance.

MOTION TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION

MOTION TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION ON ARTICLE 17: Walter Hooker, 1 Blue Heron Lane.

MOTION SECONDED: Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Moderator: Is there any discussion to restrict consideration on Article 17.

The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III

Mr. Berglund felt that there was confusion on that vote. Several people came to him after the box was traveling around on whether it was a yes or a no. He did ask to have it clarified, but things were already going. He did not vote on the prevailing side. So, he is asking to defeat this motion and if someone who voted on the prevailing side could come forward it could be done.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady asked which side prevailed, Yes or No. To clarify she asked those who wanted to take up reconsideration today, to vote no on this motion.

Moderator:

The Moderator indicated that Mrs. Cady's statement was true.

The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road

Mr. Davitt urged the body to vote no on the restrictive reconsideration because people were confused on whether a no meant yes or a yes meant no. Also, he believed that many people did not understand where the funds came from.

The Chair Recognized Donald Gorman, 158 Mountain Road

Mr. Gorman urged the body to vote against the restriction because two of the ballots cast on Article 17 were not counted because people voted yes and no on the ballot. By his recollection, at that point the count was 140 versus 140. Mr. Gorman asked to recount the vote so that it wasn't such a razor thin margin.

The Chair Recognized Alan O'Neal, 1 Millstone Lane

Mr. O'Neal asked if the vote to restrict reconsideration would be by secret ballot since the original Article was taken as a

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secret ballot.

Moderator: No, the vote would not be by secret ballot unless someone asked for it.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady stated that she would urge people to vote yes to Restrict Consideration.

Moderator: Are we ready for the Question. The question is whether to **VOTE** on the MOTION to restrict reconsideration on Article 17 delaying taking up reconsideration. All those in favor of restricting consideration of Article 17, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. I think that is a vote in the affirmative, but this vote should be counted.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady proposed that a secret ballot vote be taken for the MOTION to restrict reconsideration.

Moderator: Do we have seven people who will stand up and request a secret ballot? We have a secret ballot.

There was considerable confusion on what people were voting for during the Question on whether or not to Adopt a MOTION to Restriction of Reconsideration on Article 17.

Moderator: Now, we have a **VOTE** on Article 17. Reconsideration would cause us to say that "we never voted on that and we're going to take it up again," that is what Reconsideration does. We are voting now to say, "if we vote to reconsider, if we vote to throw out that vote we will take up that business." If we **VOTE** yes now, and then later we **VOTE** to reconsider the **VOTE**, we will meet again to take up Reconsideration. We are not allowed to do it today by law. So if you **VOTE** yes, you are saying, if this is reconsidered, don't do it today. If you **VOTE** no, you are saying if this reconsidered we want to do it in this meeting. That is all that we're voting on now. We are not voting whether or not to reconsider, only when we would take up the **VOTE** if we decided to reconsider.

Ballot F, does everyone have a Ballot F?

If you have trouble with your ballot and you make it so that our counters can understand your intent, they will count it. Our job in counting ballots is to try and understand your intent. If we're confident that we understand what you mean, we don't say, "oh it's not inside the box." That does not happen ever when counting ballots by hand. You want to use the ballot if you can understand the voters intent. You make the ballot clear and we will count it. So if you mark something and realize that you didn't mean to do that, you can write on the ballot that you made a mistake. Write it out and for example, "I want to vote NO." I hope you can just check it, but if you can't make it clear. It must be on Ballot F.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

Selectman Stone asked how he would need to vote on Ballot F if he just wanted to leave the vote alone.

Moderator: We are not deciding that right now. All we are voting is if we do reconsider, will we do it today or would we do it in a week. If you **VOTE** NO, and if we later **VOTE** to reconsider, we would take up this Article right now. You can only decide now that if we do take this up, would we prefer to do it today or in the future.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

Selectman Stone thought that the intent of the restriction was that once a vote was taken, people who left would not get home and find out that the body had reconsidered the vote and voted again. Selectman Stone was asking why the body could not address why they may or may not want to leave the vote the way it was at the present time without worrying about next week.

Moderator: If you think that the people on your side of the vote are more likely to leave than the other people, then you would want to Restrict Reconsideration. If you thought the opposite you would not want to Restrict Reconsideration. This is the law and I'm doing my best to read you the law, but I don't think that is going to make it any clearer. We've adopted this for many other Articles, maybe we slow down take a couple of minutes here to discuss what reconsideration means. When you **VOTE** to reconsider, we're not talking about restrict because you have to understand what reconsideration means to under what Restricting Reconsideration means. Reconsideration is the ability of the body when new information is uncovered to say, "this **VOTE** we took earlier, just forget that we ever took it. Set it aside and we want the Article to be opened again for discussion and for voting. The old **VOTE** is gone." That is what you do when you **VOTE** to reconsider. Now let that settle in. The purpose of this **VOTE** is to say if this body should decide to reconsider for the **VOTE** we made on Article 17, if it should, when would we take up the Article. When could we concern ourselves with the Article in this meeting. When could it come to the floor. If you **VOTE** yes, it would not come to the floor again for seven days. We would have to meet again next Saturday or later. If you **VOTE** no, we'd be able to take it up right now.

The Chair Recognized Mary County, 34 Meetinghouse Hill Road

Mrs. County offered a point of information that she thought the original vote that we just took was to vote for reconstructing reconsideration.

Moderator: That is what we are trying to do, but I could not judge it by the hands. A secret ballot was asked for. We are voting for restricting reconsideration. There was no announced outcome for that **VOTE** because it was too close for me to feel comfortable calling it. Yes means seven days later if we do it. No means today if we do it. Are we ready.

The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres

Ms. Ruiz asked if a motion needed to be made for reconsideration immediately after this vote if the body does not vote to

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restrict reconsideration.

Moderator: Whether or not this Article passes, people can MOVE for reconsideration.

The Chair Recognized George Keech, 12 Perkins Road

Mr. Keech stated that he was a little confused himself. The motion was to restrict reconsideration at this meeting, but he wanted to know if a YES vote would restrict consideration at the current meeting.

Moderator: YES. It would defer it to a future meeting. Are we ready for the VOTE? The

VOTE is on whether to restrict reconsideration on Article 17. If you wish to restrict reconsideration, to not take up the Article again today, should we reconsider it, VOTE YES. If you would like to take up the Article today if we reconsider it, VOTE NO. Please pass the ballot boxes around. Is every ballot in the ballot box. Okay it looks like they all are. The results of the VOTE to restrict reconsideration of Article 17 were read after the VOTE on Article 11.

YES 74

NO 190

The Vote to Restrict Reconsideration was DEFEATED.

The balloting is closed and we can move onto Article 9.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars (\$18,769) for the purpose of Town employee raises for salaries and wages. (This represents a 2.7% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase for all part time and full time Town employees.)

Moderator: What ACTION do you wish to take on this Article?

Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson: I MOVE Warrant the Article as written.

Selectman, Frances Menard: I SECOND.

Moderator: It has been MOVED and SECONDED to Adopt Article 9 as printed. The Article is now open for discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson stated that the Selectmen put the cost of living adjustment increase or decrease should there be one in as a warrant Article for approval by the Town. The Selectmen wrestled with what number to use this year or even if there should be a COLA at all according to Selectman Robertson. After reviewing an number of indexes, it was decided to use the 2.7%. The Selectmen highly value their employees and Municipal Salaries are not necessarily on the top of the payroll scale. This was how the Selectmen thought they could show that they appreciated them.

The Chair Recognized Debora Wyman, 114 Nottingham Road

Ms. Wyman stated that everyone deserves a raise every year. She claimed that as a State employee she had not had a raise in two years and with the impending budget cuts it still does not look good. She could not afford to give the raise that the teachers received at the School District Meeting plus the Town Employees. She thought that people really need to start looking.

Moderator: Is there any further discussion on Article 9? Seeing none are you ready for the Question. The question is on the adoption of Article 9 as printed: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars (\$18,769) for the purpose of Town employee raises for salaries and wages. (This represents a 2.7% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase for all part time and full time Town employees.) As many are in favor of the Adoption of the Article as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

The AYES have it.

The Article is ADOPTED as printed

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purchase of one trash containment unit, previously rented, to be housed at the Transfer Station.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the MBC.

Moderator: What ACTION do you wish to take on this Article?

Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson: I MOVE Article 10 as written.

Selectman, Frances Menard: I SECOND.

Moderator: It has been MOVED and SECONDED to Adopt Article 10 as printed. The Article is now Open for Discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson deferred to the Transfer Station Manager, Eugene Edwards for more detail in regard o the Article.

The Chair Recognized Eugene Edwards, Transfer Station Manager

Mr. Edwards explained that the Article was just a continuation of replacing rented units with units that the Town owns. It has been discussed in prior years that for the amount of money spent to rent dumpsters, they could have been owned by the Town.

The Chair Recognized David O'Neal, 10 Meetinghouse Hill Road

Mr. O'Neal asked if Mr. Edwards could share how much money was paid on rentals.

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The Chair Recognized Eugene Edwards, Transfer Station Manager

Mr. Edwards stated that the Town pays roughly \$40 per month for a rental and the Station has been open close to ten years.

The Chair Recognized Donald Gorman, 158 Mountain Road

It had come to Mr. Gorman's attention that there is a Town Ordinance not to allow anyone to do any politicking or passing out of fliers at the Town Transfer Station.

POINT OF ORDER

Moderator: Mr. Gorman, your point is taken, but we need to talk about a trash containment unit here and whether we favor it or not. You could bring that up under the final Article of the warrant for other items. But that topic is not about trash containment. Is there anyone else that would like to speak about the trash containment unit?

Moderator: The Question is on Article 10 as printed:

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purchase of one trash containment unit, previously rented, to be housed at the Transfer Station. All those in favor of Adoption of the Article as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised.

The **AYES** have it.

The Article is **ADOPTED** as printed.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,950) for the purpose of funding Targeted Traffic Enforcement Patrols to be conducted by the Deerfield Police Department and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,950) in offsetting funds.

Moderator: What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson: I **MOVE** Warrant Article 11 as written.

Selectman, Frances Menard: I **SECOND**.

Moderator: It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Adopt Article 11 as printed. The Article is now open for discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson deferred to Sergeant Stephen Turner to discuss the specifics of the grants.

The Chair Recognized Sergeant Stephen Turner

Sergeant Turner joked that there was no motorcycle on the warrant this year. According to Sergeant Turner, the patrols in the warrant Article were the same ones that had been requested over the past 10 years. The targeted controls were a continuation of a program that Chief Wunderlich started last spring where during each week the Police Department picks a road in Town and works the neighborhood for one hour each shift. That equates to three hours a week on one particular road. Mr. Turner claimed that the Police Department have had more popular response to this program than any other in the fifteen years he had been there. The people are glad to see the patrol cars. They are a deterrent to speeders and criminals because they know the police are in the neighborhood. The patrols are funded by a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Counsel from the Federal Government. Grants for the Town of Deerfield have already been approved. Sergeant Turner claimed that Concord was just waiting for the body to take action. This was a wash item because everything that was spent on this was fully reimbursable by the Highway Safety Agency.

The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Mrs. Wilson asked if the Town voted on the Articles if the Town would be fully reimbursed or only by 50%.

The Chair Recognized Sergeant Stephen Turner

Mr. Turner answered that the expenditures will be reimbursed 100%.

Moderator: Is there any further discussion on Article 11? Seeing none are you ready for the Question? The Question is on the adoption of Article 11 as printed:

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,950) for the purpose of funding Targeted Traffic Enforcement Patrols to be conducted by the Deerfield Police Department and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,950) in offsetting funds. As many of those who are in favor of **ADOPTION** of the Article as printed, please raise your voting cards and keep them raised. Thank you. Cards down. Those opposed, please raise your voting cards and keep them raised.

The **AYES** have it.

Article 11 is **ADOPTED** as printed.

I have the results of the **VOTE** to restrict reconsideration of Article 17. YES 74, NO 190. That just means that if we do take it up it will be today unless we decide to adjourn the meeting and take it up at another time.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

The Chair Recognized Richard Boisvert, 68 Old Center Road

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Mr. Boisvert claimed that he voted with the prevailing side because he was not thinking carefully. There were others that could verify that he did make that mistake before the votes were counted. So, on that basis, Mr. Boisvert wanted to make a **MOTION** to Reconsider the vote on Article 17.

MOTION SECONDED: Bob Davitt, 40 Old Center Road

Moderator: It is **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to reconsider our **VOTE** on Article 17. Where an Article is debatable, reconsideration is also debatable on the merits of the Article. So, a reconsideration of Article 17 is open for discussion. So we are debating formally whether or not to cast aside our **VOTE** and take a new **VOTE** on Article 17, but the merits of Article 17 are also germane according to Robert's Rules to this discussion. Is there further discussion on the reconsideration of Article 17?

The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road

Mr. Davitt thought there was some confusion on where the money from Article 17 came from. He claimed that he was Chairman of the Conservation Commission in Pelham for five years. He gave as an example, if someone owned 50 acres of land, it could be put in current use. That would mean that individual would be taxed at a lower rate because it would be taxed as farmland or woodland not as if it had the potential to be a housing development. That would mean that landowners could not be forced to sell the land because they could not pay the property tax on it. However, according to Mr. Davitt, in order to develop this land it then would have to be taken out of current use. At that time, a penalty fee would be paid to the Town and that is where the money in Article 17 comes from. He urged the body to think about it. The Town would only get money from these penalties for so long. Once the large tracks of land are gone, the money will dry up that comes into this fund. The Legislature passed a law that would allow the Townspeople to vote to take the penalty money and put it in a Conservation fund which then that money could be used to protect open land from development which was done with Article 21 today. Currently, 100% of the money from the penalty goes to the Conservation fund which was supposed to be used to preserve open land. Mr. Davitt claimed that if the body voted yes on Article 17 to cut it down to 25%, the body would be voting to cut the money that would go toward the preservation of open land. He stated that the body would be basically raising their taxes permanently. If it was to shrink the fund today, Mr. Davitt claimed that it may cut a dollar off the tax rate, but it would be the cost of \$3 or more on the tax rate in Deerfield's future. Land that could have been prevented from being developed will be developed. He claimed that kids were going to come into the schools. Mr. Davitt thought the Selectmen were being short sighted in saying that Article 17 would save the taxpayers money. He thought the body had seen today that the Selectmen were not looking into the future enough. That looking into the future would save the Town the most money. Cutting the Conservation Commission back to 25% would be a band-aid solution.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady had a concern that the body was taking up an Article when about a third of the people who originally voted were gone. Those are the people who complain that the process is not fair. In her opinion, that is why Deerfield will be an SB2 Town in the future. The people that asked for reconsideration today may win, she felt that an Article on the ballot would allow people to vote no. In Mrs. Cady's opinion, good consideration would say that they would accept the 25% that was voted for them and walk away glad because she guaranteed that next year the petitioned warrant Article would be that the Commission get nothing. The amount of taxes will be reduce with the amount of money that is paid back in current use. According to Mrs. Cady, the penalty for current use was meant to reward those who made up the taxes for those who had current use land. It was not meant to go buy up more land. One thing that stressed Mrs. Cady was that her grandchildren could not live in Deerfield. She knew they couldn't afford a house lot. That has been done by putting government in competition with private sale of property. When government will pay more for it than the private person can afford to pay, the government will always win. I urge you to vote **NO** on the **MOTION** for reconsideration.

The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Mr. Gross wanted to urge people to vote **YES** regarding reconsideration on Article 17 because the body took about 10 minutes discussing the issue. He believed about 7 minutes was used talking about an issue that was not germane to the Article. Mr. Gross believed that there needed to be more **DEBATE**.

The Chair Recognized Douglas Leavitt, 159 Middle Road

Mr. Leavitt thought it was a good idea to revote on Article 17 because a huge majority voted for Article 21, but then Article 17 failed. He claimed that if people voted **YES** on Article 21 they would have to be crazy to vote **YES** to Article 17. Many people did that and Mr. Leavitt believed that it was totally contradictory. He wanted to look at it again and make sure people knew what it meant. He thought Open Space funded by current use made sense. The more current use penalties get paid the more development is going to happen. In his mind it was a perfect balance. So, he thought that the body should **VOTE YES** on this **MOTION** for reconsideration and when it is reconsidered, the body should **VOTE NO** so the Conservation Commission could be funded adequately to protect open space.

The Chair Recognized Alan O'Neal, 1 Millstone Lane

Mr. O'Neal claimed that he voted in favor of this reduction and his main concern was that there is a very small group that controls this money that does not come back to the community to decide where to expend it. He thought that was what need work.

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The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Mrs. Wilson claimed that the people who did not own 10 acres or more were subsidizing the people who get the tax break. She thought that the money should come back to the taxpayers.

The Chair Recognized Carmella Davitt, 40 Old Center Road

Mrs. Davitt claimed that her husband was the conservationist but she was not. She heard Harriet Cady say that her grandchildren could not afford to live in Deerfield, but Mrs. Davitt claimed that she could not afford the taxes today. She has lived for four years alone on her salary and she didn't go to the Town to ask for assistance, she picked up other jobs. She felt she was approaching the Article as a physically responsible person who wants to live in Deerfield and stay in Deerfield with her taxes lowered permanently. That was why she supported the Conservation Commission.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road

Mr. Broad wanted clarification. If someone had land in current use and fifteen years later decided to develop that land, they would pay a penalty to the Town and that money used to go into the tax base as revenue to the Town. He asked if what the Conservation Commission wanted the entire amount to go to their Commission and be kept that way.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained that what was currently happening was that that 100% of the change use tax money goes to the Conservation fund. This warrant Article was seeking to put a cap on the what that fund could grow and limit the percentage of the land use change money that goes to the Conservation fund. For lack of a better term, Selectman Robertson explained, that money is deferred taxes. When land is put into current use the owner gets a discounted tax rate for keeping it as open space. The current use penalty attempts to collect some of those defrayed costs back. Selectman Robertson stated that it was up to the body as to whether they wanted to use it for Conservation or apply it to the bottom line.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Broad, 39 Mountain Road

Mr. Broad thought it should be applied to bottom line for town spending.

The Chair Recognized Sara Callaghan, 76 Nottingham Road

Ms. Callaghan had a couple of points to make. She referenced the Conservation Commission handbook as a point of reference for the purpose of the current use assessment. According to the handbook, the reason "the purpose of current use is to encourage the preservation of open space land by assessing a qualifying parcel by its value for its current use rather than its highest and best use value." Ms. Callaghan wanted to address another concern that homeowners who own a home are subsidizing people who had open space. She believed that it had been mentioned that it costs the Town less money to maintain open space than the money the Town makes off of that land. Open space pays more than enough money as open land. According to Ms. Callaghan, the current use money has only two options. It could either go into the Conservation fund or be set aside. According to the RSAs, any surplus remaining in the land use change tax shall not be applied to the general fund until such time as the legislative body shall have the opportunity to vote to appropriate a specific amount for that land use change tax. Ms. Callaghan found there to be a direct correlation between current use taxation and conservation of open land. When money is taken out of current use it is removed from open space. So there would be direct relation between that removal or inability for that land to be open space and for the money to go to the Conservation Commission and for the Commission to protect open space somewhere else. There was a reason why that funding was there and that was why that money was appropriated to the Conservation Fund four years ago.

The Chair Recognized Erick Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member

Mr. Berglund wanted to make a correction to a previous statement that the money from current use penalty went to a small group which controls the funds. It was correct that the Conservation Commission has oversight and controls the spending because that is how it was set up by the legislature under the RSAs. However, as Mr. Berglund pointed out, the Conservation Commission cannot go and purchase land, conservation easements or development rights without approval of the Board of Selectmen. There is a system of balance of control. Mr. Berglund wanted to clarify that current use taxation is when land is taken out of open space and converted to development. Mr. Berglund went on to read from Title V Chapter 79A:1 Declaration of Public Interest. "It is hereby declared to be in the public interest to encourage the preservation of open space, thus providing a healthful and attractive outdoor environment for work and recreation of the state's citizens, maintaining the character of the state's landscape, and conserving the land, water, forest, agricultural and wildlife resources. It is further declared to be in the public interest to prevent the loss of open space due to property taxation at values incompatible with open space usage. Open space land imposes few if any costs on local government and is therefore an economic benefit to its citizens. The means for encouraging preservation of open space authorized by this chapter is the assessment of land value for property taxation on the basis of current use. It is the intent of this chapter to encourage but not to require management practices on open space lands under current use assessment." Therefore, Mr. Berglund felt it followed that if land is taken out of current use which is how the funds come to the Town, it would make sense to put that money into a fund that would return that open space to the town where the net loss is zero.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, James Alexander

Selectman Alexander pointed out that all the **DEBATE** coming from the floor was on merits of the Article. The **MOTION** on the floor was reconsideration. He did not think it was proper to discuss the merits or lack of merits of the Article until

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it was determined if it would be reconsidered or not.

Moderator: Under Robert's Rules it is appropriate to discuss the merits of the Article during reconsideration.

The Chair Recognized Maryann Clark, 3 Old center Road

Ms. Clark wanted to point out that if the Town didn't protect this land now, it won't be grandchildren of residents that are going to buy it. It will be people from Massachusetts that would be willing to pay the price for it.

The Chair Recognized Katherine Hartnett, Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee Member

Ms. Hartnett wanted to make the point that the Conservation Commission is comprised entirely of taxpayers in Deerfield. They are fully aware that they are asking people for money. They are not trying to expend money in any way except in the most efficient expenditure of Town funds. That was the reason they had put together the handout for residents to review. She thought what was important to realize that State Government spends \$23.00 per person a year in New Jersey on Open Space protection because they didn't do it in time; Vermont \$8.00, Maine \$7.66, New Hampshire \$1.21 per person. Ms. Hartnett believed that meant that the State of New Hampshire has decided that individual towns have to make that decision. Ms. Eaves explained that this was why they were before they body. If there is money in the Conservation fund that puts the Commission in a better position to try to leverage the position and try to get more State dollars back. She claimed the Commission completely understood the concern about taxes and that they were trying to get the most value for the dollars.

QUESTION MOVED: Alan O'Neal, 1 Millstone Lane

MOTION SECONDED: Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Moderator: The previous Question has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED**. This motion would move immediately to a **VOTE** on whether to reconsider our **VOTE** on Article 17. As many who are in favor of closing **DEBATE** now and moving directly to a **VOTE** on reconsideration, please indicate now by raising your voting cards and keeping them up. Cards down. Those opposed to closing **DEBATE** please indicate by raising your voting cards and keeping them up. The **Ayes** have it. It looks unanimous. We have closed **DEBATE** on the reconsideration.

Moderator: Now we are voting on reconsideration. If you **VOTE** yes, our previous **VOTE** adopting Article 17 will be set aside as though we never made it and the Article will be open again for discussion. I will move directly to the Article. I will open the Article take a motion. We will start like we never did anything with it. If we **VOTE** no, the previous **VOTE** would be adopting Article 17 will be sealed. You cannot make a second motion to reconsider under Robert's Rules. Is that clear? Yes means forget that old **VOTE** we're starting over. No means we voted yes. We mean yes. Keep the Article like it is. Restrict the amount of money that goes to the conservation commission and limit it. Is that clear now how we **VOTE**? All those in favor of the reconsideration of Article 17 please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Cards down. Those opposed to reconsideration of Article 17. We have to count them because I can't call that. *A request for a secret ballot was heard from the floor and seven members of the meeting stood in favor of it.* We are going to use Ballot G. Let's show that the ballot boxes are empty. If you favor casting aside our earlier **VOTE** on Article 17 and opening it in **DEBATE** for all of us in a new **VOTE**, then **VOTE** YES. If you choose to seal our previous **VOTE**, **VOTE** NO. Does everyone have a Ballot G to use? Then mark your ballots and we will collect them. The results for the Motion to Reconsider Article 17 were read during an Amendment on Article 13. They were as follows:

YES 128

NO 129

The **MOTION** was **DEFEATED**.

We can **MOVE** onto Article 12 while the reconsideration **VOTE** is counted.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,950) for the purpose of funding DWI/Impaired Driver Patrols to be conducted by the Deerfield Police Department and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,950) in offsetting funds.

Moderator: What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson: I **MOVE** Warrant Article 12 as written.

Selectman, Frances Menard: I **SECOND**.

Moderator: The Article has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED**. The Article is now Open for Discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson stated that this Article was similar to Article 11. It is 100% offset by federal grant money. If there were specific questions he would refer to Sergeant Turner.

The Chair Recognized Ronald Charland, 51 Old Center Road

Mr. Charland asked if this Article was a one year commitment or if it was an annual commitment.

The Chair Recognized Sergeant Stephen Turner

Sergeant Turner responded that the Article was a one year commitment. Basically it was a 60 hour patrol per year where they gave 60 hours worth of funding

The Chair Recognized Ronald Charland, 51 Old Center Road

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Mr. Charland asked if the money would be refunded in future years and whether the money would be taken from the taxes if the funds were not available from the State.

The Chair Recognized Sergeant Stephen Turner

Sergeant Turner explained that as long as the State funds were available he would apply for the grant. However, if there were not available he would not ask the Town for the funds.

Moderator: Is there any further discussion? Are you ready for the **VOTE**? The **VOTE** is on the adoption of Article 12 as printed:

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,950) for the purpose of funding DWI/Impaired Driver Patrols to be conducted by the Deerfield Police Department and to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,950) in offsetting funds. As many as are in favor of adopting this Article as printed, please signify by raising your voting cards. Look around Hands down please. Those opposed, signify by raising your voting cards.

The **AYES** have it.

Article number 12 is **ADOPTED** as printed.

We are now ready to take up Article 13 and we would like to invite the Members of the Municipal Budget Committee to come to the stage because we will be working with their budget.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Municipal Budget Committee sum of Two Million Nine Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars (\$2,966,569) for general municipal operations; The Selectmen recommend Two Million Nine Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars (\$2,966,569). This Article does not include appropriations voted in other Warrant Articles.

Moderator: What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

MBC Chairman, Walter Hooker: I **MOVE** the Article as written.

Budget Assistant, Stephen Barry: I **SECOND**.

Moderator: It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to Adopt Article 13 in the amount written. The Article is now open for discussion.

The Chair Recognized MBC Chairman, Walter Hooker

Mr. Hooker hoped that the members of the meeting had the opportunity to review the budget earlier in the day. The details were on the table as people came in. Mr. Hooker stated that the Municipal Budget Committee would take questions on the budget, but if there were not, they would just move the bottom line.

The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Mrs. Wilson asked if the budget was accepted if it would automatically increase the tax rate by \$3.08.

The Chair Recognized MBC Chairman, Walter Hooker

Mr. Hooker claimed that the tax rate could not be predicted precisely because there are other factors between now and when the Department of Revenue Administration sets the tax rate. However, by his estimate, for the Town portion that had already been voted with warrant Articles and the operating budget as stated, for the Town which would not include the School or County it would be about \$7.45 which would be about \$1.50 more than last year.

The Chair Recognized Warren Billings, 37 Reservation Road

Mr. Billings claimed that he found \$15,000 in line item 01-4153.10-320 set aside for legal fees. He asked if that was contained elsewhere per department.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained that there would be a few other places where legal fees could be found; the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Building/Code Enforcement Department.

The Chair Recognized Warren Billings, 37 Reservation Road

Mr. Billings asked hypothetically if an employee left the Town and there was litigation in the settlement where would that money come from. He asked if those the legal fees were in line item 01-4153.10-320 or if they were set aside elsewhere.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson stated that depending on what the action would be, the legal fees would pay for cost of defense, prosecution or enforcement. If settlement was reached, typically the liability insurance would pay for the settlement. He claimed that the Town participates in the Local Government Liability Trust which is comprehensive liability insurance.

The Chair Recognized Warren Billings, 37 Reservation Road

Mr. Billings asked the Select Board if they felt comfortable with this number set aside because if they felt that more money was needed, Mr. Billings would like to set more money aside.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson stated as Chairman for the Selectmen he was comfortable. He couldn't speak to the rest of the Board.

The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Mr. Gross asked if there were additional personnel slated in the coming year and if so, what were the positions and justifications.

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The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson stated that under Town Administration they were anticipating a part-time employee to be spread between departments. There were a number of reasons that additional help was needed, for example someone to update the website which was requested of folks in Town. They were looking for assistance to Town Administration. The part-time person would be shared with Parks and Recreation as well. He noted that the position for a part-time assistant for the Building/Code Enforcement Officer was not filled immediately which had been budgeted previously.

The primary addition would be for part-time assistance to Town Administration.

The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Mr. Gross asked why there was about a 25% increase to the Police Budget.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained that there were two police cruisers included in the Police Department budget line. They had initially budgeted for one cruiser, however after hearing from the Police Chief it was clear that there was need for a second cruiser. To illustrate, Selectman Robertson described an incident where an officer driving one of the cruiser ended up with the steering wheel coming off in his hand while the car was moving and running. That helped convince the Selectman that a second cruiser was needed. There was also an additional full-time police officer which did increase the salary line.

The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

The other department that Mr. Gross noted had a sizable increase was Parks and Recreation and he wanted to know if someone could explain that increase.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained that essentially there has been a marked increase in programming under the direction of Mr. Manzi which has been well received by the Board of Selectman and the community at large. He also pointed out that a lot of his fees are met by Mr. Manzi's offsetting revenue. He deferred to Joe Manzi for more detail.

The Chair Recognized Director of Parks and Recreation, Joe Manzi

Mr. Manzi explained that the biggest budget increases were in the areas where Parks and Recreation hoped would increase the revenue. For example, the greatest increases were in the part-time help line item and the youth program services. The revenues this year were up about 30% for Parks and Recreation from the year before. He asked that people look at it in terms of the gross and net.

1st PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 13

The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road

Mr. Davitt made a MOTION to make a line item amendment to 01-4323.10-420, Transfer Station Disposal of Solid Waste, to be reduced \$120,000.

MOTION SECONDED: Charles Reese, 260 North Road

Moderator: It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to reduce the amount on line 01-4323.10-420, Disposal of Solid Waste by \$10,000 to \$120,000. Now the amendment is open for discussion.

The Chair Recognized Robert Davitt, 40 Old Center Road

Mr. Davitt stated that the intent with the amendment was to send a message to Selectmen. When he had attended Candidate's Night, he brought up a question about recycling and the Selectmen did not seem interested in pursuing anything. Mr. Davitt claimed that the Town's taxes have gone up a lot and that this was an area where the Town could save. It costs about \$100 per ton to get rid of things that are not recycled. If cardboard or plastic is recycled it cost\$ about \$50 per ton to get rid of. Mr. Davitt claimed that he hadn't reduced the line item by much. In order to make the ends meet he claimed all that needed to be done would be to recycle two hundred more tons. He urged the body to vote YES on this amendment and send a signal to the Selectmen that the Town wants the Selectmen to encourage recycling. He claimed he was tired of people who do not recycle. He suggested that the Selectmen be creative and think about how they can encourage recycling whether it be by paying per bag or making recycling mandatory etc.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson stated that if people would like to see increased recycling, he would far prefer that a motion be made to have mandatory recycling that the Town could vote on rather than reduce this amount. The Town is growing and the money that is received for recyclable materials fluctuates up and down. It can actually cost more money to recycle materials and sited an incident in the past where it had happened because they were doing too good a job of recycling. Selectman Robertson stated that if people wanted to move more toward recycling, he urged that they make a motion to have recycling made mandatory but not to tamper with the numbers of the budget.

The Chair Recognized Transfer Station Manager, Eugene Edwards

Mr. Edwards appreciated Mr. Davitt's amendment, but he claimed that it would just penalize the Solid Waste Department. Mr. Edwards explained that the cost of running the Transfer Station was what it was. He suggested that if people want to do more with recycling that maybe at this time next year something could be put into place. In Mr. Edwards' opinion there was nothing that was going to happen tomorrow morning that would make people start recycling more. He stated that he would not be in favor of the amendment.

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The Chair Recognized Patrice Kilham, 1 Ridge Road

Mrs. Kilham asked the cost of the expense of moving the solid waste. As she understood it, the items that are put in the Transfer Station's Swap Shop are scooped up every Saturday morning and just dumped into the hopper. If there was concern on the cost of bulk materials she wanted to know why these big items were just being thrown into the hopper rather than being recycled in the Swap Shop. She asked what the cost were of all the extra bulk come to. Mrs. Kilham proposed that more room should be given for recycling of large items and that there should be a grass roots campaign to encourage people to recycle their items rather than pitching them into the hopper. She thought that encouragement from the employees at the Transfer Station would keep people from throwing so much into the hopper and more items could be recycled.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Mr. Robertson claimed that there was not any definitive data on what it cost to dispose of Articles in the Swap Shop. He explained that there was a certain amount of encouragement to recycle by the employees, but people complain that they do not want to hear from the employees that they should recycle.

The Chair Recognized Transfer Station Manager, Eugene Edwards

Mr. Edwards shared that the Town pays by the ton by the trip. So, the more weight that can be put in the dumpster can actually save the Town money. They would rather send one dumpster out full than two dumpsters half full. That is why the Transfer Station tries to make sure the dumpster is full.

Moderator: Are you ready for the VOTE on the Amendment? The VOTE is on the Amendment to Article 13 to change the amount of line 01-4323.10-420 Disposal Solid Waste from the MBC recommended amount of \$130,000 to \$120,000. As many as are in favor of amending this line item to reduce it by \$10,000, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Cards down. Those opposed to the amendment, please signify.

The NAYS have it.

The AMENDMENT is REJECTED.

The Chair Recognized Leo Roy, Tandy Road

Mr. Roy asked if out of the total budget if there was an amount the Town was locked in to pay for or if there were any items that the body could vote to change.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Mr. Robertson explained that the operating budget that the Board of Selectmen had presented to the Town was the budget that was needed. They have heard long and loud that the Selectmen had to keep on spending because of the prior year's tax increase. Items that the Selectmen felt that could go either way, they put as warrant Articles for the Town to vote on. Items that the Selectmen felt were necessary to operate the Town safely and securely were included in the operating budget.

2nd PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 13

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

Selectman Stone made a MOTION to amend the Highway budget by raising the figure of \$701,765 to \$733,265 by \$31,500.

MOTION SECONDED: Margo Dearbhail, 103 Mount Delight Road

Moderator: Now the amendment is open for discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

Selectman Stone explained that Winter Maintenance needed to be increased by \$25,000 and the breakdown was as follows:

The Winter Contractor's line was in the negative for \$12,000

The Cutting Edge Line was in the negative for \$1,800

The Salt Line had only \$9,500 left in it.

The Overtime line was down to \$900.

The year is broken into two parts, Winter from November-April and Summer from April to October. Between the Winter Contractor's line and the Cutting Edge line, the Highway Budget was in the negative \$13,800. The Salt line had only \$9,500 left and the months of April, November and December were still left. Also there was only \$900 in there. Selectman Stone explained that Winter had taken it's toll on the 2005 Winter budget already. Under the Summer budget, Selectman Stone wanted to increase that by \$6,500 and the rational for that was that \$7,200 had already been expended on repairs and there was a balance of \$4,800. With the expense in repairs on the truck that the Highway Department wished to replace, there was a clear indication that there could be more costly repairs in 2005. Selectman Stone wished to increase the Summer Repair line by \$5,000 and the Summer Parts line by \$1,500. In total, Selectman Stone wanted the Highway Budget to be increased by \$31,500 which would increase the bottom line on the Highway Budget from \$701,765 to \$733,265.

Moderator: Is there any further discussion on the amendment to increase the Road Budget by \$31,500 to pay costs of Winter Maintenance?

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady wanted to know why the Highway Budget increased about \$65,000 from last year to this year before the amendment of \$31,500. She asked what went into that increase.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained that a chunk of the increase was the new Highway position that was created and also some

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raises. He deferred to Alex.

The Chair Recognized Highway Agent, Alex Cote

Mr. Cote explained that there were two new reconstruction projects slated for 2005. Also, the increased prices of oil based materials went up for example the cost of hot top, fuel, oil and electricity. The overall expenses had gone up this year. The original increase had been only 2.9% but the Article had added to that according to Mr. Cote because the winters cannot be predicted.

Moderator: Are you ready for the **VOTE**? The Vote is on the amendment on the budget to increase the total for Highways and Streets from \$701,765 to \$733,265 to pay for Winter Maintenance. As many are in favor the adoption of this amendment, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Look around. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. It looks like the Ayes have it. *The body asked for a division. The counters were asked to recount the hand cards.* When we do this it is important that you keep that card up and face it toward the counter. There will be a counter and a verifier. Please keep them up. The Vote is on the Amendment on the budget to increase the amount for Highways and Streets by the amount of \$31,500 for cost of Winter Maintenance. If you are in favor that increase, please raise your voting card and keep it raised. Keep them up. If you are opposed to increasing this budget for \$31,500, please raise your voting cards and keep them raised.

The result of the hand count is:

YES 107

NO 106

The Amendment is **ADOPTED**.

3rd PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 13

The Chair Recognized Sergeant Stephen Turner

Sergeant Stephen Turner made a MOTION for HS Grant line item, 01-4250.10-354 to be reduced to \$1.00 and change HS Equipment line, 01-4250.10-740 to \$2,499.

MOTION SECONDED: Stephen Barry, 178 North Road

Moderator: Any discussion on this Amendment? The **VOTE** is on the Amendment to MOVE \$2,499 from line HS Grant to line HS Equipment on page 21. If there is no objection we will do that by unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, it is done.

The Amendment is **ADOPTED**.

4th PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 13

The Chair Recognized Eric Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member

Mr. Berglund made a MOTION to increase line item 01-4619.10-709, CC Open Space Committee from \$398 to \$800 which would be an increase of \$402. The Open Space Committee is a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission and Mr. Berglund claimed that they hired someone to do the minutes of the meeting and postings etc. last year, but that the \$398 would not be enough.

MOTION SECONDED: Barbara Mathews, 47 Candia Road

Moderator: It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to increase the amount on page 33, line 01-4619.10-709 from \$398 to \$800. An increase of \$402. And the amendment is now open for discussion.

The Chair Recognized Eric Berglund, III, Conservation Commission & Open Space Committee Member

Mr. Berglund wanted to make it clear that funds could not be taken from the Conservation Fund to increase this line item because that money was set aside for open space protection. **Moderator:** Is there any further discussion on the amendment? Are we ready for the **VOTE**?

The **VOTE** is on the amendment to the budget to increase the amount for the Open Space Committee by \$402. As many as wish to adopt this amendment and increase that amount, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. I believe the NAYS have it and the amendment is defeated.

The body asked for a division. The counters were asked to recount the hand cards.

All those in favor of adoption of the amendment to increase the Open Space Committee's budget by \$402 signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Make sure you keep your cards raised and two people will be counting you. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. The results on the hand count on the amendment were:

YES: 86

NO: 117

The Amendment is **DEFEATED**.

5th PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 13

The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres

Ms. Ruiz made a MOTION to amend Article 13 to change the amount of the total funds for the general municipal operations to \$2,778,774. Which would reduce it by \$178,795 if she did her math correctly. She could speak generally on what she

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proposed to cut: The Police Line: to read \$121,222 Pest Control: reduced by \$3,269 Administrative and Direct Assistant Cost: reduced by \$19,762 Parks and Recreation: reduced by \$33,542 She believed that if her math was correct, the total would be \$187,795.

Moderator: This would be an amendment that would reduce the total of the budget by \$187,795 to be distributed Police, \$121,222 reduction; Pest Control \$3,269 reduction; Admin and Direct Assistant, \$19,762 reduction; Parks and Recreation, \$33,542. Do we have a SECOND for this amendment.

MOTION SECONDED: Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Moderator: This amendment has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** as I said and now it is open for discussion.

The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres

Ms. Ruiz had worked to be fiscally responsible, but the budget was a huge increase and there have been large increases in the taxes over the past few years. Specifically she chose those items based on the amount of increase that was asked for because it ranged from 15% to 150%. In the area of Parks and Recreation she asked why there was a need to increase the budget if there was a 30% increase in revenue.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

Mr. Stone felt that these were flat figure cuts from the budgets and he wanted to know where Ms. Ruiz wanted to make specific cuts in the Police budget.

The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres

Ms. Ruiz stated that she did not look at specific line items and that her point of reducing the overall line items of the budget was to make a statement and that the Selectmen needed to make decisions of what the Town could live with. She was not comfortable going line by line because she was giving general areas that she felt should be looked at to reduce the overall tax impact.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

Selectman Robertson stated that she wasn't sure what Ms. Ruiz wanted to do other than slash the budget. He claimed that the Town voted a number of years ago to have 24 hour police protection and that slashing the police budget that drastically could eliminate that. He claimed that slashing the bottom line of the budget did not demonstrate to him fiscal responsibility because a lot of thought and cost cutting goes into the budget.

MODERATOR: The people adding up numbers up here came up with two different results. If I add the specific items that you listed I come up with \$177,795. You were giving us \$187,795 so that would be \$10k more than specific items you mentioned.

The Chair Recognized Jana Ruiz, 3 Beau Acres

Ms. Ruiz confirmed that she wished to use her overall number of \$187,795, not the amount that the line items came up to. She claimed that she understood that the Board had taken great consideration on the budget and she was not making the assumption that that had not been done. She was simply stating that the taxpayers in the Community were having a hard time swallowing the amount of money that was being asked for.

The Chair Recognized Stephen Turner, 3 North Road

Mr. Turner indicated that to cut for the sake of cutting was fiscally irresponsible. The Chief has turned the Police Department from a part-time Police Force to a full-time Police Department that handles everything from attempted murder to rapes and assaults. If that money was cut out of the budget the Police would lose the ability to serve the Community. Mr. Turner stated that Joe Manzi's programs were put together to serve every kid in Town and not one is turned away, yet \$30,000 was being proposed to be slashed from him for the sake of cutting. Mr. Turner claimed that the Town employees and Boards work hard to come up with a budget for Deerfield through the budget hearing process. Mr. Turner pointed out that residents not only need to take care of their children, but the Town itself. Wholesale cuts would take this Town backwards 20 or 30 years. He urged the body not to vote for this amendment.

The Chair Recognized Carolyn Emmerson, 75 Raymond Road

Ms. Emmerson believed that Ms. Ruiz was not required to state where she wanted her total amount cut from because the Selectman would have the authority to do that. It could be done in other ways in Ms. Emmerson's opinion. Ms. Emmerson also wanted to know what the bottom line increase for the operating budget versus what was approved last year.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson confirmed that the Selectman could take money from other lines and departments and move it around but they did not feel it was responsible it was not a warrant Article. Selectman Robertson claimed that asking for specific areas was not a personal attack, but with a cut that size, the Selectmen would need guidance so that they could respond. By Selectman Robertson's calculation, he thought that the budget was up \$259,129 prior to any amendments over the previous year.

The Chair Recognized Carolyn Emmerson, 75 Raymond Road

Ms. Emmerson asked if that included the amendment that was just approved for \$31,500. She also asked what the Fund balance was at the moment.

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The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson responded that that figure would need to be added to the \$259,129. Also, the audit had not been returned from Plodzick and Sanderson so he was not sure what the amount of the Fund balance was exactly at that time.

The Chair Recognized Carolyn Emmerson, 75 Raymond Road

Ms. Emmerson asked for the unaudited number.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson stated that at the time the tax rate was set, the fund balance was \$825,521.

The Chair Recognized Carolyn Emmerson, 75 Raymond Road

Ms. Emmerson asked if the amendment was passed if the Selectmen would use part of that fund to help offset the taxes?

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Mr. Robertson stated that as long as he had been a Selectman, the Selectmen had always used a portion of the Fund balance to offset taxes.

The Chair Recognized Carolyn Emmerson, 75 Raymond Road

Ms. Emmerson asked if that amount was used last year.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson tried to explain how the tax rate was set by the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) and how they recommend a Fund Balance. *Ms. Emmerson interrupted Selectman Robertson's response and was RULED OUT OF ORDER and threatened to be removed from the hall.*

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained again that the DRA sets the tax rate, the Fund balance is used to offset the tax rate and the Town does hold the recommended amount by the DRA.

The Chair Recognized Carolyn Emmerson, 75 Raymond Road

Ms. Emmerson claimed that she was familiar with Selectman Robertson's explanation because she worked at a Town Office. She felt that considering that there was such a large increase that the Selectmen use a little more of the Fund balance to help offset the taxes.

The Chair Recognized Donald Gorman, 158 Mountain Road

Mr. Gorman claimed he would vote against this Amendment. He felt that the Police Department had been pounded pretty hard today. He reminded the body that the Police Department's budget contained money for two cruisers they needed desperately to be replaced. He felt it would be a shame if the grant money that was approved for patrols could not be used because of the lack of equipment.

The Chair Recognized George Keech, 12 Perkins Road

Mr. Keech asked what the current tax rates were and which percentages go first.

The Chair Recognized MBC Chairman, Walter Hooker

Mr. Hooker listed the rates as follows:

Local	\$20.86
State	\$4.30
Town Municipal Rate	\$5.95
County	\$1.46
The total rate was	\$32.57

The Chair Recognized George Keech, 12 Perkins Road

Mr. Keech asked if it would be accurate that about 80% of the tax dollar goes to the school and if that was the case, he asked why the body was nickel and diming the Road Agent to death.

The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Mr. Gross asked the Moderator if he could read the results from the MOTION for Reconsideration on Article 17 because he believed it might have an impact on the amendment at hand.

Moderator: It does not really fit into Robert's Rules but it has taken a long time to get through this. The Vote for Reconsideration Results are as follows: Yes 128, No 129, to the motion for Reconsideration was DEFEATED.

The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Mr. Gross stated that he would urge the defeat of the amendment in lieu of the results of reconsideration on Article 17 because the impact would be beneficial to the taxes going forward.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady said looking at the bottom lines of the budget for 2004 and 2005, she noted a \$720,000 increase over actual expenditures. Then she noticed that \$166,000 was encumbered last year for expenditures for 2005. She wanted to know what those were. Mrs. Cady also explained that at the Special Town Meeting in December, the Selectmen stated that they do not put any of the Fund account back into the reduction of taxes. That they were at the high end of what the DRA recommended. As a taxpayer, she would opt that the Selectmen go at the low end of the recommended amount and use some of the Fund account to offset taxes.

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The Chair Recognized MBC Chair, Walter Hooker

Mr. Hooker stated that the numbers Mrs. Cady was looking at included that warrant articles and asked her to look at figures of just the operating budget for each year. He claimed in 2004 the budget was about 2.7 million dollars and the proposed budget for 2005 was about 2.9 million dollars.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady asked if Mr. Hooker took out all of the one time expenditures from his figures because if he had not she felt his number was inaccurate.

The Chair Recognized MBC Chair, Walter Hooker

Mr. Hooker confirmed that the operating budgets from 2004 and 2005 included one-time expenditures.

The Chair Recognized Christine Hatfield, 107 Mt. Delight Road

Ms. Hatfield opposed the MOTION to make a cut from the bottom line. She claimed that the Select Board and MBC go hours and hours over these budgets with a fine toothcomb. She thought to adopt the amendment without putting in amount of time that the Selectmen had put in would be a reckless kind of cutting. Ms. Hatfield stated that taxes residents pay were the price they paid for living in the kind of town they want to live in. She realized that the tax bills were painful, but they are the method that the State of New Hampshire has chosen. She believed that this budget was carefully and tightly crafted.

The Chair Recognized Josef Scheschareg, 237 North Road

Mr. Scheschareg asked how much a cop made per hour with benefits, holidays, pensions and insurance per hours.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson claimed that each officer made a different salary based on tenure and rank.

The Chair Recognized Police Chief Robert Wunderlich

Chief Wunderlich stated that the salaries ranged from \$13.94 to \$24.87 per hour.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

Selectman Stone stated that the amount paid for each officer was listed on page 75 of the annual report.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Mr. Robertson read the officers' gross wages. In total over the course of a year to total paid out was \$ 296,212.80 and listed other amounts for insurance and so forth.

The Chair Recognized Josef Scheschareg, 237 North Road

Mr. Scheschareg stated that the cops live well. He asked why they could not live off of the salary from last year.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson stated that he had no answer to this question.

The Chair Recognized Sergeant Stephen Turner:

Sergeant Turner answered that there are eight officers that work full-time and six of the officers cannot even afford to live in the town they work in at the salary they are paid.

QUESTION MOVED: Jonathan Winslow, 11 James Road

MOTION SECONDED: Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Moderator: The Question has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** which closes **DEBATE** with a 2/3 majority. All those in favor of closing **DEBATE** now and moving immediately to a **VOTE** on the Amendment to reduce the budget by \$187,795 please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Cards down. All those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised.

The **AYES** have it.

DEBATE is **CLOSED**.

The Moderator received a written request prior to the vote with seven signatures or more requesting a secret ballot vote on Article 13.

Moderator: We are now ready to **VOTE** on the Amendment. This Vote will be by secret ballot. We will use Ballot H. We'll show those ballot boxes empty and I'll be ready to announce it. Only ballots that say H will be counted and there is one ballot per voter. No retained sheets from people who have left should be used. If you **VOTE YES** you are voting to reduce the budget by \$187,795 to be taken from Police, Pest Control, Admin and Direct Assistant and Parks and Recreation. If you **VOTE NO** you are voting to **DEFEAT** that amendment to reduce the amount of the budget and we stay with the number we had prior to the Amendment. Please mark your ballots and please collect the ballots. *There was an announcement from the floor that a member of the meeting did not have a Ballot H.* This is late to be doing this, but lets back up and show the boxes empty again. Ballot H is no good. If we run out of ballots it will be a lot more painful. Ballot I. Only Ballot I will be used for this **VOTE**.

Moderator: This is an amendment reducing the budget by \$187,795. All those in favor of the Amendment signify by marking Ballot I **YES**. Those opposed to reducing the budget by \$187,795 signify by marking the ballot **NO**. Collect the ballots please. Balloting is closed on the Amendment. The Results for Proposed Amendment Number 5 were given after the Results for Proposed Amendment Number 6. They were as follows:

YES 94

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NO 134

The Amendment was **DEFEATED**.

Moderator: Is there anyone who wishes to discuss Article 13 or any other business on Article 13?

The Chair Recognized Charles Reese, 260 North Road

Mr. Reese asked why the budget was going up a little over \$20,000 on the services of contract assessment which should be consistent from year to year.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson explained that the Town was in three year contract for assessment. The Selectmen found that the Town was becoming drastically undervalued. So, they spoke with the assessors, Avitar, and expedited the contract and essentially put two years into one. Selectman Robertson stated that the Selectmen did not want to fall too far behind and they did not want to have the Town fall to 50% of assessed value which would be a possibility if the processed was not sped up.

The Chair Recognized Charles Reese, 260 North Road

Mr. Reese asked Selectman Robertson if the Selectmen were considering statistical updates for 2005.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson reviewed the general assessing contract and explained that in regard to the general assessing and contract work that the Selectmen have elected to reevaluate the Town in 2005 rather than 2006, but that the bulk of the cost was put in 2006. He expected the statistical updates to be done in 2006.

6th PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 13

The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Mr. Gross made a MOTION to Amend budget item 01-4130.20-620, TA Printing Service/Newsletter. He wanted it to be increased by \$5,000 so that the Deerfield residents could be informed in the new era of SB2 and keep up do date on a monthly basis in the absence of these forums.

MOTION SECONDED: Nancy Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Moderator: Now the Amendment is Open for Discussion.

The Chair Recognized Erik Gross, 18 Nottingham Road

Mr. Gross explained that it will be really important in this era that the Town is moving into to keep informed with SB2 to make good decision and vote properly. He claimed residents would need much more information. He acknowledged that the website is improving, the newsletter were great, but there will need to be more ways to get the information. **Moderator:** Are you ready for the Question. The Question in on the Amendment to increase the budget to increase the amount for Printing Service/Newsletter from \$5,000 to \$10,000. All those in favor of increasing that line item by \$5,000 please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised.

The NAYES have it.

The Amendment is **DEFEATED**.

Moderator: Further discussion on the budget?

The Chair Recognized David Gattuso, 261 North Road

Mr. Gattuso stated the tax rate increased 3% per year from 1999 to 2003. On the new annual growth of the municipal budget he noted 53.2% in 2004 and in 43.4% in 2005. He asked why there was a spike 2004 & 2005.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Mr. Robertson stated that Mr. Gattuso was referring to Walter Hooker's spreadsheet and he deferred to Walter Hooker.

The Chair Recognized MBC Chair, Walter Hooker

Mr. Hooker explained that when he created the sheet he went back to the DRA and pulled up the MS forms that these numbers came from. To get at the tax rate, you start with those appropriations from Town and School Meeting and that give the gross appropriations. There are tax credits taken away from revenues which are for example, auto registrations etc. Also, things previously came from the fund balance. The reason for the 53% last year and part of the big reason the taxes went up so much was that there was nothing in the reserve fund balance to offset taxes. Also, the State grant for education was much smaller than the prior year. Between those two items those made up about half of the tax rate last year. Mr. Hooker claimed it had nothing to do with appropriations. It was the loss of revenue.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Mr. Robertson wanted to point out that the Fund balance had been bounced around and there was question as to the level of retention. The DRA gives a wide range for a Fund balance recommendation between 8% and 17%. The Selectmen chose \$825,000 which put Deerfield at about exactly 8% which was at the low end of the range that it was suggested that the Town appropriate for Fund balance. **Moderator:** The Results on the Amendment for the bottom line was: YES, 9+ ; NO, 134. So the Amendment to cut the bottom line by \$187,000 is **DEFEATED**.

The Chair Recognized Bernadette Cameron, 91 Mountain View Road

Ms. Cameron made a MOTION to MOVE the bottom line of the budget.

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Moderator: We have no speakers so we can just do this. Are you ready for the Question? This will be by secret ballot. We must adopt a budget before the end of this meeting. If it is in the negative the Article continues to be open. How are we with ballots. Is there anyone in the hall who cannot use Ballot J. We are using Ballot J. We're looking at an amount of \$2,998,069 with the amendments that we voted in the affirmative in the meeting.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady asked if that amount included the amount for warrant Article that passed. If not she wanted that number as well.

Moderator: That figure is \$3,335,235.00. This is for your consideration if you have another figure we'll add it again. We want the number right on.

Moderator: This is to VOTE on Article 13. It will be done on Ballot J.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Municipal Budget Committee sum of Two Million Nine Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Sixty Nine Dollars (\$2,998,069) for general municipal operations. All in favor, signify by marking YES on Ballot J. All those opposed signify by marking NO on ballot J. This amount does not include the amount voted on other warrant Articles.

The Results were read after moving onto Article 22, but before any other business was taken up. The results were:

YES 142

NO 77

Article 13 is **ADOPTED**.

Is there anyone else who has not voted who wishes to do so? The balloting is closed and we will count those.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Chief to send fire apparatus out of Town and receive fire apparatus from other towns on a donated basis in accordance with the provisions of RSA Chapter 154.

Moderator: What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson: I MOVE Warrant Article 15 as written and defer to the Fire Chief.

Budget Assistant, Stephen Barry: I **SECOND**.

Moderator: The Article has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED**. The Article is now open for discussion.

The Chair Recognized Fire Chief, Mark Tibbetts

Chief Tibbetts explained that many years ago Deerfield joined the Interstate Emergency Unit. In the last few years, towns that participated were asked to renew their mutual aid agreements so that they could make a mutual aid district which was authorized by the Fire Marshall's Office. Chief Tibbetts explained that this Article would give him permission to give and receive mutual aid to area towns. He claimed that no town can do this by themselves and asked the body to vote the Article in.

Moderator: Is there any further discussion on this Article? Are you ready to Vote?

Moderator: The Vote is on the adoption of Article 15 as written:

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Chief to send fire apparatus out of Town and receive fire apparatus from other towns on a donated basis in accordance with the provisions of RSA Chapter 154. As many are in favor of adoption of the Article as written, please signify by raising your voting cards. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards. It looks unanimous.

The **AYES** have it.

Article number 15 is **ADOPTED**.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Overseer of the Welfare from an elected position to an appointed position by the Selectmen. (If a majority vote in favor of this Article, the Selectmen elected at the next annual meeting shall appoint the Overseer of the Welfare.)

Moderator: What **ACTION** do you wish to take on this Article?

Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson: I MOVE Warrant Article 16 as written.

Budget Assistant, Stephen Barry: I **SECOND**.

Moderator: The Article has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED**. The Article is now open for discussion.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson stated that the Selectmen felt that this was an important change to be made. According to Selectman Robertson had to cajole Colleen Guardia take the position. It has been an uncontested position over the years. It requires a certain person who has certain talents and skills to be sure the obligation is met. If people were not going to run for the Office, the Selectmen would like to be able to appoint people to the position and felt it was necessary to take that step to insure that the obligation was met in the Municipality.

The Chair Recognized Overseer of Welfare, Colleen Guardia

Mrs. Guardia strongly urged the body to vote YES on this Article to make the Overseer of Welfare an appointed position. She explained that in March of 2003, Mr. Rod Swanson ran for the position because he felt the Town needed to have an

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honest, caring and respectful candidate in that Office. He worked hard to make sure that the requirements of the law were met as well as the Deerfield residents in need. Sadly, in fall of 2003 he passed away. Mrs. Guardia explained that she was asked to fill-in until the next election. In 2004, no one ran and she continued to serve. A few weeks ago in the 2005 election, no one ran, so she was still trying to serve as the Overseer of Welfare. In 2003, the Office of General Assistance served approximately 7 families in Deerfield. In 2004, approximately 24 families were served. Also, in 2004, the Food Pantry served 40 families each month. In 2005, before the end of March, the Overseer of Welfare had served 13 families. Mrs. Guardia had no numbers prior to 2003 because the records from 2002 and prior were sealed. However, the numbers listed were the numbers of families that had actually come to the office and filled out applications for services such as fuel/heating assistance and help when families were about to be evicted or foreclosed on. There were families that were working that may have been on working disability or unemployment. She had made referrals to families to go to homeless shelters in the last year. That often involved putting a family up in a hotel for a few nights until a vacancy could be found. It could be difficult to find a shelter and there is not a hotel in Town so that complicated things. There was also advocacy and support counseling that went on in the Office of General Assistance. The numbers did not reflect the numbers of people that contacted the Office for referrals, or assistance in applying for Medicaid or how to get help from the food pantry. The numbers were strictly for the people who had gone all the way through the process. Mrs. Guardia indicated that the Town had no records up to this date on other contacts that had been served. The needs and laws of surrounding Welfare are getting increasingly complex. She believed that it was very important that there be a candidate that has the knowledge skills and abilities to fill the position and run the Department for Deerfield and that they would have a fiscal accountability to the Selectmen and to the Town. As an elected position, it only allows for a small pool of citizens in our Town to be considered for the position. The Selectmen could not look outside the Town. She urged the body to support this Article.

The Chair Recognized Brenda Wilson, 251 North Road

Mrs. Wilson urged the body to vote NO because it would be taking one more right away.

The Chair Recognized Maureen Mann, 52 Stage Road

Mrs. Mann stated that she was not sure how that was taking rights away. She claimed that she wish that she knew that Deerfield had an overseer of Welfare in the past. There are people who need help that do not know help is available. Mrs. Mann said that Town is legally obligated to offer this assistance.

QUESTION MOVED: Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

MOTION SECONDED: George Keech, 12 Perkins Road

Moderator: We have one more speaker at the microphone and this MOTION would close DEBATE. This requires a 2/3 VOTE, all those in favor of closing DEBATE at this time and moving to a VOTE on Article 16, please signify by raising your voting cards and keeping them raised. Thank you. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards. The AYES have it.

DEBATE is CLOSED.

Moderator: And now we VOTE on Article 16:

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Overseer of the Welfare from an elected position to an appointed position by the Selectmen. (If a majority vote in favor of this Article, the Selectmen elected at the next annual meeting shall appoint the Overseer of the Welfare.) As many are in favor of adoption of the Article, please signify by raising your voting cards. Cards down. Those opposed, please signify by raising your voting cards.

Ayes have it the Article is **ADOPTED.**

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Highway Agent from an elected official to a position appointed by the Selectmen under the provisions of RSA 231:62. (If a majority vote in favor of this Article, the Selectmen elected at the next annual meeting shall appoint a Highway Agent.)

Moderator: What ACTION do you wish to take on this Article?

Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson: Mr. Moderator I would like to withdraw this Article. No action will be taken on this Article.

Moderator: The Selectmen will take no action. However, the Article is on the warrant so if someone else chooses to take up the Article we will take it up. If no one chooses to move it, we will just move on. Seeing none, we just move on.

ARTICLE 22

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Moderator: Is there any further business? Oh, yes. The main budget Article, Article 13 on \$2,998,069 the results were: YES, 142; NO, 77. So Article 13 is **ADOPTED.**

The Chair Recognized Donald Gorman, 158 Mountain Road

Mr. Gorman wished to make a MOTION that body give a Sense of the Meeting to the Selectman that they would like to allow candidates to communicate with citizens of Deerfield and conduct politicking at landfill especially with SB2 coming up. **Moderator:** We have a MOTION to get a sense of the Meeting about people being able to politick at the landfill. Do we have a second.

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MOTION SECONDED: David Gattuso, 261 North Road

Moderator: It has been **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that we Take a Sense of the Meeting on allowing people to politic at the landfill. Is there discussion on this Article as to why we should not allow it?

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson stated that none of the Selectmen recalled passing any such regulations. However, there had been complaints of the speed of which they could dispose of their refuse without it being impeded by various candidates. Selectman Roberts deferred to Transfer Station Manager, Eugene Edwards on this topic.

The Chair Recognized Transfer Station Manager, Eugene Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated in the employee manual, which is issued to all Town employees, it specifically states that they are not to allow any political activities on Town property.

Moderator: Then what are we doing here?

The Chair Recognized Donald Gorman, 158 Mountain Road

Mr. Gorman claimed that there were two gentlemen on the stage that were booted out of the dump for politicking this year. Whether it was a miscommunication or whatever, Mr. Gorman stated that people needed to be able to communicate at the dump behind the Swap Shop.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, R. Andrew Robertson

Selectman Robertson stated that the message was heard and that the Selectmen would take the issue up at a Selectman's meeting.

The Chair Recognized Harriet Cady, 34 Old Center Road

Mrs. Cady believed that if the Selectman had passed an ordinance to say that politicking could not take place in certain areas it would be understood, however to say that to petition or politic would not be allowed on Town property, that would be against a Supreme Court decision. The decision said that citizens had the right of the use of public property. **Moderator:** Are we ready for the MOTION? The MOTION is to advise the Selectmen that we would like to allow people to politic at the landfill. All those in favor at the meeting please say, AYE. *A crowd stated AYE.* All of those opposed, please state, NO. *Laughter from the room.* I think that's clear.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chair Recognized Katherine Hartnett, 40 Thurston Pond Road

Ms. Hartnett wanted to thank the Boy Scouts of Deerfield for taking time to mount the maps that were posted at the meeting. She wanted to recognize them for making the efforts to do so. **The Chair Recognized Rebecca Hutchinson, 30 Lang Road** Mrs. Hutchinson stated that she might be a little biased, but she wanted to thank the Moderator, Jonathan "Jack" Hutchinson for doing a great job. And she just wanted to say, that she thought his mentor, Jim McIntyre and all the other Town Moderators before him were looking down on him saying, "Bravo."

The Chair Recognized George Keech, 12 Perkins Road

Mr. Keech wanted to make two announcements that were germane to the Deerfield Veterans, on April 2, 2005 there was going to be a supper at the Legion Hall and April 6, 2005 they were having a special meeting trying to get the post back on track.

The Chair Recognized Selectman, Joseph Stone

Selectman Stone asked the body to give a tremendous hand for Colleen Guardia for all the work that she had done as Overseer of Welfare for Deerfield.

The Chair Recognized Sergeant, Stephen Turner

On behalf of the Police Department, Sergeant Turner wanted to recognize all the work Chief Robert Wunderlich had done for the Town because this was his last meeting as Chief. Sergeant Turner claimed that Chief Wunderlich dedicated 19 years to Deerfield and turned the Department into the one of the best in the State.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Stephen Barry, 178 North Road

MOTION SECONDED: Marianne Taylor, 158 Mountain Road

Moderator:

All those in favor of **ADJOURNING** this Meeting, please say, AYE. *Shouts from the crowds, AYE.* Those Opposed, NO.

The **MEETING** stands **ADJOURNED**. Please help us collect the chairs.

The March 26, 2005 Business Portion of Deerfield's Town Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 5:12pm.

A True Record,

Attest:

Melissa J. Buckner, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Note:

Number of Registered Voters: 3,212

Voter Turnout: 372

2005 Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURE
General Government		
Board of Selectmen	11,900	3,775
Town Administration	208,720	194,907 * +
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	62,191	66,784 * +
Supervisors of Checklist	3,405	2,389
Town Meeting/Election	6,330	4,989 *
Data Processing	22,275	19,242
MBC	1,851	2,223
Revaluation of Property	58,300	72,079
Legal Expense	15,000	5,106
Town FICA/MEDI	57,477	55,546
Planning Board	57,400	50,542
Zoning Board	5,508	20,187
Government Buildings	107,812	111,424
GB White Building	19,996	20,885 +
Town Hall	14,896	16,114
Gazebo Construction	1,495	1,495
Cemeteries	13,050	11,768
Insurance	266,081	255,896
Advertising/Regional Dues	2,800	2,759
Public Safety		
Police Department	538,926	537,481
Ambulance	6,000	6,000
Fire Department	35,201	35,369
Rescue Squad	14,762	12,460
Forest Fires/Water Holes	5,000	4,111
Building Inspection	71,116	69,448
Highway Safety	4,320	3,345
Emergency Management	7,999	5,115
Highways and Streets		
Highway Administration	158,862	155,625
Highways & Streets	233,515	265,036 *
Road Surfacing	2,001	1,453
Road Reconstruction	278,137	276,740
Gravel Roads	24,000	32,088
Bridges and Railing	36,750	15,776 *
Sanitation		
Transfer Station Administration	53,591	47,830
Solid Waste Collection	30,701	22,549
Solid Waste Disposal	151,301	136,905
Health		
Animal Control	24,229	27,878
Health Department	22,815	22,876
Welfare		
General Assistance	32,420	29,244
Culture and Recreation		
Recreation	116,532	101,947
Veasey Park	21,140	17,581
Library	64,605	64,381
Memorial Day	500	350
Heritage Commission	100	100
Conservation Commission	1,802	1,802
Forestry Commission	6	

2005 Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures cont.

Debt Service

Long Term - Principal	100,000	100,000
Long Term - Interest	11,250	11,250
Tax Anticipation Note	1	
Transfer of Funds	9,000	3,620
Payment to the State	5,000	2,786

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURE
Capital Outlay-Prior Year Encumbrances	168,070	29,001 +
Warrant Articles	337,166	22,989 *
Totals	3,503,305	2,981,245

***2005 Encumbered Funds**

Town Administration	500.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	500.00
Town Meeting/Election	2,071.55
Emergency Management	1,850.00
Highway & Streets	20,974.13
W/A # 5-Municipal Software Pkg	6,508.00
W/A # 6-Engineering/Space Needs	10,000.00
W/A #10-Trash Containment Unit	5,000.00
W/A #11-Traffic Patrols	1,950.00
W/A #12-DWI Impaired Patrols	1,950.00
W/A #13-CC Easement/Mt Delight	270,000.00

+2003/2004 Encumbered Funds

Town Administration	500.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	500.00
Govt Bldgs Encumbrances	1,064.55
Highway & Streets	40,794.43
03 W/A #11-Encumb Elevator TH	18,600.00
04 W/A #14-Encumb TS Container	5,000.00
04 W/A #16-Encumb FP Storage	228.96
04 W/A #17-Encumb Technology	230.00

BOND INDEBTEDNESS SCHEDULE

	<u>9th 2005</u>	<u>10th (Last) 2006</u>
Landfill Interest	11,250.00	5,625.00
Landfill Principal	100,000.00	100,000.00
Landfill Gross	111,250.00	105,625.00

2005 Schedule of Town Properties

<u>MAP & LOT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
204-14	Clark Land-Off Pleasant Hill	9.8	44,800
205-1	Jarius Page Land-Off Griffin Rd	2.9	4,700
205-76	Veasey Park-Pleasant Lake	5.95	933,600
208-1	Freesees Land North Rd	5.1	104,400
208-15	Dolliver North Rd	1.1	56,200
208-20	Kenney Land-Freesees Pond Hammond Rd	.12	10,500
208-33	Richard Land-Freesees Pond Hammond Rd	.11	24,200
208-47	Clock Land-Hammond/Holt Rd	.3	61,200
208-59	West Land-Freesees Pond North Rd	.51	36,000
208-61	Witham Land-Freesees Pond North Rd	.56	86,400
208-98	Witham Land-Penn Avenue	.14	10,900
208-111	Tanzella Lewis Drive	.11	24,200
208-112	Tanzella Lewis Drive	.11	24,200
208-117	Crosley Lewis Drive	.08	21,000
208-118	Crosley Lewis Drive	.1	22,900
208-119	Crosley Lewis Drive	.1	22,900
208-122	Freesees Land-Gravel Bank-Blakes Hill Rd	1.7	95,000
209-1	Daniel Stevens Land-North Rd	.78	70,900
209-25	Freesees Land Off North Rd	7.2	94,900
209-29	Freesees Pond Dam	.5	132,800
209-32	Freesees Land Off North Rd	3.9	94,700
209-34	Freesees Land North Rd	11.5	178,500
210-2	Soldiers Memorial Lot & Bldg-Old Center Rd	.33	350,100
210-3	Fire Station-Old Center Rd South	.25	228,900
210-5	Town Hall Lot & Building Old Center Rd South Highway Building-Old Center Rd	9.41	1,144,000
403-2	Hart Land-Griffin Rd	71	166,300
405-98	Susan Yeaton Land-Northwood Town Line Pleasant Lake Dam Land, Flowage Rights	17	27,100
406-12	McNeil Woods-Blakes Hill Rd	63	214,000
408-35	Tuttle Land-Woodman Rd	2	92,900
409-1	Parade Cemetery (Joseph Mills)-Nottingham Rd	.6	91,500
409-2	Academy Lot (Joseph Mills)-Nottingham Rd	.05	5,800
410-109	Old Center Cemetery-Meetinghouse Hill Rd	2.4	189,300
411-16	Mt. Delight Poor Farm Cemetery	.16	5,100
411-34	Swamp Rd	.67	47,900
411-39	Wells Lot-Off Mt. Delight Rd	83	109,200
411-40	Mt Delight Rd	.13	11,900
413-3	Cemetery Fellows-Sanborn	.3	59,000
413-9-19	Frances Drive	1.3	0
413-96	Alvah Chase Land-Off Ridge Rd	27	41,700
414-32	Prut Rd	.5	8,800
414-37	Miller Land-Ridge Rd	10	54,300
414-38	Fowler Land-Off Ridge Rd	8.3	6,700
414-39	Miller Land-Ridge Rd	8	Common Land
414-40	Miller Land-Ridge Rd	12	89,400

2005 Schedule of Town Properties cont.

414-73	Arthur Chase Land-Ridge Rd	38	95,800
414-97-1	Land Gifted from Roger & Peg King	11.25	179,000
414-189	Land Around Haynes Cemetery	.25	54,000
415-1	GBW Building Raymond Rd	4.5	1,716,000
415-3	Morrison Cemetery-Raymond Rd	2.9	109,700
415-30	Lindsay Conservation Area-Candia Rd	68.07	94,000
415-31	Athletic Field Raymond Rd	3.93	115,000
415-32	Land Across From GBW Building Raymond Rd	9.3	200,000
415-38	Flanders Land-Candia Rd-Tannery Site	.12	12,800
415-79	Mountain Road	3.19	88,800
415-92	DeVries Land-Mountain Rd	4	6,500
416-12	Cate Land-Cate & Nottingham Rds (Cemetery)	3.5	109,400
416-16	Dowst-Cate Town Forest-Nottingham Rd	110.3	342,100
416-18	Weiss Nottingham Rd	93.4	274,300
416-82	Brower Land-Mountain Rd	9.32	18,600
418-45	Tandy Rd	2	92,800
418-82	Maynard-Philbrick-JCT 107 & 48	.14	12,100
420-58	South Fire Station Lot & Bldg-Birch Rd	.51	196,400
423-43	Dearborn Land-Candia Rd	.31	36,400
424-26	Wilson Brown Rd	55.2	148,100
424-27	Sanitary Landfill-Brown Rd	36.78	841,900
424-55	John Doe Land-Back Land Off Raymond Rd	4.2	6,800
424-78	Pinecrest Rd	.5	0
424-109	Mills Land-Lamprey River Off Raymond Rd	.99	1,600
Totals	68 Parcels	832.73	9,850,900

Facts about the Heritage of Deerfield:

In 1942 the total amount to be raised by taxation in Deerfield was \$23,608. Of this the highest expenditures were for schools \$7, 192 and for roads \$4,050.

2005 Town of Deerfield Scenic Roads

MEETINGHOUSE HILL ROAD

(From Rt. 107 to Old Centre Road)

Article 22 of Town Meeting Warrant voted on March 12, 1974, which was a re-convened meeting from March 5, 1974.

WHITTIER ROAD

(From Griffin Road to Dead End)

Article 23 of Town Meeting Warrant voted on March 12, 1974, which was a re-convened meeting from March 5, 1974.

PERRY ROAD

(From Nottingham Road to Cate Road)

Article 14 of Town Meeting Warrant voted on March 4, 1975.

MOUNTAIN AVENUE - now known as HARVEY ROAD

Article 20 of Town Meeting Warrant voted on March 4, 1978.

CATE ROAD, BEAN ROAD & COFFEETOWN ROAD

Article 15 of Town Meeting Warrant voted on March 14, 1992.

CANDIA ROAD & COLE ROAD

Article 28 of Town Meeting Warrant voted on March 13, 1993.

RE: Candia Road - amended to add "a portion of Candia Road between Old Centre Road and Middle Road."

GULF ROAD

Article 23 of Town Meeting Warrant voted on March 16, 1996.

Town of Deerfield Auditor's Report



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Deerfield
Deerfield, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Deerfield as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004 which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

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As discussed in Note 1-B to the financial statements, management has not recorded certain capital assets in governmental activities and, accordingly, has not recorded depreciation expense on those assets. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that those assets be capitalized and depreciated, which would increase the assets, net assets, and expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, net assets, and expenses of the governmental activities is not reasonably determinable.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Deerfield as of December 31, 2004, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Deerfield, as of December 31, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 2, as of January 1, 2004, the Town has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*.

The Town of Deerfield has not presented a management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements.

The budgetary comparison information is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Deerfield's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

August 8, 2005

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

2005 Town of Deerfield Town Clerk's Report

Motor Vehicle Permits

January	\$ 43,580.00
February	53,571.50
March	73,592.50
April	75,904.08
May	61,674.00
June	61,206.50
July	57,483.33
August	79,841.00
September	55,471.00
October	66,457.00
November	51,378.00
December	<u>48,205.33</u>
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$728,364.24

Other Revenues

Title Fees	\$ 2,254.00
Municipal Agent Fees	12,117.00
UCC's	1,305.00
Federal Tax Liens	150.00
Dog Licenses	4,918.00
Bad Check Fee	850.00
Marriage Licenses	855.00
Birth Records	444.00
Death Records	270.00
Marriage Records	236.00
Photocopies	28.75
Filing Fees/Elections	8.00
Voter Cards	10.00
Dredge and Fill Permits	159.49
Pole Petitions	10.00
Articles of Agreement	10.00
Overpayments	152.00
Checklist Copy	75.00
Total Other Revenues	<u>23,852.24</u>
Remitted to the Treasurer	\$752,216.48

Respectfully Submitted,
Diana J. Vincent
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

2005 Town of Deerfield Tax Collector's Report cont.

For the Municipality of

Deerfield

Year Ending 12/31/2005

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year 2005	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2004		
Property Taxes	8,658,546.29	461,012.95		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	195,476.09	18,964.00		
Yield Taxes	35,074.79	3,924.87		
Interest (include lien conversion)	9,268.68	38,161.36		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	132.26	3.87		
Utility Charges				
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		136,851.54		
Prior Year Overpayment Assigned	2,065.44			
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	32,061.55	1,310.26		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	10,348.92	10,600.00		
Yield Taxes	559.74			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				

UNCOLLECTED TAXES -

END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	853,837.89			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	108,624.99			
Yield Taxes	9,671.22			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
TOTAL CREDITS	9,915,667.86	670,828.85		

2005 Town of Deerfield Tax Collector's Report cont.

For the Municipality of

Deerfield

Year Ending 12/31/2005

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy 2004	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2003	2002	2001+
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year		81,901.42	34,249.21	6,440.98
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	152,557.79			
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	1,287.71	10,039.01	9,627.00	
TOTAL DEBITS	153,845.50	91,940.43	43,876.21	6,440.98

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:		Last Year's Levy 2004	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
			2003	2002	2001+
Redemptions		53,142.27	45,827.57	29,578.69	
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	1,287.71	10,039.01	9,627.00	
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		2,062.79	1,754.19	1,651.07	1,396.05
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	#1110	97,352.73	34,319.66	3,019.45	5,044.93
TOTAL CREDITS		153,845.50	91,940.43	43,876.21	6,440.98

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? YES

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Diana J. Vincent DATE February 14, 2006

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2005 Town of Deerfield Treasurer's Report Summary

Cash on hand January 1, 2005		(\$117,748.02)
Receipts from Selectmen	\$ 307,610.34	
Receipts from Tax Collector	\$9,554,361.16	
Receipts from Town Clerk	\$ 752,216.48	
Receipts from other Sources	\$ 386,327.84	
Transfers from Money Market Tax Revenue	\$4,430,000.00	
Transfers from Money Market Sub. Accounts	\$ 913,971.20	
 Total Cash Available		 \$16,226,739.00
Less payments Approval By Selectmen		\$10,628,870.55
Transfer to Money Market Tax Revenue		\$ 4,710,000.00
Checking Account Balance	December 31, 2005	\$ 887,868.45

Town Accounts:

Bognagki Engineering Review	\$ 2,407.11
Christina Realty Eng. Review	\$ 2,163.00
Cingular Wireless	\$ 572.82
Cottonwood Estates	\$ 50.35
Cottonwood Settlement	\$ 19,926.88
Curtis-Engineering Costs	\$ 1,587.91
BMI Realty Trust Hussey	\$ 2,037.38
Davis Pelletier- Middle Road	(220.22)
DBL Property (Bush)	\$ 43.75
Deerfield Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$ 3,656.14
Deerfield Rescue	\$ 168,960.43
Demers Subdivision	\$ 807.84
Jambco Inc. Engineering	\$ 815.84
Engineering Review Tuck Realty (Dodge)	\$ 1,698.70
Escrow for Deer Run Estates	\$ 22,587.02
Fifield Engineering Fees	\$ 100.98
Forest Maintenance	\$ 1,423.85
Gazebo	\$ 6,472.20
Gianitopoulos Engineering	\$ 612.99
Gravel Escrow Demers	\$ 1,087.90
Heritage Foundation	\$ 4,315.50
Impact Fees - School	\$ 21,989.30
Impact Fees - Highway	\$ 36,236.12
Impact Fee - Solid Waste	\$ 3,327.07
Improvements to Mtn Road – Between Poles 42 & 43	\$ 1,557.75
IRS Refund	\$ 59.36
Jambco Ins. Road Bond	\$ 8,750.30
James & Sandra Logan – Major Subdivision	\$ 2,019.42
Cinnamon Eng. Review Mountain Road	\$ 1,006.06
LLC Engineering	\$ 1,037.02
Maintenance of Bicentennial Rec. Field	\$ 526.20
Municipal Building Improvement Fund – Bricks	\$ 5,958.09
Off Site	\$ 7,002.07
Old Home Day	\$ 1,890.83
Perron - Brown Road Engineering	\$ 239.81
Perron - Middle Road Engineering	\$ 397.45
Police Dept. Teen Center	\$ 1,048.78
Remillard South Road – Lot 10	\$ 2,103.37

2005 Town of Deerfield Treasurer's Report Summary cont.

Road Bond Security	\$ 2,735.18
Road Bond Security of Joseph Brown	\$ 638.03
Royle and Dube Timber Tax	\$ 5,372.84
Security Deposit State Property	\$ 2,376.56
Fifield Road Bond	\$ 1,152.43
Thibeault – Engineering Costs	\$ 3,390.91
Timber Tax Bond – Tewksbury	\$ 1,978.30
Town Hall Accessibility Fund	\$17,367.33
Tuckor County RE: Eng Review Middle/South	\$ 3,045.38
Tylincon Properties – Sharon	\$ 1,027.97
Emerson Logging	\$ 514.38
P.D. Cops Card	\$ 226.61
P.D. Pistol	\$ 1,679.22
Tax Revenue Money Market	\$4,236,580.57
Conservation Commission	\$482,247.37

Cynthia E. Tomilson
Treasurer

Facts about the Heritage of Deerfield:

Before the temperance movement cut into these activities, a series of little stands were set up along church street to sell liquor on town meeting days. At the 1812 town meeting a vote was taken "that the constable be directed to remove the tents where spirituous liquors are sold at the distance of one mile".

2005 Town of Deerfield Detailed Revenue Report

Acct #	Description of Account #	2005 Estimated Revenue MS-7	2005 TC/TX Revenue	2005 Selectmen Revenue	2005 Actual Revenue
Taxes					
3110	Property Taxes		9,248,107.77		9,248,107.77
3120	Change Use Tax		214,440.09		214,440.09
3185	Yield Tax	32,000	38,999.66		38,999.66
3190	Penalties, Interest & Costs	30,000	52,626.61		52,626.61
3191	Excavation Tax (.02 cents per cu yd)	140	136.13		136.13
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	30,000	13,911.49	17,831.29	31,742.78
3220	Motor Vehicle Lic, Permits & Fees	700,000	730,618.24		730,618.24
3230	Building Permits	30,000		30,205.13	30,205.13
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	13,000	7,658.00	2,722.03	10,380.03
3311-3319	From Federal Government			28,249.69	28,249.69
3351	Shared Revenue Block Grant	19,859		39,719.00	39,719.00
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax	120,000		150,632.18	150,632.18
3353	Highway Block Grant	120,229		120,229.05	120,229.05
3356	State & Federal Forest Lands Grant	3,176		3,250.19	3,250.19
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other State Grants & Reimbursements	21,400		34,031.51	34,031.51
3379	Intergovernmental Revenue	8,700		8,506.87	8,506.87
3401-3406	Income From Departments	110,000			
	Selectmen's Office Income			1,793.05	1,793.05
	Planning Board Income			39,438.30	39,438.30
	Zoning Board Income			2,736.30	2,736.30
	Town Hall Dances			195.00	195.00
	Town Hall Restoration			10.00	10.00
	Cemetery Income			1,600.00	1,600.00
	Police Department Income			2,254.50	2,254.50
	Police Outside Detail			37,758.75	37,758.75
	Transfer Station User Fees			10,269.00	10,269.00
	Transfer Station Recycling			11,155.73	11,155.73
	Parks & Recreation Income			51,869.83	51,869.83
	Town Clerk Revenue		28.75		28.75
	Tax Collector Revenue		50.90		
3401-3406	Total		79.65	159,080.46	159,109.21

2005 Town of Deerfield Detailed Revenue Report cont.

3501	Sale of Town Owned Property			2,250.00	2,250.00
		2005 Estimated	2005 TC/TX	2005 Selectmen	2005 Actual
Acct #	Description of Account #	Revenue MS-7	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue
3502	Interest on Investments / Treasurer	30,000		80,661.11	80,661.11
3503-3509	Income from Departments	60,000			
3503	Rent-Town Hall			1,815.00	1,815.00
3503	Rent-Gazebo			100.00	100.00
3503	Rent-GBW			54,468.91	54,468.91
3503	Rent-GBW Non-Tenant Rent				
3504	Fines & Forfeits			4,410.00	4,410.00
3506	Insurance Dividends & Reimbursements			6,679.96	6,679.96
3508	Contributions & Donations			50.00	50.00
3509	Other Miscellaneous Revenue			13,669.41	13,669.41
3912	Transfers fr Special Revenue Funds	26,000		39,563.19	39,563.19
3915	Transfers from Capital Reserve Funds Trust & Agency Funds				
3916	Transfers from Trust & Agency Funds	11,186		11,186.25	11,186.25
	Totals	1,365,690	10,306,577.64	809,311.23	11,115,837.97

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2005 Town of Deerfield Detail Statement of Payments

EXECUTIVE

Merit Increase	0.00
Selectmen	3,175.00
Treasurer	600.00
Trustee of Trust Funds	<u>0.00</u>
	3,775.00

TOWN ADMINISTRATION

Full Time Employee	149,022.21
Part Time Employee	7,069.40
Overtime	0.00
Mileage	105.95
Auditing Services	8,175.00
Legal Notices	781.33
Telephone	5,427.71
Registry Recordings	582.09
Record Retention	0.00
Contract & Cable Public TV	2,054.00
Maintenance - Copier	1,995.00
Rental & Leases	1,665.60
Town Report	4,700.00
Printing Service - Newsletter	3,861.61
Dues & Subscriptions	312.92
Supplies	1,838.05
Postage	4,999.23
Books & Periodicals	406.35
Miscellaneous	638.83
Equipment	1,061.44
Seminars/Meetings	210.00
Grant	0.00
Contingency	<u>0.00</u>
	194,906.72

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Full Time Employee	61,126.34
Part Time Employee	0.00
Overtime	0.00
Mileage	112.45
Telephone	446.41
Registry Recordings	341.79
Record Retention	0.00
Tax Search	1,750.00
Maintenance - Copier	0.00
Dues & Subscriptions	85.00
Supplies	1,166.20
Dog Licenses	356.57
Postage	0.00
Books & Periodicals	140.00
Meetings/Seminars	1,259.70
Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	66,784.46

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Supervisors of Checklist	540.00
Legal Notices	132.75
Software Upgrades	0.00
Supplies	20.97
Postage 1.48	
Equipment	<u>1,694.00</u>
	2,389.20

TOWN MEETING/ELECTIONS

Moderator	105.58
Assistant Moderator	124.89
Ballot Clerks	520.15
Ballot Counters	345.06
Election Assistant	1,333.37
Legal Notices	0.00
Sound System	1,220.00
Supplies	211.68
Ballots	<u>1,128.45</u>
	4,989.18

DATA PROCESSING

Mileage	0.00
Software Upgrades	639.83
Contract	3,875.00
Vendor Maint. & Support	7,780.16
Supplies	2,492.62
Equipment	4,454.69
Meetings/Seminars	0.00
Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	19,242.30

MBG

Part Time Employee	1,882.76
Printing Service	53.98
Supplies	0.00
Miscellaneous	286.13
Meetings/Seminars	<u>0.00</u>
	2,222.87

REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

Contract Appraiser	68,924.01
Tax Maps/Updating/Maintain	<u>3,155.24</u>
	72,079.25

LEGAL EXPENSE

Town Attorney	5,105.50
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TOWN FICA/MEDI

FICA	41,082.42
MEDI	<u>14,463.48</u>
	55,545.90

2005 Town of Deerfield Detail Statement of Payments cont.

PLANNING BOARD

Part Time Employee	31,963.37
Mileage	135.85
Engineering Reviews	0.00
Legal Services	6,689.55
Legal Notices	2,198.10
Consultants	600.00
Registry Recordings	372.29
Contract	0.00
Printing Services	2,941.87
Dues & Subscriptions	2,615.00
Supplies	91.39
Postage	2,628.92
Books & Periodicals	105.60
Refunds/Reimbursement	200.00
Meetings/Seminars	<u>0.00</u>
	50,541.94

ZONING BOARD

Part Time Employee	1,939.30
Legal Services	16,331.04
Legal Notices	701.74
Printing Services	185.98
Supplies	5.97
Postage	992.52
Meetings/Seminars	<u>30.00</u>
	20,186.55

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Part Time Employee	24,589.02
Mileage	0.00
Legal Notices	0.00
Contract - Mowing	1,500.00
Contract	2,016.00
Electricity	33,890.26
Heating Oil	27,596.85
GB Repairs & Maintenance	4,858.22
Service Calls	972.43
Rubbish Collection	8,125.49
Nat'l Preservation Trust	115.00
GB Supplies	6,878.67
Equipment & Tools	882.10
Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	111,424.04

GB WHITE BUILDING

Legal Notices	0.00
Telephone – Pay Phone	995.04
Water Testing	1,087.50
Repairs & Maintenance	13,751.93
Miscellaneous	55.85
Capital Improvements	<u>4,995.14</u>
	20,885.46

TOWN HALL

Telephone	499.83
Contract	0.00
Electricity	3,328.32
Heating Oil	5,553.19
Maintenance	147.88
Restoration	5,000.00
Rubbish Collection	1,584.47
Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	16,113.69

GAZEBO

Bricks	1,495.00
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CEMETERIES

Superintendent	1,600.00
Contractors	10,167.50
Supplies	<u>0.00</u>
	11,767.50

INSURANCE

Health Insurance	142,397.12
Dental	12,330.59
Short Term Disability	4,311.91
Life Insurance	1,713.50
Retirement	32,619.81
Unemployment Tax	2,208.00
Worker's Compensation	18,912.62
Section 125	576.00
Property & Liability	38,826.49
Deductibles	<u>2,000.00</u>
	255,896.04

ADVERTISING/REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

NHMA Dues	2,759.35
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Full Time Employee	299,860.54
Part Time Employee	7,338.19
Overtime	9,524.52
Clerical	32,450.32
Special Detail Officer	32,267.50
Retirement	37,895.11
Uniforms	6,541.48
Telephone	9,398.85
Computer Technology	11,559.16
Contract	4,695.00
Maintenance Agreement	165.00
Dues & Subscriptions	444.98
Supplies	3,174.15
Postage	403.50

2005 Town of Deerfield Detail Statement of Payments cont.

Gasoline	14,915.30	Books & Periodicals	91.80
Vehicle Maint. & Repairs	5,134.21	Equipment - Hardware Upgrades	992.95
Books & Periodicals	611.70	Enforcement	2,014.26
Firearms & Ammunition	1,581.21	Meetings/Seminars/Training	<u>210.00</u>
Photo & Video Equipment	107.41		69,448.00
Miscellaneous	2,063.15	<u>HIGHWAY SAFETY</u>	
Reimbursement	1,942.85	Postage.37	
Equipment Non-Electronics	1,948.89	Safety Programs	882.40
Equipment Electronics	1,120.90	Equipment	2,462.66
Cruiser 52,337.17		Surplus Acquisition/Purchase	0.00
Meetings & Seminars	0.00	Grant	<u>0.00</u>
Grant	<u>0.00</u>		3,345.43
	537,481.09	<u>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u>	
<u>AMBULANCE</u>		Telephone	366.91
Contract	6,000.00	Supplies - Disaster	35.29
		Gasoline	0.00
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>		Vehicle Maint. & Repair	2,270.44
Telephone	1,369.04	Equipment	2,442.12
Appropriation	<u>34,000.00</u>	Surplus Acquisition/Purchase	0.00
	35,369.04	Seminars & Training	0.00
<u>RESCUE SQUAD</u>		Grant	<u>0.00</u>
Uniforms	771.00		5,114.76
Telephone	206.13	<u>HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION</u>	
Immunizations	220.01	Full Time Employee	137,674.84
Equipment Maintenance	308.29	Part Time Employee	3,482.00
Supplies	4,229.76	Overtime	<u>14,468.24</u>
Postage21.60			155,625.08
Gasoline	291.12	<u>HIGHWAY & STREETS</u>	
Equipment	2,212.28	Uniforms	3,997.52
Training & Seminars	4,200.00	Legal Service	184.75
Grant	<u>0.00</u>	Legal Notices	482.48
	12,460.19	Telephone	2,043.41
<u>FOREST FIRES/WATER HOLES</u>		Blasting	0.00
Water Holes	2,710.36	Mowing Contract	5,600.00
Forest Fires	1,175.91	Contract	90,852.08
Training	<u>224.76</u>	Electricity	1,496.98
	4,111.03	Heating Oil	1,577.13
<u>BUILDING INSPECTION</u>		Service Calls	0.00
Full Time Employee	42,803.70	Supplies	3,424.37
Part Time Employee	9,679.61	Parts	5,503.44
Mileage	0.00	Signs	1,132.56
Legal Services	9,613.85	Building Maint. & Repair	1,495.89
Legal Notices	0.00	Grease/Oil	977.13
Telephone	710.12	Gasoline/Diesel	19,239.19
Software Upgrades	0.00	Oxygen/Acetylene	417.33
Dues & Subscriptions	365.00	Vehicle Maint. & Repairs	18,818.79
Supplies	887.46	Miscellaneous	3,610.03
Postage91.26		Salt	50,910.19
Vendor Maint. & Support	1,300.00	Sand	16,448.23
Gasoline	544.99	Cold Mix	947.64
Vehicle Repairs	143.00	Tires	5,380.11

2005 Town of Deerfield Detail Statement of Payments cont.

Town Lands & Parks	209.07
Properties & Parking Lots	0.00
Culverts	1,446.93
Equipment	13,863.32
Blades	5,652.63
Vehicle Lease	8,510.94
Seminars/Meetings	814.22
Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	265,036.36

ROAD SURFACING

Resurfacing	0.00
Tarring/Sealing	<u>1,453.40</u>
	1,453.40

ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Surveys 0.00	
Blasting	3,900.00
Contract	22,500.00
Culverts	3,804.11
Material	79,392.89
Hot Top/Grinding	167,143.07
43/107 Reconstruction	<u>0.00</u>
	276,740.07

GRAVEL ROADS

Gravel (processed)	32,087.54
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BRIDGES AND RAILINGS

Repairs 15,775.87

TRANSFER STATION ADMINISTRATION

Part Time Employee	47,829.96
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SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

Mileage	0.00
Engineering	10,145.53
Legal Notices	152.03
Telephone	749.07
Testing 0.00	
Mowing	840.00
Contract	578.80
Electricity	1,460.27
Dues & Subscriptions	250.00
Supplies	1,131.30
Maintenance & Repairs	1,055.23
Heavy Equipment Cont/Loader	5,971.39
Meetings/Seminars/ Training	215.00
Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	22,548.62

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Disposal/Solid Waste	124,866.17
Disposal/Refrigerators	0.00
Disposal/Recyclable	12,038.70
Disposal/Tires	0.00
Disposal/Oil	<u>0.00</u>
	136,904.87

ANIMAL CONTROL

Part Time Employee	17,324.63
Legal Notices	0.00
Telephone	1,105.95
Veterinary Services	1,162.00
Contract	0.00
Supplies	887.16
Gasoline	4,698.78
Vehicle Maint. & Repair	2,463.23
Miscellaneous	185.78
Equipment	50.14
Meetings/Seminars/Training	0.00
Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	27,877.67

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Physicals & Testing	1,261.00
Appropriation	<u>21,615.00</u>
	22,876.00

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Part Time Employee	380.27
Telephone	583.00
Dues	30.00
Supplies	139.99
Miscellaneous	0.00
Appropriation	28,110.37
Meetings/Seminars/Training	<u>0.00</u>
	29,243.63

PARKS AND RECREATION

Full Time Employee	39,227.28
Part Time Employee	12,075.06
Mileage	0.00
Telephone	421.45
Bicentennial Field	4,971.49
Swanson Gazebo Field	5,872.01
Tordoff (DCS) Field	597.73
Fairgrounds Field	0.00
Printing	917.16
Dues & Subscriptions	50.00
Old Home Days	2,129.01
Adult Programs	3,053.14
Family Programs	4,621.60
Senior Programs	1,297.08
Disabilities Programs	0.00
Youth/Teen Programs	23,751.09
Supplies	543.98
Postage	707.00
Gasoline	221.91
Vehicle Maint./Repair	1,490.16
Awards & Presentations	0.00
Equipment	0.00
Meetings/Seminars/Training	0.00
Grant	<u>0.00</u>

101,947.15

2005 Town of Deerfield Detail Statement of Payments cont.

VEASEY PARK

Part Time Employee	14,714.50
Swim Instructor	917.50
Legal Notices	0.00
Telephone	153.15
Contract	839.84
Electric 202.10	
Repairs 244.50	
Rubbish Collection	107.09
Supplies	318.43
Miscellaneous	84.00
Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	17,581.11

LIBRARY

Full Time Employee	28,897.36
Part Time Employee	17,205.05
Telephone	658.21
Professional Development	500.00
Contract	0.00
Electric 1,500.00	
Heating Oil	1,419.12
Maint. & Repair	500.00
Supplies	750.00
Equipment Maintenance	300.00
Books	12,000.00
Humanities	650.00
Equipment	1.00
Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	64,380.74

MEMORIAL DAY

350.00

HERITAGE COMMISSION

100.00

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Part Time Secretary	400.00
Legal Services	247.55
Easement Monitoring	0.00
Dues	325.00
Supplies	667.75
Postage 52.00	
Open Space Committee	100.00
Conservation Comm. Projects	3.13
Conservation Fund Reimburse	0.00
Land	0.00
Meetings/Seminars/Training	<u>6.57</u>
	1,802.00

FORESTRY COMMISSION

Project Monitoring	0.00
Supplies	0.00
Postage 0.00	
Forestry Projects	0.00
Meeting	0.00
Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00

DEBT SERVICE

Long Term - Principal	100,000.00
Long Term - Interest	11,250.00
Tax Anticipation Note	0.00
Transfer of Funds	3,620.00
Payment to State	<u>2,786.00</u>
	<u>117,656.00</u>

PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES

Govt Bldgs Encumbrances	3,011.48
Rescue Encumbrances	1,187.80
Highway/Streets Encumbrances	10,995.92
Animal Control Encumbrances	2,300.00
03W/A#11 Encumb Elevator TH	11,190.00
04W/A#16 Encumb FP Storage	221.29
04W/A#17 Encumb Technology	<u>94.10</u>
	29,000.59

WARRANT ARTICLES

Art#1 Police Station	0.00
Art#2 Reconstruction RT43/107	0.00
Art#3 Legal Expense/Enforcement	0.00
Art#4 Highway Dept. Truck	0.00
Art#5 Municipal Software Pkg	19,492.00
Art#6 Engineering/Space Needs	0.00
Art#7 Town Copier Lease	2,223.00
Art#8 Police Copier Lease	1,274.00
Art#9 Employee 2.7% COLA	0.00
Art#10 Trash Containment Unit	0.00
Art#11 Traffic Patrols	0.00
Art#12 PD DWI/Impaired Patrols	0.00
Art#13 CC Easement/Mt Delight	<u>0.00</u>
	22,989.00

2005 Town of Deerfield Town Employee Roster

James Alexander, Selectman	750.00
Stephen Barry, Selectman	575.00
Jane Boucher, Planning Board/Zoning Board Secretary	13,893.43
Melissa Buckner, Town Clerk/Tax Collector	12,418.47
Donna Cisewski, Human Resources/Finance	35,934.56
Gary Clark, Jr., Veasey Park Lifeguard	2,524.00
Beth Cook, Library Custodian	3,024.17
Alex Cote, Highway Agent	47,635.55
Carmella Davitt, MBC Recording Secretary	754.76
Evelyn Cronyn, Librarian	28,897.36
Lynne DeVarney, Town Clerk/Tax Collector	22,349.91
Daniel Deyermund, Police Officer	34,229.12
Matthew Doyle, Police Officer	608.00
John Dubiansky, Highway/Seasonal	930.00
Eugene Edwards Sr., Transfer Station Manager	19,159.06
Donald Evans, Animal Control Officer	17,324.63
Von Ferguson, Veasey Park Lifeguard	1,078.50
Jeanette Foisy, Office Assistant/Bookkeeper	33,474.87
Kari Geisler, Veasey Park Lifeguard	1,869.50
Mark Gerade, GBW Custodian	4,361.46
Melissa Graykin, Library Technical Assistant	11,794.40
Michael Greeley, Police Officer	53,299.40
Colleen Guardia, Overseer of Welfare	334.46
Eric Hardy, Police Officer	42,745.30
Cynthia Heon, Town Administrator	51,531.52
Robert Heon, Transfer Station Attendant	4,067.92
Joel Hughes, Police Officer	14,759.14
Matthew Kimball, Highway Truck Driver/Laborer	30,861.59
Yunling LaFrambois, Parks & Recreation Assistant	4,732.32
Michael Lavoie, Police Officer	43,861.99
Patrick Lindley, Veasey Park Lifeguard	2,809.00
Leonard Mandigo, Transfer Station Attendant	20,740.30
Joseph Manzi, Parks & Recreation Director	39,227.28
Amber Marchio, Police Officer	33,514.61
Jason Markson, Transfer Station Attendant	2,495.68
Bonni McPherson, Technical Assistant	12,349.19
Frances Menard, Selectman	150.00
Peter O'Connell, Veasey Park Lifeguard	1,947.50
Carl Oehler, Highway Truck Driver/Equipment Operator	42,480.51
Richard Pelletier, Code Enforcement Officer	42,803.70
Samantha Piatt, Board of Selectmen Recording Secretary	1,980.60
Steven Piowarczyk, Highway Assistant Foreman/Equipment Operator	31,476.47
John Reagan, Selectmen	450.00
R. Andrew Robertson, Selectman	650.00
Glenda Smith, Police Administrative Assistant/Officer	35,225.32
Jeffrey Smith, Highway/On Call	1,528.00
Roger St. Onge, Part Time Police Officer	10,024.79
Kim Stewart, MBC Recording Secretary	1,128.00
Joseph Stone, Selectman	600.00
Theresa Tavares, Building Secretary/Office Assistant	18,972.33
Debra Tibbetts, Office Assistant/Assessing Clerk	20,037.77
Mark Tibbetts, Govt. Buildings Custodian	20,688.36

2005 Town of Deerfield Town Employee Roster cont.

Cynthia Tomilson, Treasurer	600.00
Douglas Trottier, Police Officer	35,002.63
Steven Turner, Police Chief	56,056.57
Susanna Vaara, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	4,800.00
Cortney Valavane, Veasey Park Lifeguard	5,403.50
Diana Vincent, Town Clerk/Tax Collector	13,019.70
Steven VonKahle, Transfer Station Attendant	960.00
James Walker, Highway/On Call	1,024.00
Jeanette Winslow, Library Assistant	2,386.48
Robert Wunderlich, Police Chief	21,859.20

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2005 Town of Deerfield Town Meeting Election Officials

Jonathan Hutchinson, Moderator	105.58
Douglas Leavitt, Parliamentarian	47.64
James County, Assistant Moderator	77.25
Cherie Sanborn, Supervisor of Checklist	216.00
Katharyn Williams, Supervisor of Checklist	153.00
Diane Valade, Supervisor of Checklist	171.00
Barbara A. Daley, Ballot Clerk	114.59
Ella Sawyer, Ballot Clerk	114.59
Suzanne Sherburne, Ballot Clerk	113.30
Roger Hartgen, Ballot Clerk	65.66
Judith Hartgen, Ballot Clerk	112.01
Peter Aubrey, Ballot Counter	46.35
Kevin Barry, Ballot Counter	63.09
Richard Boisvert, Ballot Counter	63.09
George Clark, Ballot Counter	46.35
Evelyn DeCota, Ballot Counter	16.74
Donald Gorman	46.35
George Keech, Ballot Counter	46.35
Robert Knoettner, Ballot Counter	16.74

2005 Town of Deerfield Trustee of the Trust Funds Report

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF DEERFIELD, NH ON DECEMBER

DATE OF CREATION	DESCRIPTION OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL				12/31/2005 BALANCE
				12/31/2004 BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	CASH GAINS OR (LOSSES) ON SEC.	WITH- DRAWALS	
<u>TOWN OF DEERFIELD</u>								
5/15/1977	CEMETERY LAND ACQUISITION	CAP RES	PW GOVT	\$ 6,900.00				\$ 6,900.00
3/15/2004	GENTLEMAN JOE BROWN CITIZEN'S AWARD	AWARD	FINMIX	\$ 10,000.00				\$ 10,000.00
				<u>\$ 16,900.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		<u>\$ 16,900.00</u>

DATE OF CREATION	DESCRIPTION OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL				12/31/2005 BALANCE
				12/31/2004 BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	CASH GAINS OR (LOSSES) ON SEC.	WITH- DRAWALS	
<u>DEERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT</u>								
2/9/2004	DEERFIELD SPECIAL ED FUND	CAP RES	FGMNX	\$ 99,097.00	\$ 20,000.00			\$ 119,097.00
12/3/2004	DEERFIELD BUILDING REPAIR FUND	CAP RES	FGMNX	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 20,000.00			\$ 60,000.00
				<u>\$ 139,097.00</u>	<u>\$ 40,000.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		<u>\$ 179,097.00</u>

DESCRIPTION OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL				12/31/2005 BALANCE
			12/31/2004 BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	CASH GAINS OR (LOSSES) ON SEC.	WITH- DRAWALS	
<u>FUND SUMMARY 2004</u>							
COMMON TRUST FUND A	CEMETERY	GNMA	\$ 23,801.08	\$ 800.00			\$ 24,601.08
COMMON TRUST FUND B	CEMETERY	GNMA	\$ 8,078.39				\$ 8,078.39
FREEWILL BAPTIST FUND	CHURCH	GNMA	\$ 4,136.83				\$ 4,136.83
PHILBRICK FUND #1	LIBRARY	GNMA	\$ 5,675.11				\$ 5,675.11
PHILBRICK FUND #2	LIBRARY	GNMA	\$ 7,798.67				\$ 7,798.67
CROSS-SANBORN FUND	LIBRARY	GNMA	\$ 1,981.57				\$ 1,981.57
PROGRESSIVE GRANGE	SCHOLARSHIP	GNMA	\$ 1,018.15				\$ 1,018.15
FRIENDS OF REBEKAH'S WRC ROOM	SCHOLARSHIP LIBRARY	GNMA	\$ 9.24				\$ 9.24
JENNESS FUND	LIBRARY	GNMA	\$ 208.72				\$ 208.72
PHILBRICK-JAMES LIBRARY FD	EDUCATION	GNMA	\$ 5,134.72				\$ 5,134.72
BILL SANBORN FUND	LIBRARY	GNMA	\$ 36,488.63				\$ 36,488.63
JOE CARTER MEMORIAL FUND	LIBRARY	GNMA	\$ 333.72				\$ 333.72
TOWN HALL RESTORATION	NEEDY	GNMA	\$ 4,584.95				\$ 4,584.95
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	TOWN HALL	GNMA	\$ 9,601.27	\$ 2,020.00			\$ 11,621.27
MORRISON CEMETERY FUND	HISTORICAL	GNMA	\$ 337,918.32				\$ 337,918.32
OLD CENTRE CEMETERY FUND	CEMETERY	GNMA	\$ 40,003.30				\$ 40,003.30
UNALLOCATED INCOME	CEMETERY	GNMA	\$ 34,407.84	\$ 800.00			\$ 35,207.84
	CHECKBOOK	PWRMA	\$ -				\$ -
			<u>\$ 183,262.19</u>	<u>\$ 341,538.32</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		<u>\$ 524,800.51</u>

DWIGHT D. BARNES
TREASURER, TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

2005 Town of Deerfield Selectmen's Report

The Year 2005 found the Board, and the community, saying goodbye to Police Chief, Robert Wunderlich, as he embarked on a new chapter in his life in South Carolina. We wish him well.

Following the hiring process, Steven Turner was named Chief of Police. Chief Turner has served the Deerfield Police Department for almost 15 years and enthusiastically accepted the position.

After serving six years, Frances Menard stepped down from the Board of Selectmen in March. Fran has continued service to her community as a member of the Planning Board. She can still be seen around the Town Offices assisting with various projects for the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen. Thank you Fran for all you have done and continue to do.

This year, the Town Report is dedicated to the late Ruth Sanborn, former Town Clerk. During the 29 years Ruth served Deerfield as the Town Clerk, she saw the process of registering motor vehicles go from a room in her home to the Historic Town Hall—from typewritten to computerization.

The Board of Selectmen and Deerfield Conservation Commission signed the Rosenfield-Mallette Conservation Easement located on Nottingham Road. This easement involved the Town of Nottingham and the Town of Deerfield and took several years to complete.

At present, work is proceeding on the Clifford Conservation Easement located on Mount Delight Road. This easement is made possible through Deerfield Conservation Funds, money appropriated in 2005 and grants.

The Land Use Change Tax penalty was split between the Town (75%) and the Deerfield Conservation Commission (25%) by a vote of the Town Meeting in 2005. This provided the Town with \$146,607.07 in revenue to offset the tax rate.

The Board established a Feasibility Study Committee for the G. B. White Building as directed by the Town Meeting of 2005. This committee carried out their assigned task over the summer months and provided the Board with an option which will be presented to the voters this March.

Also hard at work is the Accessibility Committee. This group is working to provide accessibility to the Historic Town Hall through the installation of an elevator. While researching the options, two things came to light; (1) The need to expand the back of the Historic Town Hall to accommodate the elevator and; (2) The need to install a sprinkler system or make appropriate changes to bring the building into compliance per the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Selectmen discussed the findings of this committee and has asked them to bring back more details on the expansion of the building.

The Town of Deerfield completed a Property Revaluation this past year. A Property Revaluation increases the tax base and brings the equalization of the Town to close to, or at, 100%. This was an important step for Deerfield to take because, in 2006, Deerfield will be before the Department of Revenue seeking certification.

Deerfield's first Farmer's Market was open from June to September. The idea was brought forward by residents of the community and enjoyed by all. The summer sky was lit with fireworks during Old Home Days. Old Homes Days was a huge success and funded mostly through donations and volunteer labor.

In an effort to stay informed, look to the future, and plan accordingly, joint meetings of the Board of Selectmen, Deerfield School Board, Planning Board and Town Planner were held. Residents were invited to attend. The subject this year focused on growth. In addition to these meetings, the Selectmen met with Regional Boards of Selectmen and listened to speakers who covered information pertinent to town government.

The initial phase of development of Peg King Park is complete. The land was donated December 19, 2002, by the late Roger King, in memory of his parents Howard P. and Mabel E. King and his beloved wife Margaret L. "Peg" King. The park is for recreational use and enjoyment by the citizens. No motorized vehicles are permitted. Trash is on a carry-in/carry-out basis. The park is located off Ridge Road, along Nichols Brook. An official dedication will be held this spring. Look for details in The Town Newsletter and on the Website www.ci.deerfield-nh.us.

A community is comprised of many organizations and volunteers each as important as the other to the growth and well-being of that community. The Board of Selectmen thanks everyone who has volunteered, served on committees or commissions. It is through your dedicated service Deerfield remains a unique and wonderful place to live and visit.

James T. Alexander, Chairman
R. Andrew Robertson, Vice Chairman
Joseph E. Stone
John Reagan
Stephen R. Barry

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF DEERFIELD**

2005 Town of Deerfield Philbrick-James Library Report

Visits to the library in 2005	9678
Books/other materials borrowed in 2005	16,987
New families registered	93
Books in the library at the end of 2004	19,855
Books added to the collection in 2005	925
Books weeded from the collection in 2005	373
Books in library at the end of 2005	20,407

Please remember our regular year-round hours are as follows:

Mondays and Wednesdays 1 – 8 PM

Tuesdays 9 AM – 5 PM

Thursdays and Fridays 1 – 5 PM

Saturdays 9 AM – 12 noon

Highlights of 2005:

- .. Free passes to Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, N.H. History Museum, Currier Gallery of Art, Canterbury Shaker Village and The Butterfly Place in Westford, MA
- .. Valentine making activity
- .. Project Nature with Mary Doane—Wild about Turtles program
- .. “Monkeys” Program during No TV Week—Stories, games, crafts and snacks provided by the Friends of the Library
- .. Summer Young Adult Writer’s Group—participants’ writing published at the new online newspaper The Forum (www.forumhome.org)
- .. Camp Wannaread summer reading program with 65 children participating in the program and eleven families creating wonderfully imaginative camping dioramas
- .. Camp Wannaread Kick-off with a sing-along at the campfire, s’mores to eat, a nature craft and scavenger hunt
- .. Read Aloud storytimes at Veasey Park during swim lessons
- .. Take-It and Make-It (at home) craft kits for Camp Wannaread
- .. Camp Wannaread Grand Finale with ice cream sundaes, certificates and raffle prizes awarded
- .. Plumbing for hot water finished
- .. 125th Celebration of Philbrick-James Library being founded—banner and tote bags to commemorate this wonderful event
- .. Preschool Storytime continued on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM with stories, songs, fingerplays and crafts geared for 3 and 4 year olds
- .. Town website with library news updated monthly (www.ci.deerfield-nh.us/)

Please remember that the library is a year-round collection point for the Deerfield Food Pantry.

Also we collect Boxtops for Education, Campbell’s soup labels, Steeplegate

Mall receipts and Hannaford’s receipts for the public school.

Thanks to all who have donated their time and talents to improve the library!

Evelyn F. DeCota, Director
Philbrick-James Library

2005 Town of Deerfield Philbrick-James Library Financial Report

Balance on hand, January 1, 2005		21,865.19
Receipts:		
Interest	21.00	
Donations, fines, book receipts, gifts	736.08	
Town Funds Transferred	16,316.67	
Copier	5.00	<u>17,078.75</u>
		38,943.94
Expenditures:		
<u>Supplies and Maintenance</u>		
Public Service	1,503.94	
Office Supplies	853.10	
USPS	14.80	
Building Maintenance	1,009.07	
Equipment Maintenance	105.30	<u>3,486.21</u>
<u>Programs and Personnel Expenses</u>		
Family memberships:		
Currier	50.00	
NH Historical	50.00	
Canterbury Shaker Village	100.00	
Christa McAuliffe Planetarium	200.00	
NH Trustee membership	105.00	
NH Library Association	45.00	
Professional Development	269.73	<u>819.73</u>
<u>Books and Periodicals</u>		
Books	9,496.58	
Magazines	314.27	<u>9,810.85</u>
		(14,116.79)
Balance on hand, December 31, 2005	<u>24,827.15</u>	

2005 Town of Deerfield Philbrick-James Building Fund

Balance on Hand January 1, 2005	\$27,558.46	
Receipts:		
Trustee of the Ttrust Funds	2,702.28	
Interest	75.98	
Donations	348.67	3,126.93
Balance on Hand December 31, 2005		<u>\$30,685.39</u>

2005 Town of Deerfield Conservation Commission Annual Report

The Deerfield Conservation Commission (DCC) is a volunteer board with members appointed for three-year teams by the Board of Selectmen. State Law RSA 36-A calls for the establishment of conservation commissions for the "proper utilization and protection of natural resources and the protection of watershed resources." The commission may also, with approval by the Board of Selectmen, acquire land as conservation areas or town forests and then manage those areas.

Strategic land conservation is a primary task of the conservation commission. The commission is responsible for seeing existing easement properties in town are monitored annually and are properly maintained. Commission members are available to community members wishing to learn more about easement and conservation options. During 2005, members of the commission worked closely with landowners and representatives of the Bear-Paw Regional Greenways to finalize three conservation easements and begin the initial groundwork for three others. The development of a conservation easement is a time-consuming, complex process involving negotiations with the landowner, Commission, town officials, lawyers and others. Landowners generally elect to have conservation easements developed because they wish to have their land protected for future generations to enjoy and to keep the land intact and open as they have known it. Landowners consider it to be a viable way of preserving the heritage, character and natural beauty of Deerfield.

The Deerfield Open Space Committee (DOSC), as part of the Conservation Commission, works to find ways to protect and preserve the open space and rural character of Deerfield. There is currently much development pressure on Deerfield. This is expected to continue in the years ahead with the widening of I-93. DOSC worked with the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission this year to develop an Open Space Plan. This is available to community members online. The plan outlines reasons for conserving open space and defines the importance of maintaining a well thought out balance between development and unfragmented green spaces set aside to safeguard natural resources, provide protected open space to preserve wildlife habitat and offer opportunities for outdoor recreational use by townspeople. Having this plan in place will enable the town to access financial resources as they become available from federal and state sources or other organizations offering support to communities pressured by growth. The Open Space Plan may become part of the Master Plan, to be updated in 2006-2007. Our appreciation goes to Open Space Committee members and community volunteers for their work in developing this important document.

Regulated wetland activities in our town continue to be a primary responsibility of the commission. The commission evaluated many applications in 2005. Members worked to ensure that wetland and shore land protection laws were adhered to when applications were received citing recommendations or concerns to the NH Department of Environmental Services. The Commission also reviewed and investigated letters of complaint concerning wetland violations.

Though it is always disappointing when long term negotiations are unsuccessful as those begun in 2002 to protect the Dodge property on South Road, it was gratifying to work with the developers of that property to plan an open space development, thus minimizing the impact to the land as a whole and maintaining some of its open character so important to wildlife in that area. Further Commission projects during 2005 have included continued support for work done at Peg King Park brought to completion in late fall. The completion of the Doane-Schorr easement off North Road; the Rosenfield-Mallett easement, a joint venture with the Nottingham Conservation Commission, off Nottingham Rd; and the near completion of the Clifford Farms easement and the Steve Cruikshank Memorial easement protected over two hundred open space acres in our town. With the assistance of Bear Paw Regional Greenways, the commission was successful in obtaining \$87,500 grant from the federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program to apply to the Clifford Farms easement. The grant funds received will be used to reduce costs to the Town.

After obtaining a Natural Resources Outreach Coalition (NROC) grant, meetings to encourage greater community involvement and further collaboration between town boards in working with state environmental resources to plan for growth and its impact were held. The outcome was the creation of three action committees. One group of Deerfield citizens is working with the planning board and zoning board of adjustment to propose regulations to be voted on by the townspeople enabling the promotion of sustainable growth practices. Another is working with DCC

2005 Town of Deerfield Conservation Commission Annual Report cont.

and DOSC to develop a plan for further conservation outreach encouraging the protection of more open space in Deerfield. And the third group is exploring options for conserving land while minimizing financial burden to taxpayers. The town is already seeing outcomes from some of this effort. DCC would like to thank the many community members who are participating in this important work. We are very appreciative of your energy, ideas and labors. DCC is continuing conversations with several landowners of large parcels to inform them of land use options with the hope that we will bring further conservation proposals to the townspeople in the upcoming year.

The members of the commission wish to thank the Select Board and the citizens of Deerfield for the continued interest in and support of conservation efforts. We look forward to 2006 with continued commitment to preserving Deerfield's open spaces and wildlife habitats for the enjoyment and health of the community.

The Commission meets at the Town Offices the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00. Interested citizens are always welcome.

2005 Members: Erick Berglund (financial officer), Brenda Eaves (chair), Wes Golomb, Kate Hartnett, Dave Linden, Diane Thompson (alternate) and Christine Townsend (alternate).

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Eaves

Facts about the Heritage of Deerfield:

***Deerfield is the largest town in Rockingham County with
51.9 square miles - and one of the largest in the state.***

2005 Town of Deerfield Volunteer Fire Association

The Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 188 calls in 2005.

During 2005 members of the fire department donated many hours for training at IEU drill yard in Brentwood, Fire Academy in Concord and with area fire departments also on maintenance vehicles and special events. In 2005 we lost one of our longtime firefighter Lewis Bud Clark, Jr.. Bud served on the department from 1943 until he died in September. Bud served as a Captain of equipment for many years. In April we plan to retire his badge #32 for all the years of service to the department and town. In 2005 the department finished refurbishing the 1981 6X6 forestry truck with a new tank and pump, also we put into service a 2006 F-550 Ford 4-man cab rescue vehicle that replaces the 1985 Utility Van with the money that we received from William "Bill" O'Neal's trust in 2004. In September the Association purchased a 1988 mini pump from Lucent Technologies in N. Andover, Ma, this vehicle will be used as our first attack piece and for forest fires.

Once again, we would like to thank the citizens of Deerfield for their support and donations that they have extended to the department this year.

Yours in fire protection,
Mark A. Tibbetts
Fire Chief

Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department 2005 Fire Statistics

Accidents	76	Washer Fire	1
Mutual Aid	23	Stove Fires	1
Fire Alarms	26	Tractor Fire	1
Limb on Wires	11	Grill Fire	1
Brush Fires	7	Lighting Strike	2
Chimney Fires	8	Transformer	1
Burning Without Permit	1	Propane Leak	1
Smoke in Buildings	7	Wall Fire	1
Public Assist	2	Possible barn Fire	1
Smoke Investigations	2	Possible Building Fire	2
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	6	Missing Person	1
Vehicle Fires	3	Oven Fire	2
Oil Spill	1		

Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department 2005 Roster

George F. Clark, Captain	Charles Sanborn	Glenn Young
Jack Sullivan	Donald F. Smith, Captain	Jeff Smith
Barbie Raymond	Kevin MacDonald	Mark Young
Dwight Stevens, Deputy Chief	Gerry Purdy	Rick Heon, Lieutenant
Craig Lostrzewski	Keith Rollins, Chief Engineer	Dana Briggs
William Carter	Ginger Demers	

Explorers

James Walker, Engineer	Steve Foster	Warren Billings, IV
Dianne Kimball	Kevin Briggs	Gary Clark, Jr.
Nick Tordoff, Captain	Bradley Briggs	Joshua Raymond
Mark A. Tibbetts, Fire Chief	Warren billings, III, Lieutenant	Brett Demers
Cory Turner	Aaron Cady	Donald W. Smith
Wally Twombly	Daniel Briggs, Captain	Paul M. Smith
David twombly	Harvey Robinson	Gary Clark, Deputy Chief
Dale L. Purdy	George Keech	John Dubiansky
Paul Kimball	Alex Cote	Matthew Kimball
Jon Thereien	Matthew Fisher	Peter Demers

2005 Town of Deerfield Volunteer Fire Association Financial Report

January 1, 2005 -December 31, 2005

Income		
Balance January 1, 2005	\$5,922.23	
Town of Deerfield	\$31,980.39	
Total Income		\$37,902.62
Expenses		
Office Equipment	\$295.00	
Supplies	\$3,729.91	
Training	\$550.00	
Building Repairs	\$182.09	
Radio Repairs	\$5,462.48	
Postage	\$71.91	
Protective Clothing	\$2,813.21	
Fire Tools & Supplies	\$7,289.39	
Truck Repairs	\$6,466.66	
Dues & Publications	\$786.80	
Miscellaneous Repairs	\$75.58	
Haz Mat District	\$5,000.00	
Total Expenses		\$32,723.03
Balance December 31, 2005		\$5,179.59

Facts about the Heritage of Deerfield:

*In 1942 the town raised \$100 for the Son's of
Veterans for Memorial Day expenses.*

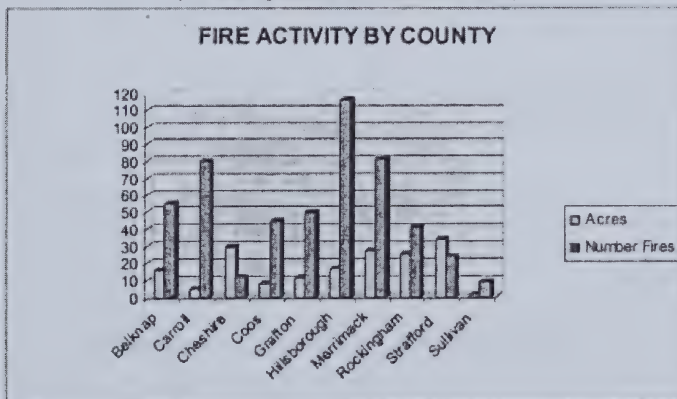
2005 Town of Deerfield Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger Report

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Fire activity was high during the first several weeks of the 2005 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in the southern and central portions of the state. This period of increased initial attack activity prompted a 5-day ban on open burning, the first such ban in several years. Despite the dry conditions, the state's largest wildland fire was contained at 29 acres. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 10 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2005 FIRE STATISTICS (All fires reported as of November 4, 2005)



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	2
Campfire	34
Children	29
Smoking	40
Debris	284
Railroad	1
Equipment	7
Lightning	5
Misc.*	111 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

Total Fires Total Acres

2005	513	174
2004	482	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE



2005 Town of Deerfield Resue Squad

Dear Friends,

The Deerfield Rescue Squad wishes everyone a happy start to the New Year.

Last year was exciting for the squad, starting with the big move from the George B White building to the Fire Station. We now share space upstairs with the fire department. We have had several new members join us, while saying good-bye to another who moved out of town. With the growth of the squad, I am happy to let you know the town has a wide EMT coverage around town, including two police officers who are also EMTs. Two more EMTs that have just finished up the last of their National Registry Exams, will be applying to the rescue squad soon.

We are happy to say the new Rescue van has been a great asset to the town and the rescue personnel in serving over two hundred calls this past year. We look forward to seeing you in the future around town events, but we will be only a phone call away if you should ever need us.

Sincerely Yours,

*Barbie Raymond
President, Deerfield Rescue Squad*

Facts about the Heritage of Deerfield:

The smallest population reported in a US Census in Deerfield was in 1930 when 635 people were counted.

2005 Town of Deerfield Police Department Annual Report

2005 was a year of transition for the Deerfield Police Department. Chief Robert Wunderlich retired after 19 years with Deerfield and took a position with the Holly Hill, South Carolina, Police Department. We wish Bob and his wife, Liz, well in their new life.

Steve Turner was named Officer in Charge in April, Interim Chief in May, and was appointed Chief in September.

In June, the department hired Patrolman Joel Hughes of Deerfield, to fill an open position. Officer Hughes came to us after a stint with the NH State Police. This hire put us at full staff for the first time in 16 months. There was also some shifting of responsibilities within the department. Lt. Mike Greeley has taken over prosecution, Pfc. Dan Deyermond was assigned to be the department's detective, Pfc. Mike Lavoie was assigned to property control, accident reconstruction and vehicle maintenance and, Cpl. Hardy was assigned as the juvenile officer/prosecutor.

In August Officers Marchio (Parkhurst) and Trottier successfully completed their probationary period and were sworn in as permanent officers. In September, Ptl. Hardy was promoted to Corporal, and Officers Deyermond and Lavoie were promoted to Patrolman 1st Class.

Pfc. Lavoie was also recognized by New Hampshire Police Standards & Training for making the outstanding arrest by a local police officer for arresting an armed robbery suspect who had robbed a convenience store in Rochester a short time before he was stopped by Pfc. Lavoie. This represents the 5th time in the last 7 years that an officer from Deerfield has been recognized by NHPSTC for outstanding performance. Chief Turner was also recognized as the New Hampshire State Grange "Police Officer of the Year" at their state conference in November.

There were also some additions to our extended law enforcement "family". In July Pfc. Lavoie and his wife, Kristie, welcomed their new recruit, Nathan, and, in October, Ptl. Marchio (Parkhurst) took on her new partner in the form of her husband, Todd. We welcome them both to the DPD family.

Pastor Chris Tidwell was asked, and graciously agreed, to be the department's Chaplain. In light of the number of serious critical incidents handled by officers this year it was felt that there was a need for them to have a readily available source of guidance and counseling that they would be familiar and comfortable with. Pastor Tidwell will also assist us in emergency death notifications and counseling referrals for victims and families in crisis.

We also made some minor cosmetic changes to the exterior of the station to make it more presentable. We also re-worked the booking room to give us room for two arrestees to be processed at the same time. We still have the same persistent problem that has plagued us for the last 10 years...no space. It is hoped that renewed efforts of the GBW building study committee will lead to a solution to this problem.

For the first time, the Deerfield Police Department formed an Honour Guard which made appearances at the Memorial Day Observances, Old Home, and the Deerfield Fair along with the firefighters. Officers from Deerfield also took part in the Police Memorial Day observances in Concord, the dedication of the Officer Melvin Keddy Highway in Kingston, and have displayed the colours at the funerals of Deerfield veterans at the request of the Hoague-Batchelder American Legion Post.

Lieutenant Greeley and Officer Marchio have been working to establish a Police Explorer post in Deerfield with the cooperation of the Boy Scouts of America, Daniel Webster Council. It is hoped that young men and women from Deerfield who are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement join the post and take advantage of the opportunity to gain valuable experience in the law enforcement field as well as learning what public service is all about.

During the summer, the department took delivery of two cruisers which replaced the 98 and 99 cars. All of the DPD cruisers were equipped/refit as part of "Project 5F", a program funded by the U.S. Department of Justice and administered by the University of New Hampshire. The program included the installation of new computers in each cruiser, as well as new RADAR units, new control panels and new light bars.

Each cruiser's emergency equipment can now be operated by voice command which eliminates the need for officers to take their eyes off the road to work switches and radio controls. This system can be expanded to allow for wireless computer operations between the cars and the station using the current records program we now have and by tying into the State Police On-line Telecommunication System (SPOTS) when it becomes available. There is a request in the police budget to make the system wireless this year.

2005 Town of Deerfield Police Department Annual Report cont.

In 2005 we also began to take more advantage of the Town's home page on Metrocast.net. We have been posting notices and information that we feel would be useful to the public. We have also been submitting regular articles and police logs to The Forum, Deerfield's on line newspaper. This is being done to make more information on our activities available to you, the residents of Deerfield, so you have some idea what we do every day to provide protection to the town. Anyone wishing to contact the department by E-Mail can reach us at dffd@metrocast.net.

In 2005, the department continues to perform "Directed Patrols" on the town's roads. These patrols are meant to increase our visibility on the residential streets and neighborhood roads. By increasing our visibility, we deter and reduce excessive speed problems on our roads which, in turn, helps decrease crashes, deters criminals from "cruising" Deerfield looking for opportunities to commit crime and providing the citizens with a better quality of life because their neighborhoods are safe.

In 2005, we performed 521 hours of Directed Patrols on town roads. We observed 5552 vehicles, 4453 of which were found to be traveling at, or below, the posted speed limits. Of the remaining 1099 vehicles, 1070 were traveling 1 to 10 miles over the posted limit. The remaining vehicles were traveling at speeds greater than 10 miles per hour over the posted limit.

This tells us that the vast majority of the drivers in Deerfield are traveling through town at safe speeds and that our efforts to maintain that level of safe driving are paying off.

The department investigated several violent and "critical" cases this year. Among them were three fatal motor vehicle crashes, several sexual assaults on minors, one attempted murder and one first degree assault.

Our end of year statistics show that arrests were up 4.5% in 2005 vs. 2004. Our crash rate dropped by 12% which indicates to us that our enforcement efforts have paid off by way of more arrests for DWI, Transporting Alcohol and Drugs and other major motor vehicle infractions while reducing our reported crashes by a substantial number.

Our criminal cases were down from 2004 which is another good sign. Some categories of crime showed slight increases while other showed marked decreases. We recorded three attempted and two actual burglaries. Sexual Assaults reports were up, particularly related to crimes against children, which is a disturbing trend.

Incidents of people driving after suspension/revocation were up and DWI arrests were up by 40%. Domestic disturbance calls were down by 50%, Thefts were down by 42%, and Bad Check cases fell by 30%. Incidents of Criminal Trespass and Criminal Threatening fell as well.

As stated earlier, the department did handle 3 fatal crashes, one attempted murder and one 1st Degree Assault case. The department also presented numerous felony cases to the Rockingham County Grand Jury for indictments.

Personally, I would like to thank the men and women of the Deerfield Police Department for their dedication, professionalism and enthusiasm during the year past. The positive attitude they have displayed, along with their commitment to the Town of Deerfield, truly makes me proud to lead this team of law enforcement professionals that are charged with protecting the citizens of Deerfield.

Finally, we as a department, would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and our Town Administrator for their assistance and support throughout the year, as well as the members of Deerfield's Fire, Rescue, and Highway departments for their cooperation and assistance in building a public safety team the town can be proud of. And last, but not least, you the taxpayers, who without your support, and assistance in being our eyes and ears, would make our jobs much more difficult.

We pledge to continue our efforts to make Deerfield a safe and comfortable place to live and to give the town the service it expects and deserves, along with a police department you can be proud of.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Turner, Chief
Deerfield Police Department

2005 Town of Deerfield Police Department Activity Chart

TYPE OF CALL:	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD:	2004	2003
Aid to Law Enforcement	16	10	13	5	10	12	15	19	13	15	18	10	156	213	214
Alarm/Open Door	7	4	7	4	3	5	7	5	5	8	6	9	70	125	105
Animal Compl.	2	3	2	3	1	5	2	2	1	4	2	3	30	41	41
Bad Check	1	4	3	0	0	4	0	6	1	5	1	1	26	36	23
Burglary/Att. Burglary	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	2	14
Building/Security Checks	30	25	27	30	31	25	28	27	26	25	24	25	323	348	457
Civil	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	8	23	24
Civil Stand-By	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	3	1	1	0	11	28	24
Cr. Mischief	2	3	2	6	4	3	3	6	11	3	7	3	53	56	63
Cr. Threatening	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	5	0	0	1	0	13	17	18
Disorderly Conduct	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	7	10	9
Disobey Police	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	7	5	4
Domestics	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	10	21	37
DWI	0	1	1	0	1	2	3	3	3	0	6	2	22	16	12
False 911 Calls	4	3	2	4	1	2	4	5	1	4	3	6	39	56	58
Fingerprinting	1	1	5	1	3	3	1	8	1	7	0	5	36	23	32
Fire Assist	7	8	4	6	3	11	2	2	5	5	2	7	62	54	48
Gas Drive-Off	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	8	18
Harassment Calls	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	6	0	2	21	22	22
Habitual Offender	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Information	6	8	6	9	10	9	7	8	10	5	9	9	96	69	114
Lost/Found Property	4	4	3	2	4	3	5	6	12	22	2	5	72	100	109
Miscellaneous	15	13	15	5	6	5	14	17	7	22	14	18	151	248	257
Missing Person	1	0	2	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	0	12	8	13
Motor Vehicle Complaint	5	1	6	3	6	2	3	5	2	1	8	0	42	59	41
Motorist Assist	18	9	18	3	4	3	2	2	4	4	7	7	81	39	68
Negligent Driving	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	7		
Noise Complaint	0	0	3	1	1	1	6	4	5	2	0	0	23	13	27
Non Invest. MV Crashes	7	4	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	28	29	29
Op After Suspension	3	3	1	0	3	3	1	1	9	2	2	1	29	19	17
Open Container	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	6	3	7
Poss Alcoh/Drugs	2	2	8	3	2	14	2	3	8	11	10	4	69	67	20
Poss of Tobacco	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	1	7
Protective Custody	1	0	1	4	2	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	14	7	8
Public Assist	6	0	4	3	1	0	0	4	0	2	1	2	23	70	39
Reckless Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	5	6
Reckless Operation	0	0	1	2	2	6	3	3	4	3	1	1	26	20	19
Rescue Assist	8	9	12	8	7	10	14	9	11	8	10	12	118	126	139
Resist Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	5	3
Restraining Order Violator	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	7	4
Runaway	1	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	8	4	5
Safe Schools Act Violation	5	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	11	7	11
Serve Legal Documents	10	15	14	9	14	14	7	8	7	14	21	15	148	172	197
Sexual Assaults	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	1	8	3	6
Shots Fired	0	0	1	2	2	0	4	1	3	3	1	1	18	9	23
Simple Assault	2	2	2	0	0	3	2	5	5	2	2	0	25	25	36
Suicide/Att. Suicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2
Susp. MV/Person/Activ.	10	4	6	9	11	6	3	7	13	11	8	12	100	101	67
Thefts	4	3	2	1	3	4	2	3	5	9	4	1	41	74	55
Transporting Drugs/Alcoh.	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	11	5
Trees/Limbs/Wires Down	0	2	2	0	1	2	3	2	3	3	3	0	21	15	28
Trespassing	1	1	1	3	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	12	27	27
Untimely Death	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	1
Vin Verification	7	7	4	7	10	15	8	5	4	6	3	3	79	106	110
Well Being Check	2	1	0	3	2	2	2	3	3	4	5	4	31	16	30
TOTAL:	196	159	190	144	163	199	171	199	197	236	198	176	2221	2579	2755

2005 Town of Deerfield Police Department Activity Chart cont.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD:	2004	2003
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES															
Reportable	17	13	5	4	5	7	7	4	2	5	4	9	82	90	81
Number of Injuries	5	3	1	1	2	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	19	20	30
Number of Fatalities	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT															
Total Citations	38	40	56	44	47	65	73	117	119	62	59	43	763	630	828
Residents	11	12	17	19	13	13	16	24	26	16	10	11	188	205	199
Non-Residents	27	28	39	25	34	52	57	93	93	46	49	32	575	425	628
Total Warnings/MV Vio.	53	32	101	115	75	56	139	129	134	79	115	115	1143	753	922
Residents	20	9	46	39	32	20	42	40	41	25	43	36	393	340	300
Non-Residents	33	23	52	76	43	36	97	89	93	54	72	79	747	413	622
TOTAL:	91	72	157	159	122	121	212	246	253	141	174	158	1906	1383	1750
													TTD: 4209	4060	4627
JUV. COMPLAINTS															
	13	1	2	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	21	20	28
WALK -IN'S & PHONE CALLS															
	287	303	248	131	161	224	137	208	226	241	255	189	2610	3585	3827
ARRESTS															
Persons Arrested	7	9	15	4	8	29	10	12	17	18	20	8	157	152	120
Criminal Charges	13	18	22	6	12	59	20	26	36	27	36	13	288	270	205
COURT DAYS															
	5	5	3	2	4	6	10	2	2	2	8	3	52	34	46
# OF COURT CASES															
	39	36	43	21	31	45	65	27	42	51	41	31	472	408	373
TTD DEC 2005															
YTD = TOTAL FOR 2005															

Facts about the Heritage of Deerfield:

In 1942 the town paid out \$48.15 for police protection to Chief Dennis J. Brennan

2005 Town of Deerfield Code Enforcement Report

This past year total building permits have remained on average about the same. However new home starts dropped to 27 compared to 51 the previous year. Demand for new lots appears to have remained high but has not been reflected in the number of new housing starts. The majority of homes continue to be 3 and 4 bedroom units. Deerfield continues to be an appealing place to live.

A reminder to residents, that all forms of new construction require a building permit. All electrical, plumbing and HVAC work requires permits. Any new gas installations need to be inspected either by the Building Inspector or Fire Chief before most gas companies will hook up. If unsure as to what you need or require, please call and we will be glad to assist you.

Another area of concern is, open permits. We have many residents that apply for building permits and never notify the office that the work has been completed. Building code requires that many projects be inspected and all projects be issued a certificate of occupancy. It would be greatly appreciated if residents notify us of completed projects so that we may purge our files of all completed projects.

Year	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05
Building permits	72	103	122	142	174	169	176'	168	165	140
Dwellings Units	25	27	40	55	65	58	30	19	51	27

If anyone has questions or concerns we may be contacted at 463-5971.

Submitted January 19, 2006
Richard H Pelletier
Town of Deerfield
Building Inspector

Facts about the Heritage of Deerfield:

Before the temperance movement cut into these activities, a series of little stands were set up along church street to sell liquor on town meeting days. At the 1812 town meeting a vote was taken "that the constable be directed to remove the tents where spirituous liquors are sold at the distance of one mile".

2005 Town of Deerfield Highway Department Report

The spring and summer of 2005 proved to be interesting for the Highway Department. Some unforeseen cost increases were felt due to salt shortages and oil price increases. Some of these increases were as much as 40% over anticipated budget numbers put together in November of 2004. Areas that were directly affected were, paving costs, fuel, tires, plow cutting edges and plastic replacement culverts. Not to mention added fuel surcharges on anything requiring delivery. Even with the increased costs, the Highway Department was able to finish most projects slated for 2005 staying within budget. The Cole Road bridge replacement scheduled for August was delayed on two separate occasions due to high water finally being rescheduled for low water in 2006. The monies from this project were encumbered for the future completion of the project.

In addition to the Cole Road culvert at Nichols Brook, the bridge upstream on Candia Road is scheduled for replacement during low water in the summer of 2006. This bridge also shows serious signs of deterioration that has taken place over time. Other scheduled projects for 2006 include reconstruction of approximately 3/10 of a mile on Griffin Road. This will include addressing water issues on the hill between #45 and Whittier Road. Slightly more than 4 miles of road will be overlaid including Mountain road, Old Center Road North and Griffin Road. Work is also planned for the section of Middle Road from the new cistern system to #107 known as Spear's Hill. Ledge removal, ditching, and culvert replacement are included in this project. Gravel will be added building the road higher will also be done. Once necessary easements are in place, there is still work to be completed on Mountain Road. The funds for this also remain as an encumbrance. Town wide brush cutting needs some attention as well.

Projects done in 2005 were the reconstruction of Swamp Road, Partial reconstruction of Old Center Road North and Mt Delight Road from Swamp road to the Allentown Line. Some ditching was done on Currier, Reservation, Coffeetown and Middle roads. There is still much more to be done, the worst places have been addressed as needed. The paving projects were delayed slightly due to the paving company not being able to schedule trucks, as they needed.

During the heavy rains at the end of October, a serious threat was overcome with the help of area contractors making themselves available at the notice of a phone call.

The problem first came to the attention of the Highway Department on Friday, October 21. A resident called reporting a sinkhole had developed between the road and dam. The hole was filled in. The hole reopened on Saturday, late in the afternoon, early evening hours. An inspection was done that evening and several more were done on Sunday. At some point during the early morning hours of Monday, October 24, the sinkhole more than tripled in size causing major concern for the undermining of Gulf Road. With Gulf Road the only way in or out for more than 300 residents of Northwood, action needed to be taken immediately.

The Department of Environmental Services were notified and dispatched an engineer immediately. The Department of Emergency Services were also notified as well as Northwood's and Deerfield's Emergency Directors. All available town employees were called in and the town backhoe was brought to the site. Cindy Heon, Town administrator who notified Selectboard chairmen Jim Alexander.

Using the backhoe, a hole was opened near the dam. It was determined that a large section of Granite header had become undermined, falling and crushing the upstream end of the culvert. This caused the water to run along the side of the culvert, undermining the road well into the travel lane. The decision was made to replace the culvert. Much larger equipment needed to be mobilized, culvert brought in, gravel hauled in and stone hauled in.

We pre-assembled the 60-foot long, 3-foot diameter culvert laying it along the side of Gulf Road and placed the stone as close to the road cut as possible. With half of Gulf Road already excavated and the old culvert removed, the next step was to close the road entirely breaching the remainder and getting one side stoned and back filled so not to interrupt service to the Northwood residents any longer than necessary. Deerfield Fire Chief Mark Tibbetts was called and he stationed a truck on the Northwood side to be ready for service in the event of a mishap while the road was closed. Within a half-hour's time, Gulf Road traffic was once again restored to one lane. Special thanks go to Steve Rollins, Mike Emery, Ferguson Water Works,

2005 Town of Deerfield Highway Department Report cont.

Merrill Construction, Selectman Jim Alexander, Mark Tibbetts and most of all, Town of Deerfield Highway workers Carl Oehler and Matt Kimball. These people worked extremely hard and long hours to ensure that services were not interrupted and keeping the safety of the public and themselves in their best interests at all times.

Thus far, this winter has been mild as far the temperatures and snowfall go. However, the icing has been very difficult to keep treated. The timing of the ice storms has been the toughest element to deal with. The majority of storms have been during the morning commute for workers leaving town and for the busses carrying the children of Deerfield to school. The way the storms have fallen, we have needed to treat the roadways twice, sometimes three times to eliminate icing. Even then, it is nearly impossible to completely clear all ice. There are known trouble spots and we try our hardest to patrol these areas treating as needed. When the weather is drizzling in the winter, refreezing is the hardest thing to stop.

Winter maintenance is provided by town owned equipment and winter contracted equipment. Currently, town owned equipment is one 1988 International former state owned 6 wheeler with plow, wing and sander, one 1994 International 6 wheeler with plow, wing, and sander, one 2002 1 ton with plow and sander and one 2004 ¾ ton pick up with plow and sander. Contracted trucks include two 6 wheelers with plows wings and sanders, and one 10 wheeler with plow wing and sander, and 2 pick ups with plows and sanders. One of which has a regular plow route and the other does various intersections through-out town and town owned buildings. Currently the winter maintenance covers 138 lane miles of town owned roadway.

On behalf of the entire Highway Department, I wish to thank everyone for the kind words of encouragement and continued support.

Sincerely,

Alex Cote
Highway Agent

Facts about the Heritage of Deerfield:

In 1843 the town rate of pay for the highway workers was eight cents an hour for a man, eight cents an hour for a pair of oxen, ten cents an hour for a plow and four cents an hour for a cart and wheels.

2005 Town of Deerfield Zoning Board of Appeal Report

The year 2005 saw a decrease in the number of cases (24) down from last year's (27). The board met on the fourth Tuesday of every month except in September when no cases were submitted. The board held extra sessions and site visits as required.

The case log included:

Variiances 18 = (15 granted, 3 denied)

Special Exceptions 1 = (1 granted, 0 Denied)

Administrative decisions = 1 (0 Granted, 1 Denie)

Rehearing = 2 (ZBA sustained itself in one and the second was dismissed to due to a now show)

The board George Thompson as a member as John Leighton stepped down from full time service and became an alternate. The board continued to search for prospective alternates. two slots remain open on the roster.

The Board of Adjustment was established in 1970 within the Deerfield Zoning Ordinance as required by NHRSA 673:1, Section IV and specified in RSA 673:3. The Board of Selectmen appoints its five members to three-year staggered terms and may appoint five alternate members. The Board of Adjustment also acts as the "Building Code Board of Appeals" as approved by voters at a Town Meeting.

"Rules of Procedure" were adopted in 1970 as required by RSA 676:1 for all land use boards. Copies of the boards procedure are on file with the Town Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted

Anthony J. Di Mauro, Chairman

2005 Town of Deerfield Planning Board Annual Report

New Hampshire State law requires that a municipal Planning Board undertake the following duties:

- Review, approve or deny applications for subdivision and site plan approval.
- Recommend amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance.
- Prepare and amend the Town's Master Plan.

Like most NH Planning Boards, the Deerfield Planning Board has spent considerable time reviewing applications for subdivision and site plan review. In 2005, the Planning Board accepted and reviewed 12 subdivision applications and 3 site plan applications. The proposed subdivisions have the potential to create over 200 new building lots in the Town. In reviewing applications and plans for proposed subdivisions, the Board contracts with Keach-Nordstrom Associates (KNA), at the applicant's expense, to ensure the application meets the technical compliance requirements of the Town's local land use regulations and follows accepted engineering practices and principles. KNA conducts follow up construction inspections to ensure the development is built according to the approved plan.

Because of the significant number of proposed lots, the Board received two citizen petitions requesting that the Board consider a Growth Management Ordinance, which has the affect of limiting the number of building permits issued each year. The Planning Board is also very concerned with the proposed residential growth and its impact on the Town. After consultation with Town Legal Counsel, Atty. Rob Upton, and after sponsoring a Growth Management workshop in September 2005 with Atty. Upton and professional planners, the Board concluded the following:

- There was insufficient justification in the current Master Plan for a legally defensible Growth Management Ordinance (GMO) and
- Local conditions do not justify a GMO in Deerfield at present.

However, as an alternative approach to manage the Town's growth, the Planning Board has proposed 15 zoning amendments for consideration by the voters at the March Town Meeting. In preparing these zoning amendments, the Board conducted two workshop sessions in early December and sought input from the several interested citizens, who attended the sessions. The Board has prepared information on each proposed amendment along with a rationale for the adoption of each. The Board hopes that the Town will act favorably on the proposed amendments.

An updated and accurate Master Plan is necessary in order to manage the Town's growth as it provides a legal basis for zoning amendments and other changes to the Town's land use regulations. The Town last updated its Master Plan in the mid 1990s and is requesting funds in the 2006 to initiate the update process and make necessary changes specific to zoning, subdivision and site plan review practices. The process will likely take two to three years. Some valuable work, which can be incorporated into an updated Master Plan, has already been completed. This work includes the Open Space Plan prepared by the Southern NH Planning Commission and the Deerfield Open Space Committee of the Conservation Commission. In addition, the Conservation Commission wrote a grant that allowed UNH Cooperative Extension Service, Natural Resources Outreach Coalition (NROC) to work on innovative planning and economic development initiatives with the Town.

The Town is participating in the NH Department of Transportation (DOT)'s Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP), which is designed to help 26 municipalities affected by the Salem to Manchester I – 93 reconstruction project deal with the additional growth caused by widening of the interstate highway. The Town is hopeful that additional planning resources may become available as part of the CTAP effort.

Recognizing that the Planning Board needed some technical assistance in keeping current with its applications, along with other planning matters, the Town appropriated funds to hire a part-time planner. The Board went through two rounds of interviews before contracting with Gerald Coogan, a professional planning consultant. He attends regular Board meetings and he and members of the Town's Technical Review Committee (TRC) are available to meet and review plans with agents, applicants and landowners interested in seeking a land use approval.

In summary, I wish to thank all members of the Planning Board for their faithful service, along with Steve Keach, P.E., Gerald Coogan, Rick Pelletier and Jane Boucher, the Board's Secretary. Jane plays a critical and important role in scheduling meetings and public hearings and in keeping information flowing. For more information on the Board's activities, please feel free to attend a Planning Board meeting (normally the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month) or contact Jane, Jerry or me at 463 – 8811.

I also want to thank the Board of Selectmen and Cindy Heon and the many citizens who have attended Board workshops and meetings and have expressed interest in and support for the Town's planning process.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred McGarry, P.E.
Chair, Deerfield Planning Board

2005 Town of Deerfield Parks and Recreation Annual Report

2005 was a very positive and energizing year for the Parks and Recreation Department.

We continue to grow in the services that we are able to provide, and the number of citizens using those services.

As is the case in many of the department budgets, much of our bottom line is offset by generated revenues.

These revenues include program user fees, sponsorships, donations, and concessions.

Other non-monetary grants and awards such as "Pitch Hit and Run", "Punt Pass and Kick", "National Basketball Associations JR NBA and WNBA program", the "Junior Olympics Program", "Sports Illustrated Good Sports program" and others help generate revenue and/or provide additional services to the town while increasing our department's visibility.

We depend greatly on our user fees, but also feel our fees are a good value for families in town using our programs.

We continue to pursue all avenues of revenue as one way to lessen the tax burden.

In 2005, we generated over \$55,000 to offset our budget and for the annual Old Home Days celebration.

Another other way to lessen the tax burden is by building, maintaining, and caring for our supplies and having citizens pay some of our program facilitators directly.

Those are the two main reasons we can offer more programs this year while our bottom line is actually less than our 2005 budget.

For the past five years we have built up our equipment and ball supplies.

While we will always have new items to buy each season and year, our overall supplies are now in excellent shape.

This past year we purchased a rider mower to care for the Bicentennial Field. We now handle our own mowing and do not hire out for the job. This is in addition to handling our own trash removal for the past four years.

This past year we purchased through a teen account we had (did not affect budget) a Disc Jockey Sound System. We now put our dances on without having to hire a DJ as well as being able to use the system for other town events.

Over the past few years we have built up a supply of games which we use for "game room" events and birthday parties.

We now have approximately ten birthday parties a year.

Our concessions supplies have also become greatly enhanced and have allowed us to generate more concession revenue.

In addition to our programs that generate revenue Deerfield Parks and Recreation is proud to offer its citizens programs and services that otherwise may not be provided.

This includes community service for both adults and juveniles satisfying the legal system, as well as students fulfilling school requirements.

In 2005 over 200 hours were provided by the Parks and Recreation Department.

We also offer youth scholarships for families that request the assistance allowing their children to participate in our activities.

We offer non-user fee events and programs such as our annual Veterans Day remembrance, the summer Swanson Gazebo concert series, Old Home Days, Tailgate Trick or Treat, Holiday Lighting of the Gazebo, High School basketball, and others.

We work closely with and thank other Departments and organizations in town (Deerfield Highway, Police, Fire Department, Deerfield Community School, FOCUS, Deerfield Little League) for your support, and help, throughout the year.

We must also thank the lifeblood of any good youth sports program and that is the volunteers who coach, officiate and give of their time. We all know who these people are.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers we have at all our other events such as dance chaperones, Old Home Days event coordinators etc.

Our goals for 2006 are to continue to manage our growth in a way that is most efficient and beneficial to the Town of Deerfield.

Included in this and at the top of the list is addressing the need for ballfield's in Town. Most of you have heard some of the options we have, and it is time to bring an organized plan to fruition.

I feel it is also time for me to head up this effort. Starting February 21st 2006 the parks and Recreation Commission will be meeting at 7pm in my office in the George B. White Building. The main focus of these meetings the foreseeable future is to address the Ball Field need. Meetings are open to all, and openings on the commission will also be addressed to anyone interested.

Thanks to everyone for all your help and support. Please contact me with any questions, or suggestions you may have, and don't forget to check out our website for a complete list of programs

Joe Manzi

Deerfield Parks and Recreation

2005 Town of Deerfield Rochester/Rural District VNA/Hospice Annual Report

Rochester District Visiting Nurse Association dba Your VNA is pleased to continue as your home care agency, providing you with needed intermittent skilled nursing, therapy, personal care and support services. Rochester District VNA is proud to provide you with our highly skilled specialty nurses including those certified in IV therapy, wound and ostomy care, diabetes and psychiatric intervention. These RN specialists are just one of the distinguishing characteristics that make this agency special. We are pleased to continue to provide our community clinics at twenty sights throughout our service area monthly. We have a number of volunteers assisting the organization including our visitor program to our homebound patients.

Our Telehealth program has progressed with increased utilization and positive results. Our first client using the in home unit prevented three trips to the emergency room in the first two months. The system helped her to gain a much better understanding of her illness and the signs and symptoms that were warnings of needed intervention. Telehealth allows us to monitor patients utilizing a computerized system which downloads such vitals as blood pressure, blood sugar and weight into the patient's office chart without a nurse visiting in the home. There is a medication alarm to remind the patients to take their meds on time. Telehealth, combined with our disease management programs, affords the patient the best of care available in the home and a comprehensive education about their disease process.

Our two greatest challenges are staffing and funding. Rochester District VNA continues to provide support services, including HCBC (home and community based care to people who qualify for nursing home care funded by the state and county). Most neighboring agencies no longer provide this needed level of care. This care is reimbursed by the state at about 47% below our cost. The Home Care Association of New Hampshire initiated a law suit against the state regarding this reimbursement which has been settled out of court but did not result in any immediate relief for agencies. There is a shortage of nurses nationally and we are dealing with the shortage locally. We have the added challenge of a 3.7% reduction in our Medicare reimbursement scheduled for 2006.

Your support through your town contribution helps to meet the many home health needs of patients in your community who do not have insurance or have inadequate insurance. Our ability to continue to meet these needs is dependent on your continued support. Thank you. Please call 332-1133 if you have questions about the services, clinics and volunteer opportunities available through Rochester District VNA or visit our web-site, www.yourvna.org.

Patients and Visits in Deerfield by funding source or 2005

	Visits	Patients	Reimbursement	% of patients
Skilled nursing	270	17	Medicare	54%
Physical Therapy	74	7	Medicaid/ HCBC	31%
Occupational Therapy	46	5	Insurance	15%
Speech Therapy	3	1	County/State	
Medical Social Work	39	5	Self Pay	
Licensed Nursing Assistant	14	1		

Submitted by Linda Hotchkiss RN, MHSA, CHCE, Executive Director

2005

Deerfield School District

Reports



Schoolhouse at 54 South Road



Classroom of Olive Freese (54 South Road Schoolhouse)



Classroom of Mary Robinson (13 Candia Road Schoolhouse)



Schoolhouse at 13 Candia Road



Schoolhouse at 37 Nottingham Road



Schoolhouse on Middle Road (now a partial dwelling)



2005 Deerfield School District Officers

OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT For the Year Ending June 2005

MODERATOR
Douglas Leavitt

SCHOOL BOARD

John Harrington	Term Expires 2006
Kevin Webber	Term Expires 2006
Kevin Barry	Term Expires 2007
Bonnie Beaubien	Term Expires 2008
Donald Gorman	Term Expires 2008

DISTRICT CLERK
Kandy Davitt

DISTRICT TREASURER
Cindy Tomilson

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Thomas Haley

ASST. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
David Dziura

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
Peter Aubrey

PRINCIPAL
Paul Yergeau

Facts about the Heritage of Deerfield:

"In 1944 Deerfield grammar school graduates were attending high school in six different locations"
Coe Brown Northwood Academy
Raymond High School
Pembroke Academy
Manchester Central High School
Robinson Seminary (one student)
Spaulding High School (one student)

2006 Deerfield School District Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF DEERFIELD, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Deerfield Community School in said District on the 14th day of March, 2006 at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose two members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. Other School District business previously considered at the District's Deliberative Session.

The polls are to open at 7:00 A.M. and will close not earlier than 7:00 P.M.

Given under our hands at said Deerfield this 17th day of January, 2006.

John Harrington, Chair
Kevin Barry
Bonita Beaubien
Donald Gorman
Kevin Webber
DEERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Facts about the Heritage of Deerfield:

“There were, at one time, sixteen school districts and fourteen schoolhouses in the Town of Deerfield with each district having its own prudential committee (school board), secretary and treasurer.”

2006 Deerfield School District Warrant cont.

1. Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000,000 for the construction, furnishing and equipping of a middle/high school facility, and to authorize issuance of not more than \$21,000,000 of bonds or notes therefore in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Ch. 33); to authorize the School Board to contract or apply for, obtain and accept Federal, State, or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project, and to authorize the School Board to negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$597,917 for the first bond payment and further to authorize the School Board to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote.

*A three-fifths vote is required
School Board recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval*

[Approval of the bond article will result in an estimated \$1.08 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate for the first year of the bond. The average tax impact over the first 10 years of the bond will be an estimated \$2.63 per \$1,000 per year.]

2. Shall the School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$10,387,933? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$10,288,969 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district, or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

[Note: Ballot Article #2 (operating budget article) does not include separate Ballot Articles #1, #3, #4, #5 or #6.]
*School Board recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval*

[Approval of the requested budget will result in an estimated \$1.33 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate.]

[Defeat of the requested budget will result in an estimated \$1.16 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate under the default budget.]

3. Shall the District vote to approve the cost items as set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Deerfield Paraprofessional Association and the Deerfield School Board for the 2006/07 and 2007/08 fiscal years, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits:

Year 2006/07	\$44,352
Year 2007/08	\$38,683

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,352 for the 2006/07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

*School Board recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval*

[Approval of the collective bargaining agreement will result in an estimated \$.08 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate]

4. Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to provide an approximate \$30-per-month stipend to the family of each duly-enrolled high school student legally residing in Deerfield who travels to an approved high school placement and does not receive other subsidized transportation from the District

*School Board recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval*

2006 Deerfield School District Warrant cont.

[Approval of the high school transportation stipend will result in an estimated \$0.14 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate]

5. Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$10,000, from surplus, to be added to the Special Education Trust Fund previously established, and authorize the use of that amount from the June 30, 2006 unreserved fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1 of this year.

School Board recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

[From currently appropriated funds which may remain at the end of the 2005/06 year.]

6. Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$30,000, from surplus, to be added to the Building Repair Trust Fund previously established, and authorize the use of that amount from the June 30, 2006 unreserved fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1 of this year.

School Board recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

[From currently appropriated funds which may remain at the end of the 2005/06 year.]

7. BY PETITIONS RECEIVED FROM TWO INDIVIDUALS: Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Deerfield School District on March 8, 2005, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? (3/5 majority vote required.)

SCHOOL BUDGET FORM

BUDGET FORM FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

OF: DEERFIELD NH

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year From July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list ALL APPROPRIATIONS in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the school clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

We Certify This Form Was Posted on (Date): _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE SCHOOL WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
 MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
 (603)271-3397

2006-2007 Deerfield School District Proposed Budget cont.

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	WARR. ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/04 to 6/30/05	Appropriations Current Year As Approved by DRA	School Board's Appropriations		Budget Committee's Approp.	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1100-1199	Regular Programs		4,344,840	4,958,009	5,054,327		5,054,327	
1200-1299	Special Programs		1,917,645	1,961,651	2,016,286		2,016,286	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs							
1400-1499	Other Programs		19,325	24,910	36,310		36,310	
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs							
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs							
SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2000-2199	Student Support Services		196,376	200,241	230,382		230,382	
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services		107,842	142,105	138,723		138,723	
General Administration			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2310-840	School Board Contingency							
2310-2319	Other School Board		30,828	28,571	29,156		29,156	
Executive Administration			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2320-310	SAU Management Services		178,454	184,892	199,082		199,082	
2320-2399	All Other Administration							
2400-2499	School Administration Service		220,649	230,368	234,877		234,877	
2500-2599	Business							
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant		374,800	345,039	383,528		383,528	
2700-2799	Student Transportation		490,969	504,825	455,600		455,600	
2800-2999	Support Service Central & Other		878,011	1,059,180	1,239,122		1,239,122	
3000-3999	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES		142,649	127,700	150,290		150,290	
4000-4999	FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION		22,705	4	7,503		7,503	
OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5110	Debt Service - Principal		-	55,000	55,000		55,000	
5120	Debt Service - Interest		15,263	12,513	9,763		9,763	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	WARR. ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/04 to 6/30/05	Appropriations Current Year As Approved by DRA	School Board's Appropriations		Budget Committee's Approp.	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
FUND TRANSFERS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5220-5221	To Food Service		-	1	1		1	
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue							
5230-5239	To Capital Projects							
5251	To Capital Reserves							
5252	To Expendable Trust (*see below)							
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts							
5254	To Agency Funds							
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.							
	SUPPLEMENTAL							
	DEFICIT							
	SUBTOTAL 1		8,940,356	9,835,009	10,239,950		10,239,950	

PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER DETAIL:

* Amount of line 5252 which is for Health Maintenance Trust \$ 0 (see RSA 198:20-c, V)

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

2006-2007 Deerfield School District Proposed Budget cont.

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1	2	3	4	5	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year		Budget Committee's Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year	
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Expenditures for Year 7/1/04 to 6/30/05	Appropriations Current Year As Approved by DRA	WARR. ART.#	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4500	Middle/High School			1	21,597,917		21,597,917	
2721	High School Transportation	43,600	75,000	4	75,000		75,000	
5252	Sped Expendable Trust	25,000	20,000	5	10,000		10,000	
5252	Bldg Repair Expend Trust	40,000	20,000	6	30,000		30,000	
	SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXX	21,712,917	XXXXXXXXXX	21,712,917	XXXXXXXXXX

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Examples of individual warrant articles might be: 1) Negotiated cost items for labor agreements; 2) Leases; 3) Supplemental appropriations for the current year for which funding is already available; or 4) Deficit appropriations for the current year which must be funded through taxation.

1	3	4	5	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year		Budget Committee's Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year		
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Expenditures for Year 7/1/04 to 6/30/05	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	WARR. ART.#	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	Collective Bargain-Paraprofessional			3	44,352		44,352	
	SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXX	44,352	XXXXXXXXXX	44,352	XXXXXXXXXX

2006-2007 Deerfield School District Proposed Budget cont.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1300-1349	Tuition		7,965	5,000	5,000
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		3,810	3,600	3,600
1600-1699	Food Service Sales		110,830	94,400	114,070
1700-1799	Student Activities				
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources		13,651	300	300
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	School Building Aid		27,322	26,700	25,136
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid		148,710	146,180	109,003
3240-3249	Vocational Aid				
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition		2,008	1,900	2,010
3270	Driver Education				
3290-3299	Other State Sources				
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants		83,297	88,223	68,893
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition		34,094	31,400	34,210
4570	Disabilities Programs		111,760	115,231	115,231
4580	Medicaid Distribution		57,855	57,000	57,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)				
4810	Federal Forest Reserve				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes				21,000,000
5221	Transfer from Food Service-Spec.Rev.Fund				
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds				

2006-2007 Deerfield School District Proposed Budget cont.

1	2	3	4	5
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES CONT.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds			
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds			
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources			
5140	This Section for Calculation of RAN's (Reimbursement Anticipation Notes) Per RSA 198:20-D for Catastrophic Aid Borrowing RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ =NET RAN			
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)			
	Voted From Fund Balance		65,000	40,000
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		36,992	266,260
	Total Estimated Revenue & Credits		703,294	876,194

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Current Year Adopted Budget	School Board's Recommended Budget
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 3)	9,835,009	10,239,950
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)	115,000	21,712,917
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)		44,352
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	9,950,009	31,997,219
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	876,194	21,574,453
Less: Amount of Statewide Enhanced Education Tax/Grant	2,726,132	2,728,269
Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education	6,347,683	7,694,497

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: \$ 1,033,454
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

2006-2007 Deerfield School District Proposed Budget cont.

BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

(for Calculation 10% Maximum Increase)

(RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21)

Rev 09/02

VERSION #2: Use if you have Collective Bargaining Cost Items

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT : DEERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR END FY 06/07

Column A

	RECOMMENDED AMT		
1. Total RECOMMENDED by Budget Committee (See Posted Budget MS7, 27, or 37)	31,997,219		
LESS EXCLUSIONS:	-		
2. Principal: Long - Term Bonds & Notes	55,000		
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	9,763		
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds and Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b	21,597,917 -		
5. Mandatory Assessments	-		
6. TOTAL EXCLUSIONS (Sum of rows 2 - 5)	21,662,680		
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (line 1 less line 6)	10,334,539		
8. Line 7 times 10%	1,033,454		
9. Maximum Allowable Appropriations prior to vote (Line 1 + 8)	33,030,673		
		Column B	Column C (Col.B - A)
10. Collective Bargaining Cost Items, RSA 32:19 & 273-A:1, IV, (Complete Col. A prior to meeting & Col. B and Col. C at meeting)	Cost items recommended 44,352	Cost items voted	Amt. Voted above recommended

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE APPROPRIATION VOTED

At meeting, add line 9 + Column C.

33,030,673

Line 8 plus any not recommended collective bargaining cost items or increases to cost items voted is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget. Please enter this amount on the bottom of the posted budget form, MS7, 27, or 37.

Please attach a copy of this completed supplemental schedule to the back of the budget form.

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Facts about the Heritage of Deerfield:

“In 1859 records show that in school district #7 (Deerfield Parade), the average daily attendance was 54 pupils! Remember, this was a one room schoolhouse with one teacher”

DEFAULT BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL

OF: DEERFIELD NH

Fiscal Year From July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

1. Use this form to list the default budget calculation in the appropriate columns.
2. Post this form or any amended version with proposed operating budget (MS-26 or MS-27) and the warrant.
3. Per RSA 40:13, XI, (a), the default budget shall be disclosed at the first budget hearing.

SCHOOL BOARD

or

Budget Committee if RSA 40:14-b is adopted

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

2006-2007 Deerfield School District Default Budget cont.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1100-1199	Regular Programs	4,958,009	98,681		5,056,690
1200-1299	Special Programs	1,961,651	26,224		1,987,875
1300-1399	Vocational Programs				
1400-1499	Other Programs	24,910			24,910
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs				
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs				
SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2000-2199	Student Support Services	200,241	22,753		222,994
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	142,105	1,216		143,321
General Administration		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2310 840	School Board Contingency				
2310-2319	Other School Board	28,571	209		28,780
Executive Administration		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2320-310	SAU Management Services	184,892	14,190		199,082
2320-2399	All Other Administration				
2400-2499	School Administration Service	230,368	5,891		236,259
2500-2599	Business				
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant	345,039	45,313		390,352
2700-2799	Student Transportation	504,825	(49,225)		455,600
2800-2999	Support Service Central & Other	1,059,180	123,691		1,182,871
3000-3999	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	127,700	19,784		147,484
4000-4999	FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION	4			4
OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5110	Debt Service - Principal	55,000			55,000
5120	Debt Service - Interest	12,513	(2,750)		9,763
FUND TRANSFERS		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5220-5221	To Food Service	1			1
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue				
5230-5239	To Capital Projects				
5251	To Capital Reserves				

2006-2007 Deerfield School District Default Budget cont.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
	FUND TRANSFERS	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts				
5254	To Agency Funds				
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.				
	SUPPLEMENTAL				
	DEFICIT				
	SUBTOTAL 1	9,835,009	305,977		10,140,986

Please use the box below to explain increases or reductions in columns 4 & 5.

Acct #	Explanation for Increases	Acct #	Explanation for Reductions
1100	Certified staff contracted salary \$106,227	1100	Non-Cert contract salary \$15,483
1100	Contracted High School Tuition \$26,176	1100	Fund II Federal Projects \$27,880
1100	Contracted ESL services \$9,641	2200	Cert. staff contracted salary \$3,986
1200	SpEd Obligations \$26,224	2700	SpEd Obligations \$67,225
2100	Certified staff contracted salary \$12,124	5120	Bond Interest \$2,750
2100	SpEd Obligations \$10,629		
2200	Non-Cert contract salary \$5,202		
2310	Contracted Admin Services \$209		
2320	Contracted Admin Services \$14,190		
2400	Administrative Salaries \$4,580		
2400	Contracted maintenance services \$1,311		
2600	Utility rates \$44,513		
2600	Contracted Operation/maint \$800		
2700	Contracted Transportation obligations \$18,000		
2900	Employee contracted benefits \$123,691		
3000	Food service program \$19,784		

2006-2007 Deerfield School District Estimated Revenue Report

2006/2007 ESTIMATED REVENUE - PROPOSED BUDGET

<u>Revenue from State Sources</u>	<u>2005/06</u>	<u>Proposed 2006/07</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>
Adequate Education Grant	1,597,305.00	1,579,390.00	(17,915.00)
State Education Tax	1,128,827.00	1,148,879.00	20,052.00
School Building Aid	26,700.00	25,136.00	(1,564.00)
Catastrophic Aid	146,180.00	109,003.00	(37,177.00)
Child Nutrition	1,900.00	2,010.00	110.00
 <u>Revenue from Federal Sources</u>			
Federal Program Grants	88,223.00	68,893.00	(19,330.00)
94:142 Consolidated Grant	115,231.00	115,231.00	-
Child Nutrition	31,400.00	34,210.00	2,810.00
Medicaid	57,000.00	57,000.00	-
 <u>Local Revenue Other Than Taxes</u>			
Earnings on Investments	3,600.00	3,600.00	-
Tuition	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Misc. Other Local	300.00	300.00	-
Lunch Sales	94,400.00	114,070.00	19,670.00
Realized Surplus FY 05	266,260.00	-	(266,260.00)
Surplus to Expend Trusts	40,000.00	40,000.00	-
Anticipated H.S. Surplus	-	-	-
Anticipated Surplus FY 05	-	-	-
Sale of Bonds		21,000,000.00	21,000,000.00
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	\$ 3,602,326.00	\$ 24,302,722.00	\$ 20,700,396.00

* State currently projecting a shortfall in Building Aid for FY 07 of up to 8%.

Facts about the Heritage of Deerfield:

*“Of the original 14 schoolhouses in Deerfield only five buildings have survived
as dwelling or at least parts of dwellings.”*

*South Road
Candia Road (Center School)
West Deerfield
Pond Road
Deerfield Parade
(opposite the cemetery)*

2005 Deerfield School District Summary Report Special Education Expenditures/Revenues

In accordance with RSA 32:11-a, the following summary represents actual special education expenditures and offsetting revenues for the previous two fiscal years.

	<u>FY 2003/04</u>	<u>FY 2004/05</u>
Actual Expenditures	\$2,341,850	\$2,470,331
Actual Revenues		
Catastrophic Aid	\$ 82,389	\$ 148,710
Medicaid	52,300	57,855
Federal Grant	97,165	111,760
Tuition	<u>8,257</u>	<u>1,725</u>
 Total Offsetting Revenues	 \$ 240,111	 \$ 320,050

Notes: • Actual expenditures represent a total of all designated special education budget categories. Services provided through regular education categories cannot be accurately segregated.

- State Foundation Aid paid in both fiscal years above contained various weighted stipends for those students identified as having special needs. These cannot be accurately identified as a separate revenue category.

Facts about the Heritage of Deerfield:

“There were 2 high schools in Deerfield for a number of years, one at Deerfield Center (upstairs in the town hall) and one at Deerfield Parade in St. Clair’s Hall (over the store, now gone).”

2005 Deerfield School District Annual Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2005

At 9:00 AM, on Saturday, March 19, 2005, Town Moderator, Doug Leavitt, welcomed everyone to the Deerfield School District Meeting at Deerfield Community School.

The officials seated before the meeting were introduced as follows: Kevin Barry, School Board Chairperson; School Board Members; Judy Williams, John Harrington, Kevin Webber and Don Gorman. School Board Administration included Tom Haley, Superintendent of Schools; Peter Aubrey, Business Administrator; Ted Comstock, Council to Deerfield School District; Steve Barry, Assistant Moderator; Kandy Davitt, Assistant Clerk; Erika Parent, Stenographer.

On Tuesday, March 8, 2005, the following were positions were elected: Douglas Leavitt as School District Moderator, Don Gorman School Board Member (3 year term) and Bonnie Beaubien School Board Member (3 year term). Doug Leavitt announced that SB2 passed this year and that this would be the last School District Meeting.

Moment of Silence

The Moderator asked for a moment of silence for the safe return of the men and women serving in our armed forces. The Pledge of Allegiance was then conducted.

Conduct of the Meeting

The moderator then presented the order of voting. All registered voters at this meeting should have checked in and received a green voting card and a sheet of Yes/No ballots. All individuals present who are not registered voters of the Town of Deerfield must be seated in the designated area to the left of the Moderator; exceptions are the SAU Representatives involved in the meeting.

Doug Leavitt, School District Moderator then announced the Rules of the Meeting would be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, as modified by the Moderator, in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire. Any ruling by the Moderator can be overruled and an appeal should be made immediately following the Moderator's ruling. The Moderator will read each article in the School District Warrant and seek a motion and a second. The maker of the motion will speak first and then the article will be open for discussion. For all other motions, the maker of the motion will be recognized first.

Members wishing to speak must approach the microphone and will be recognized in turn. All remarks are recorded for an accurate record of this meeting.

Remarks must be confined to the merits of the pending questions of order and must be addressed to the Moderator. Members are asked to state their name prior to speaking. All members must have a first turn before anyone has a second turn. Remarks must be addressed to the pending question but no one can address a question and move the question in the same turn. The number of amendments of the main motion are limited to two, one amendment to the main motion and one amendment to the amendment, with the exception of the main Budget article. Amendments should be in written form. A Secret Ballot can be conducted by a written request of five members prior to a hand vote. Such a request must be for a specific vote on a specific question. Further instructions for a Secret Ballot will be given at the time of the Secret Ballot.

In general, voting will be conducted by a show of voting cards. If the Moderator cannot judge a clear majority, he will move to a division. If a member is not satisfied with the result as announced by the Moderator, the member should request a division. A division is a count of raised voting cards.

Doug Leavitt, School District Moderator announced that there would be no smoking allowed in the building or on the grounds. Parking violations will also enforced. Fire exits were also noted.

Nancy Shute presented Focus Scholarships award to Alicia Fligg and Betsy Schillaber. These two students were recognized for there community service. Kevin Barry School Board Chairman relayed appreciation to Judy Williams, who will be leaving the School Board.

Article 1: To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

No Action

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Article 2: To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to accept gifts and donations from any source on behalf of the School District.

MOTION: Kevin Barry moved Article 2 as written

SECONDED: Judy Williams

VOTE: Article 2 was approved and so declared

Article 3: To see if the District will vote to approve the cost of items as set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Deerfield Education Association and the Deerfield School Board for the 2005/06 and 2006/07 fiscal years, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits:

Year 2005/06 \$207,314

Year 2006/07 \$181,386

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$207,314 for the 2005/06 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits agreed to by the Deerfield School Board and the Deerfield Education Association.

School Board recommends approval

Budget Committee recommends approval.

MOTION: Judy Williams moved Article 3 as written

SECONDED: Kevin Barry

Judy Williams spoke regarding the teachers' agreement included in the packets. Ms. Williams stated that the changes in the sick bank and retirement would cost about \$22,000. The remaining 185,000 would go towards wages and salaries. The salary increase is significant but is recommended so teachers in the School District, over two years, will be paid according to average salaries of other teachers in the State.

Harriet Cady, wanted to know why teachers salaries should be increased but there is no increase in student enrollment, stating student enrollment has actually decreased from two years ago.

Judy Williams stated that the teachers work hard and are valuable assets to the students and to the community. This article is also intended to bring the teacher's salaries within range of average teacher salaries within the State of New Hampshire.

Walter Hooker had a question regarding changes in reducing the retirement age from 55 to 53 for teachers and the step increases in their wages, which is presently about 5%.

Judy Williams replied that the state allows retirement at age 55 and the teachers have to give a three-year advance notice concerning their retirement to the District. Their retirement pension would be based on their years of service. Step increases and track together is approximately 6%.

Mr. Hooker indicated that combined with the increase in the contract, it would be a total of 10%. If they were going to get a 6% increase this year, would they now get a 10%?

Ms. Williams then asked Mr. Hooker for clarification of his question.

Superintendent Tom Haley indicated the monthly increase and contract increase would be approximately 8 to 9%. Judy Williams stated if the contract is defeated, renegotiations would take place.

Steven Brock stated that 8% increase sounded a little outrageous, considering benefits are being reduced for town citizens at their jobs.

Josef Schesurek stated that his property taxes have increased from \$6,000 to \$9,000 and on his income he would not want another increase in taxes to pay for the teacher salary increase. He then asked what teachers were giving to the community to deserve this increase.

Don Gorman stated that teachers work hard, frequently staying late for after school help and readying for the next day to teach a very diverse classroom of children. Classroom instruction is designed to meet the needs of the children in that class.

Cynthia Billings stated that the quality of the teachers greatly affect the quality of a child's education. Teacher's salaries are not average to the State of New Hampshire's other teachers.

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Beck Metmyers asked what the highest entry-level salary for most experienced teachers in the District was.

Judy Williams indicated that currently teachers at entry-level make approximately an annual salary of \$26,550 and those with several years of experience with a Master's degree could make approximately an annual salary of \$52,399. In looking at towns close to Deerfield, Deerfield is the middle average for teacher salaries.

Don Gorman explained that the District's teachers worked hard at their jobs, knowing they could make double the annual salary at a corporate job or other jobs in New Hampshire.

A member of the audience stated that as a person who taught for 15 years he observed good teachers leave because they find working for corporate America pays double what a Teacher can with 10 years experience. He also noted that he found students with a two-year computer degree came back earning more than he did after 10 years of teaching and a Masters degree.

Nancy Shute asked for clarification on the figures that were presented to the Town regarding the 8 to 9% increase for teachers, as she disagrees with the number. Mrs. Shute stated that even though she would be getting a raise it would not be 8 percent.

Judy Williams stated that not all teachers would get the 8-9% but the hope was this figure would attract new teachers to the District.

Motion: Jon Winslow moved the question.

Second: Gary Roberge

Debate Ended

Doug Leavitt the School District Moderator explained the procedures for voting on Article 3. Moderator then closed the question.

There was a request for a Secret Ballot

Article 3 was approved and so declared

(Yes 139 No 107)

A motion to restrict reconsideration on Article 3 was made by Robert Davitt, seconded by a member of the audience.

Doug Leavitt (School District Moderator) explained what the procedure was when a motion to restrict reconsideration was made.

The motion to restrict reconsideration on Article 3 was approved on a HAND VOTE and so declared.

Article 4: To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items as set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Deerfield Paraprofessional Association and the Deerfield School Board for the 2004/05 and 2005/06 fiscal years, which calls for the following estimated increases to salaries and benefits:

Year 2004/05 \$42,531

Year 2005/06 \$46,268

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,531 for the 2004/05 fiscal year and raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,268 for the 2005/06 fiscal year, such sums representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits agreed to by the Deerfield School Board and the Deerfield Paraprofessional Association.

School Board recommends approval

Budget Committee recommends approval

MOTION: Kevin Webber moved Article 4 as written

SECONDED: Judy Williams

Mr. Webber stated that this is a brand new contract because the Para-professionals last year voted to form a collective bargaining unit. This is a good contract that produces a good compromise that gives the Para-professionals the rights, benefits, and protections they deserve as employees and is a two-year contract starting this school year and next school year. This contract builds a sick bank, defines when Para-professionals can substitute, when a vacancy occurs in the building it allows Para's in the building to fill that position if they choose to do so.

Ms. Cady wanted to know how many Para-professionals are in the building.

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Mr. Webber stated that there are currently 35 to 36 Para-Professionals.

Ms. Cady stated that with 62 teachers a vice-principal and a principal divided into 576 students averages out to 9 students per teacher. Ms. Cady realized that some of these teachers work with Special Ed students but when she looked at the test scores for DCS Ms. Cady did not feel that for this excellent system that the scores reflected the so called excellence. Ms. Cady further stated that somebody is not doing his or her job and Ms. Cady stated that the state would not be giving Deerfield more money. Nancy Gross A member of the audience asked what is a Para-professional and is this kind of contract prevalent?

Mr. Webber replied that a Para is not a general teacher's aid and that a Para is someone who is required by IEP's. Mr. Webber continued saying that Para-professional Associations are becoming more and more prevalent. In SAU 53 there is one other town in this district that will be negotiating with their Para-professionals.

Mr. Brodrick asked if he correctly understood that these people have a right to these jobs and the right to have a fair "whatever". In the rest of the world you are an employee at will and you have not rights.

Mr. Webber stated that the state of NH is an, at will work state and the majority of people work at will. This agreement gives them basic work rights.

Mr. Gorman stated that a Para-professional is a person who is in the classroom for a specific child. That specific child has certain needs and a plan is devised by a team of teaching professionals so that child can be educated in a regular school system. The Federal Government handed down this unfunded obligation to the local school district making the school district pay for it.

Ms. Williams stated that all but 4 Para-professionals are for special Education students.

Ms. Williams stated that they agreed upon a certain amount of money and let the association decide how establish a scale.

Mr. Leavitt informed those in attendance that the salary range for the Para's are: Step 1 paid \$8.10-\$8.88 Step 2: \$8.42-\$9.22, Step 3: \$8.76-\$9.57, Step 4: \$9.11-\$9.94 Step 5: \$9.48 - \$10.31, Step 6: \$9.85-\$10.70 Step 7: \$ 10.25-\$11.11 Step 8: \$10.66-\$11.53 Step 9: \$11.09- \$11.97 Step 10 \$11.53 to \$12.43 per hour.

Mrs. Boisvert stated that this is a very basic contract and that these people don't even get time off to have a lunch because they are with students all day.

Mrs. Boisvert stated that she knew of a longtime Para-Professional that went to get a job as a cashier at a local convenient store and made more than someone with 12 years experience and training.

Mr. Webber stated that there is not a provision for lunch in this contract but there is a state law that allows for a break after 4 hours of work.

Ms. Beauacres stated that Para's are important but was she was concerned about the regular ed. Para's and how they were grouped in a classroom. Ms. Beauacres asked if there was any philosophy on grouping students with a Para-Professional?

Ms. Worthen stated that students are grouped based on their needs. Several identified students are grouped together in one classroom and a Para-Professional.

Nancy Shute urged support of this contract. If you were to take these students out of the classroom and place them out of district you are talking thousands of dollars and spending it outside of the district. Mrs. Shute stated that having these students taught at the local school is a cost savings to the community. Mrs. Shute further stated that we are mandated by Federal law to educate these children from ages 3 to 21 and urged our representatives to work towards getting full funding at the state and national level because this is mandated by law and they do not fully fund Special Education.

*Jonathan Winslow moved the question.
Seconded by a member of the audience*

The School Moderator Doug Leavitt stated that as an informational item the Dept of Ed. Web page shows that the average salary by town. Out of 104 towns listed Deerfield was 89th.

A Secret Ballot was requested.

VOTE: Article 4 was approved and so declared
(Yes 163 No 96)

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Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to provide a stipend to the family of each duly enrolled public high school student legally residing in Deerfield who travels to an approved high school placement and does not receive other subsidized transportation from the District.

School Board recommends approval.

Budget Committee recommends approval.

MOTION: Don Gorman moved Article 5 as written

SECONDED: Judy Williams

Mr. Gorman stated that this Article was presented to this assembly from the floor last year to reimburse parents that were taking their students to high school. The amount given to each parent is \$30 per month.

Amendment to Article 5: Ms. Williams stated that she would like to amend the article to strike the work public
Seconded: Don Gorman.

Ms. Williams stated that in the past it was given to all students no matter where they attended.

Joeline Smith asked if this included religious schools because we have to separate church and state even though she would support it because she supports vouchers. Ms. Williams replied only non-certified high schools would not qualify and stated that transportation is one of the services that are allowed.

The School District's attorney stated the US Supreme Court has ruled that a service such as transportation does not run a fowl of the first amendment.

Mr. Hooker urged the defeat of the amendment and stated that with the already existing high tax costs this would help cut costs.

VOTE: The amendment was approved and so declared

Joeline Smith asked how many students participated in this program and how the funds were administered.

Ms. Williams replied that you have to fill out a form 3 times a year to receive the funds.

There were many people who didn't know about the funding and so the board allowed for people who didn't sign up the 1st time do so during the second round.

Brenda Wilson asked why we have to pay for children to go to school and Ms. Wilson felt that parents have a responsibility to help out.

Gary Lenehan stated that based upon the warrant article that was passed last year the payment is \$30 per student. Mr. Lenehan stated that if you have two students going to Concord you receive \$60. Mr. Lenehan was concerned how this question was put together and felt one reimbursement per family was enough. Mr. Gorman replied that a family could have two students paying Dail and that is why it is set up the way it is.

Judy Williams stated that 120 requests were made the 1st time and more requests are being passed in the second time

Joeline Smith stated that it was her opinion that if you can afford to send a child to private school you should be able to pay for their transportation to and from that school.

MOTION: Joeline Smith amended Article 4 decreasing the amount to \$40,000

SECONDED: Don Gorman

Ms. Smith stated that not everyone needed to apply for that money and of it is not going to every student the amount of money that has been set aside is not needed in the first place. Therefore Ms. Smith suggests the amount should be decreased by \$35,000.

Bob Davitt, asked how much does Dail Transportation charge for one month to Concord. The answer was \$75 per student.

Chris Hatfield, stated that Mrs. Smith threw out a figure of probably and maybes when the program isn't finished yet. Ms. Hatfield stated that \$36,000 has been spent so far and the likelihood is when the program comes to an end the \$75,000 will be spent.

George Keech, asked how the students are being tracked to these schools? Ms. Williams stated the reason people have to apply for this three times a year is to insure that the students are attending and are residents of Deerfield.

Motion: Jon Winslow moved the question.

Second: By a member of the audience

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Debate Ended

Amendment to Article 5

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to provide a stipend to the family of each duly enrolled public high school student legally residing in Deerfield who travels to an approved high school placement and does not receive other subsidized transportation from the District.

Amendment Fails

Mr. Broad asked how much it cost for a bus going to DCS. The answer was \$35,000 per bus which is roughly \$636 a year per student or \$60 a month.

The cost is 35,000 per bus for Elem. School

Claudia Libis asked is it was true that this warrant article will need to be voted on every year. Ms. Williams stated that it hasn't been decided how it will be presented.

Motion: Jon Winslow moved the question.

Second: By a member of the audience

Debate ended

A Secret Ballot was requested.

**VOTE: Article 5 was approved and so declared
(Yes 141 No 96)**

Article 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$20,000, from surplus, to be added to the Special Education Trust Fund previously established, and to authorize the use/transfer of up to \$20,000 from the June 30, 2005 fund balance for this purpose.

School Board recommends approval

Budget Committee recommends approval.

MOTION: Don Gorman moved Article 6 as written

SECONDED: Kevin Barry

Mr. Gorman stated that this is a similar situation, which has been done over the last two years to off-set any costs that may be occur when a sped student moved into the district.

Mr. Gorman stated that only a few years ago the school budget had to be frozen due to two students.

Mr. Hooker stated that the balance of the DCS Sped Trust fund as of December of last year was \$ 99,734.

VOTE: Article 6 was approved and so declared

A motion to restrict reconsideration on Articles 4,5, and 6 was made by Robert Davitt, seconded by a member of the audience.

The motion to restrict reconsideration on Article 4,5,6 was approved on a HAND VOTE and so declared.

Article 7: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$20,000, from surplus, to be added to the Building Repair Trust Fund previously established, and to authorize the use/transfer of up to \$20,000 from the June 30, 2005 fund balance for this purpose.

School Board recommends approval

Budget Committee recommends approval.

MOTION: Don Gorman moved Article 7 as written

SECONDED: Kevin Barry

Mr. Gorman stated that this was a second trust fund designated for building repairs that was started last year. Mr. Gorman stated that like everything this building is aging and this Article is an effort to be good stewards.

Mr. Hooker, MBC Chairman \$40,033 was budgeted last year.

Ms. Cady asked where could you have \$40,000 when you have a \$76,000 over expenditure.

Mr. Barry stated that on page 34 there is an explanation and that \$9.2 million allocated 8.8million expended leaving a surplus of 109,000 surplus in which 40 went into a surplus.

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The School District Moderator, Doug Leavitt stated that this discussion would take place under Article 9.

VOTE: Article 7 passed and so declared.

Article 8: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$161,000 to support long-term study and planning for future facility needs. **This is a special warrant article.**

School Board recommends approval

Budget Committee recommends approval.

MOTION: Kevin Webber moved Article 8 as written

SECONDED: John Harrington

Mr. Webber stated that this year the school board had planned to bring forward a proposed middle school but due to several factors, the mid year tax increase and the realization that the Concord contract is not a long term solution the members of the board felt that it was prudent to do a complete study of Deerfield's needs.

Mr. Webber stated that with the current building configuration this building should only have 412 students. Mr. Webber stated that it is clear that DCS is over used. This warrant was put together to take a look at what will be needed over the next 10 to 15 years.

Recently the Planning Board and the School Board met together to determine

where the town of Deerfield was headed and to look as a group into the needs of the community. This Article will look into and evaluate all of our options. Mr. Webber stated that it would include ledge mapping, highway study, layouts, etc. The difference between this and other committees is that this will produce plans that will be able to be taken to a construction company to get an actual bid that then can be presented to the town.

A Motion to Amend Article 8: Ms. Beauacres amended Article 8 to read To see if the District will vote to continue the support of a long-term study and planning for future facility needs.

The \$161,000 would be removed.

Second: There was a second from the audience.

Ms. Beauacres suggested that if there was a surplus it could be set aside to go towards this fund.

Ms. Cady asked what happened to the previous plans. Mr. Harrington stated that the plans are still available but the wetlands, topo, etc. have to be done after so many years.

Erik Berglund, options asked if the school board would be looking at other towns in joining Deerfield.

Mr. Gorman stated that all options would be considered. Mr. Gorman stated that everyone has an idea about the land that is owned by the school district. The purpose of this warrant is that this whole piece would be looked at. Every piece of ledge, wetlands, etc. will be known. If the ground will support an additional building it certainly will be done. Concord's contract is less than 8 ½ years out and the school board wants to be in the position to at least be ready to either build our own high school, build it off a core building that has been built. This is true long term planning but the very first step is what is in the ground and what will it support.

Mr. Berglund stated that he didn't hear options from other towns. When we try to go on by ourselves it is costly and he wants to make sure that this is part of the study.

Mr. Harrington stated that there have been preliminary meetings with towns that are close to us and it is something to keep in mind but stated that the cooperation of all towns are necessary to pursue a cooperative.

Gary Roberge urged defeat of the amendment because the drawings of the previous plans are concept plans not plans that can be brought to a contractor for bidding.

Cynthia Billings asked if any of these funds would be used to actual address to see if this building can really be expanded upon or not.

Mr. Webber stated that the answer is yes, it will be done as part of the study. In the past studies have been done and it was determined that the septic and wells do not support it.

Mrs. Billings stated that she is conflicted about the situation and wants Deerfield to explore Concord as being a long-term fix to our high school and why and addition cannot be done for a middle school.

Ernie Robert asked what brought the board to the conclusion that Concord was not a long-term solution.

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Mr. Gorman stated that in the 7th year of the contract either party can determine whether or not they want to continue with the arrangement. After the 10 years Concord can say that they don't want to take our students anymore and we don't want to be in that situation.

Larry Lassins asked about population concerns and when Concord reaches a certain capacity they will shut off any new students.

Mr. Webber replied yes and really is the reason why the board really took a hard look at this, when Concord reaches, 1,900 students' Concord has the right to charge Deerfield and additional stipend of 1/9 of the tuition rate. This was not to happen until year two or three of the contract but this happened in year one. Mr. Webber continued to say this could mean that the population bubble is bigger than they expected and we will be paying that stipend longer than we expected, the second part is that when Concord reaches 1,975 students Concord can refuse additional students. This part of the Contract with Concord was not ever expected to be reached with this current contract.

Mr. Lassins asked what the total population of Concord today. The answer was over 1,900.

Mr. Lassins stated that it is then feasible in the next couple of years they could shut Deerfield out. Mr. Barry stated that the demographic study that was done showed that in the year 06-07 the school population would bubble and in 08-09 the population would decrease.

Motion: Jon Winslow moved the question.

Second: By a member of the audience

Debate ended

The Amendment to Article 8 Failed

Main Article

A resident from the audience stated that on Pg. 35 of the annual report of the school it shows that the enrollment has decreased. In 2001 the enrollment was 621, 2003, 562 showing a 10 percent decrease.

Steven Brock asked why these studies weren't done when the property was purchased. Mr. Leavitt stated that 2/3 of the district meeting voted for the purchase not the school board.

Mr. Gorman stated that this money would be to study the entire piece of land that includes wetlands, topo, water tests, and the whole thing. In addition you will get preliminary drawings of a middle school, the possibility addition of a high school so that we can plan for the next 5,6,7 years out as the town grows but we have to know what that ground can and cannot support.

Kandy Davitt read off the current class enrollment.

K- 47

1 -64

2 -60

3- 76

4 -55

5 -64

6- 64

7- 67

8 -65

20 in the preschool

Mrs. Davitt informed those present that 27 new enrollments happened this year and 15 students transferred out. The total for K-8 is 562.

Motion: Jon Winslow moved the question.

Second: By a member of the audience

Debate ended

Secret Ballot was requested

Article 8 Failed

(Yes 112 No 131)

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Kevin Webber thanked those who participated in the Deerfield Middle School Committee. MaryAnn Clark, Jen Prentice, Vicki Motz, Jeff Shute and Larry Lassins. have spent a lot of time and energy into this report and these people care for our students in this town.

Mr. Walter Hooker, Chairman of the MBC stated that the tax impact including the warrants totaled \$364,845 and stated that it is only an estimate. The tax rate could be \$1.29 cents.

Article 9: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of \$9,605,805 for support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District. The school board recommends \$9,605,805. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

School Board recommends approval

Budget Committee recommends approval.

Walter Hooker Chairman of the MBC joined the School Board.

Motion to Amend Article 9: Mr. Harrington informed those present that there is an increase of \$504,493 of that increased 90 percent of it which \$453,360 is due to high school tuition \$51,133 dollars is the difference.

Mr. Harrington amended the budgeted amount \$9,605,805 to \$9,581,427 the difference is due to projected high school enrollment.

Second: Judy Williams

Doug Leavitt, School Moderator stated that \$24,378 reduction is a more accurate account on what the high school tuition will be.

VOTE: The Amendment to Article 9 was approved and so declared

Article 9 as Amended: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of \$9,581,427 for support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District. The school board recommends \$9,581,427. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

MOTION: John Harrington moved Article 9 as written

SECONDED: Kevin Barry

Mr. Leavitt stated that there was a major increase to the budget due to the fact that high tuition was now included in the DCS budget.

Mr. Harrington stated that the decrease was due in part to more current high school numbers.

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the MBC stated that the school budget had a major increase due to high school tuition. Mr. Hooker stated that the DCS budget (excluding the high school tuition) increased by \$51,000. There is no single area of increase.

Brenda Wilson, North Rd. asked Mr. Hooker if he could announce what the tax increase would be including the warrants. Mr. Hooker stated that there are many factors that determine the increase but based on current information and for estimating purposes the increase would be approximately \$2.00 this year.

Eric Gross, Nottingham Rd. asked about the high school tuition rate and the rationale behind the 1/9 increase.

Mr. Gorman stated that when you go to someone and asked them to take your students they are in the driver's seat. The 1/9 increase is based on their criteria, their school, and their expenses. This is all based on the capital improvement concept.

Mr. Gross, stated that last year the expectation was that the 1/9 increase was not to happen until 06-07 and then it would be eclipsed. At the rate of \$200,000 extra each year and we don't know when it is going to end is a concern to him.

Mr. Leavitt stated that it would probably never would end.

Mr. Gross asked if this was what driving the changes in the middle school and looking at a high school option.

Mr. Webber stated that the idea wasn't to get out of the contract but to realize that populations in both towns is growing and Deerfield needed to be prepared when Concord could no longer accept our students.

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Ms. Beauacres stated that 90 percent of our budget in non-discretionary funds and 10 percent is \$133,000. Ms. Beauacres asked where are those funds being spent on and does it include the addition of Computer Tech and if so how was it based on the amount of fees that we paid last year.

A member of the board stated that the Network Tech. is a new position.

Mrs. Boisvert replied that this is not a change from last year to this year but a change that has been happening over the last several years due to the increase of computer use in the school. As the demand has increase she has not been able to spend time with teachers improving classroom instruction and making administration more effective using technology. . Mrs. Boisvert stated that she has absorbed the work and cannot keep up with the repairs and network system. She is also unable to keep someone to do PC repair at \$15.00 range using them only 2 days a week.

At present Mrs. Boisvert is working on her days off staying until 10:00 at night to keep the system up and running.

Mr. Hooker stated that \$40,000 is very reasonable price to pay and once a company, school or town goes down the technology line it is never cheap.

Ms. Beauacres also asked about contracted services and if the board had reviewed the procedure to determine if it would be cheaper to hire within the building. Ms. Williams stated that he school cannot afford an in house position so we share with other schools within the SAU.

A member of the community stepped forward to amend Article 9 change line 001-1100-1131080555 and reduce that line from \$40,000 to \$20,000.

He stated that after hearing the explanation and the addition in what they are spending now it was his opinion that \$40,000 is excessive.

VOTE: The Amendment to Article 9 was not approved and so declared

Patrice Kilham asked if it would be cheaper to purchase the modulars Vs renting since the body does not seem interested in planning to deal with growth concerns at this time.

Mr. Webber stated that the modulars are rented for 3 years and the district would not want to purchase them because the life expectancy is not the best.

Doug Leavitt, School District Moderator seeing no further discussion closed debate and called for a vote.

A Secret Ballot was requested

**VOTE: Article 9 was approved and so declared
(Yes 141 No 68)**

Article 10: To choose the Agents and committees in relation to any subjects embraced in the Warrant.

No action.

Article 11: To transact other business that may legally come before said meeting.

No action.

Motion To Adjourn:

A Member of the Community Moved to Adjourn the School District Meeting.

Second: Member of the Community

The MOTION was approved on a VOICE VOTE, and the meeting stood ADJOURNED at 2:00

Given under our hands and seal this 8th day of April 2005.

Kevin Barry, Chairman
Donald Gorman
John Harrington
Kevin Webber
Judy Williams
Deerfield Community School Board

2005 Deerfield School District Statement of Expenditures

For the Year Ending June, 2005

INSTRUCTION		
Regular Education Programs	\$	4,751,508.32
Special Education Programs		1,589,833.21
Other Instructional Programs		22,315.00
SUPPORT SERVICES		
Student		820,495.38
Instructional Staff		120,491.96
General Administration		208,328.34
School Administration		266,127.53
Operation/Maintenance of Plant		406,373.86
Student Transportation		534,568.90
OTHER OUTLAYS		
Facilities Acquisition & Construction		22,705.21
Debt Service - Principal		0.00
Debt Service - Interest		15,262.50
OTHER FINANCING USES		
Transfer to Trust/Agency Funds		65,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	8,823,010.21

2005 Deerfield School District Statement of Revenues

For the Year June 30, 2005

REVENUES FROM LOCAL SOURCES		
Total Assessments	\$	5,828,356.00
Tuition from All Sources	7,964.97	
Earnings on Investments	7,153.04	
Food Service	110,829.95	
Other Local Revenue	13,650.67	
FROM LOCAL REVENUES		139,598.63
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES		5,967,954.63
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES		
Adequacy Aid (Grant)	1,704,018.00	
Adequacy Aid (State Tax)	1,123,831.00	
UNRESTRICTED GRANTS-IN-AID		2,827,849.00
School Building Aid	27,322.20	
Catastrophic Aid	148,709.51	
Child Nutrition	2,008.01	
RESTRICTED GRANTS-IN-AID		178,039.72
TOTAL STATE REVENUE		3,005,888.72
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES		
Elementary/Secondary (ESEA) - Title 1	63,862.99	
Elementary/Secondary - Other	19,434.24	
Child Nutrition Program	34,094.36	
Disabilities Programs	111,760.00	
Medicaid Distributions	57,855.38	
TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUE		287,006.97
INTERFUND TRANSFERS		
Transfer from General Fund		65,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	9,325,850.32

2005 Deerfield School District Treasurer Report

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

CASH ON HAND JULY 1, 2004 \$ 109,432.11

Received from Selectmen	\$6,952,187.00
Revenue from State Sources	2,126,788.21
Received from all Other Sources	<u>258,053.11</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS

9,337,028.32

Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year

\$9,446,460.43

Less School Board Orders Paid

8,943,865.65

BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2005 \$ 502,594.78

Cynthia E. Tomilson
District Treasurer

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

2004/05

Allenstown	\$15,013
Chichester	10,634
Deerfield	20,122
Epsom	17,307
Pembroke	<u>41,183</u>
	\$104,259

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

2004/05

Allenstown	\$12,442
Chichester	\$ 8,813
Deerfield	\$ 16,676
Epsom	\$ 14,343
Pembroke	\$ <u>34,130</u>
	\$86,404

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARY

2004/05

Allenstown	\$ 9,518
Chichester	\$ 6,742
Deerfield	\$ 12,757
Epsom	\$ 10,973
Pembroke	\$ <u>26,110</u>
	\$66,100

2005 Deerfield School District

STATISTICAL REPORT

YEAR	REGISTERED	AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE
2001/02	614	533.0
2002/03	587	509.9
2003/04	562	496.8
2004/05	582	513.7

CLASS BREAKDOWN

2005/06

Pre-School	17
Kindergarten	44
Grade 1	53
Grade 2	71
Grade 3	55
Grade 4	74
Grade 5	52
Grade 6	70
Grade 7	71
Grade 8	69

Facts about the Heritage of Deerfield:

"In 1798 citizens of Deerfield Parade sponsored and Academy which was active for many years."

Class of 2005
Deerfield Community School

Tara Baker	Ashley Mann
Shaina Balukas	Kehley Mears
Jenelle Beaulieu	Brittany Mendonca
Michael S. Behling	Jocelyn Morris
Victoria S. Billings	Matthew Morissette
Trever M. Black	Kelsey Nation
Kasandra A. Bolster	Alexander Nelson
Tyler Boutwell	Patrick O'Donnell
Kelly P. Brass	Rebecca Oehler
Justin Broman	Randy Paciorkowski
Gregg A. Burklund	Karyn Pepin
Ashley L. Cail	Daniel Phair
Jenna Cempellin	Devin Preston
Alicia M. Conn	Atticus Robert
Rebecca DeCenzo	Ashley Roberts
Samantha Emerson	Sabrina Romano
Amy Farrar	Kirstin Ross
Jonathan Fligg	Kyle Rothemich
Nicole Forsythe	John Kirby Russell
Sarah Franklin	Michael Samuels
Stephanie Gerow	Matthew Sturtevant
Matthew Gill	Jayson Taylor
Samantha Goodnow	Chelsea True
Joseph Hogan	Paige Turpin
Benjamin Houle	Megan Ulin
Lindsey Lafond	Jake VanBerkum
Ryan Lemieux	Tucker White
Jacqueline Leuchter	Stephanie Woodsum
Zoe Lillis	Donald Wyman, Jr.

Deerfield Community School 2005 Nurses Report

During the 2004-2005 school year the Wellness Team continued programs for the staff and students. Last year was our third year of the Wellness program. Our goal was to promote better health through diet, exercise, safety and spirituality. We had Wellness themes each month that involved both the staff and the students. Our themes were:

September: Back to school wellness, focusing on proper rest, diet, dealing with change and stress. Debbie Boisvert, Deb Campelia and I continued our Tufts University Strong Living Program. We had 12 staff members and two community members join the two 12 week strength, balance and flexibility program which ran from September to January and January to April. Many of us continued the program right through the summer. We all felt that meeting twice a week to lift weights, stretch and balance increased our energy and strength.

October: Safety month. We had fire drills and an intruder alert. I taught CPR and First Aid and certified 17 staff members. Because we had two helmet sales in 03-04 we decided to postpone the helmet sale to the spring, at which time we sold 60 helmets and protective gear and 6 booster seats

November: 5-A-Day month. The focus for the staff and students was nutrition and the importance of fruits and vegetables in our diet. We had a challenge to see if we could eat five fruits and vegetables a day. The week before Thanksgiving we asked each student and staff member to bring one piece of fresh fruit to school. Ms. Arzigian, Mrs. Thibodeau and Mr. Dudley and his Social Activism Magnet, filled baskets with fruit, decorated the baskets and delivered the baskets to the Deerfield Food Pantry to be given to families at Thanksgiving. The remaining fruit was made into a giant fruit salad that everyone enjoyed when they went to the cafeteria to claim their challenge prizes. Thank you to Tina Layton for visiting classes to teach about the benefits of "5-A-Day", collecting the materials and prizes for the program, and helping serve the fruit salad. We also sponsored a "Dinner Theater" on November 4th before the staff had the opportunity to meet with the School Board.

December: Sharing and Caring month. DCS staff members put on their "best voices" and went Christmas caroling around Deerfield. In addition to the fruit baskets for Thanksgiving, donations of new toys and clothing were collected by classes and given to families in need. Our fifth and eighth grade classes were eager to help after the Tsunami disaster and collected money to send to the Relief Fund. The Second grades conducted a Valentine carnation fund-raiser and those funds were given to the UNICEF Tsunami Fund also. Sharing and Caring doesn't end in December at DCS!

January: New Beginnings month. We worked on our New Year's resolutions for initiating healthy habits and winter fitness.

February: Heart Health Month. The students had heart-based education in PE and Deb Campelia ran a "Fit and Fun" fundraiser for money to complete the climbing wall. The staff enjoyed a Mind-Body-Spirit Wellness day with a variety of activities. Some headed to The Executive Club for racquetball or swimming, some took a walk in the woods; others went to beading classes, some traveled on an ethnic food safari and many staff thoroughly enjoyed a yoga class lead by Kathy Matthews. Kathy and Deb Campelia also ran a well attended "Yoga for Kids" class for 6 weeks after school.

Deb Campelia applied for and received a Healthy New Hampshire Foundation grant. It was acquired partially because of the strong Wellness component here at DCS. \$2,900.00 was awarded for programs that initiated nutrition and physical activity in Preschool through grade two. The money was used to purchase thirty pairs of children's snowshoes, which many teachers used to take their classes for walks in the woods behind the school. We also purchased posters for a "Point of Choice" campaign outside the cafeteria, and our Health Educator, Tara Emmett, was given money for supplies for a "Snack of the Month" program for preschool to second grade children. We also began the Nutrition Corner of the Bridge to increase community awareness.

March through May: We had 25 staff participate in a program to encourage physical activity called March Into May. Members did a variety of activities from wearing pedometers to try to walk 10,000 steps

a day, to swimming, jogging or joining a health club. Our goal was to use the program to show us that we CAN fit exercise into our busy lives.

Some of the services I provided in the 2004-2005 school year included:

- Annual health screening for vision, hearing, height, weight and blood pressure on every student and scoliosis screening on fifth through eighth grade students.
- Compiling and maintaining health records and reports, including the monitoring and implementing of state immunization laws and filing State Immunization reports on all Pre School, K, first, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students.
- Reviewing and preparing records on 135 new students entering DCS in the 2004-2005 school year.
- Administering first aid and emergency care, providing nursing care and assessment, administering medications, referring students and staff as necessary and providing follow up care and interpretation of orders by medical care providers.
- Participating in conferences with staff and parents.
- Helping the Deerfield Brownie Troops with the fourteenth annual Red Cross blood drive. We had 42 pints of blood donated at the May 10, 2005 drive.
- Dental Program: This was the first year we offered a dental program for students in grades 1 through 6. We had 20 students who had dental screenings and cleanings and grades K through 6 had classroom presentations on dental health from Stacy Plourde, RDH. The program was administered through Lamprey Healthcare School-Based Program.

Again, I would like to extend my thanks to the many parents and community members who are willing to give of their time and talents to help me in the health office. I would like to thank Mary Ann Johnson for her continuing help with medical consultations and scoliosis screenings, Jo-Ann O'Connell for help with scoliosis and annual health screenings. Thank you Kandy Davitt and the Room Mothers for their help with the phone tree, Pat Moore, Cindy Young, Diane Ohrenberger, Jennifer Marquis, Lisa Brochu, Mary Ellen Clifford, Kell-ey Vonkahle, Mary Wallace, Laurie Foster, Mariane Robert, Susan Cady, Mary Ellen Therrien, Gina Neily, Genevieve Lebel, Lisa Shepard, Lisa Beausoliel, Beth Smith for their help with yearly screenings.

Thank you to everyone who has helped. Your support enables me to devote more time to individual students and their health needs as well as offering programs that I hope will help students and staff maintain healthy lives.

Louise Matteson, RN, School Nurse

2004-2005 Interventions

Total visits to the Health Office	3620
First Aid Visits	443
Medical Visits	3177
Referrals	101
Parent contacts	467

2005 Deerfield Community School Professional Staff

TEACHER'S NAME	SUBJECT	2005/06	YEARS EXPERIENCE
Yergeau, Paul	Principal	72,711.00	29
Klipa, Georgianne	Assistant Principal	55,623.00	3
Adams, Rebecca	Music Teacher	30,581.00	1
Arcari, James	Grade 4 Teacher	56,506.00	28
Arzigian, Diane	Math Teacher	54,874.00	30
Barnes, Sarah	Literacy Teacher	40,638.00	8
Beaulieu, Danielle	Grade 6 Teacher	35,061.00	3
Boisvert, Deborah	Technology Coordinator	55,689.00	19
Cameron, Pat	Grade 4 Teacher	49,311.00	30
Campelia, Deborah	Physical Education	53,806.00	27
Carlson, Anna	Music Teacher	47,283.00	24
Chase, Sarah	Art	33,101.00	2
Cook, Heidi	Grade 6 Teacher	39,327.00	6
Daigle, Judy	Grade 1 Teacher	41,859.00	9
Driscoll, Mary Ann	Reading Specialist	54,274.00	12
Dudley, Robert	Math Teacher	37,004.00	6
Emmett, Tara	Health Teacher (P.T.)	16,115.00	3
Ferguson, Matthew	Grade 2 Teacher	54,574.00	18
Fladd, John	Social Studies Teacher	41,477.00	8
Hanson, Cindy	Grade 2 Teacher	47,283.00	11
Jaquith, Jennifer	Physical Education	39,731.00	8
Knee, Maria	Kindergarten Teacher	54,574.00	27
Leavitt, Karen	Social Studies Teacher	50,337.00	36
Maguire, Nancy	Reading Specialist	54,274.00	13
Maloof, Elizabeth	Literacy Teacher	30,581.00	2
Mason, Karen	Kindergarten Teacher	47,283.00	13
Matthews, Kathleen	Grade 2 Teacher	56,989.00	32
Maxfield, Lynsey	Grade 5 Teacher	44,101.00	8
Miller, Jane	Grade 5 Teacher	57,874.00	30
Mommsen, Linda	Grade 3 Teacher	44,101.00	8
Nelson, Sherri	Grade 3 Teacher	53,506.00	17
O'Donnell, Ellen	Science Teacher	45,684.00	8
Oliver, Eva Marie	World Language Teacher	44,098.00	10
Peasley, Kira	Science Teacher	44,871.00	8
Plater, Sarah	Grade 1 Teacher	44,101.00	8
Powers, Martha	Grade 1 Teacher	53,206.00	20
Ryan, Ann	Grade 6 Teacher	50,637.00	36
Sanborn, Susan	Grade 2 Teacher	49,447.00	10
Schmidtchen, Ardith	Grade 4 Teacher	38,471.00	7
Shute, Nancy	Grade 3 Teacher	50,637.00	23
Sims, Sherrell	Grade 3 Teacher	41,647.00	7

2005 Deerfield' Community School professional staff cont.

Tatulis, Edith	Grade 5 Teacher	53,506.00	20
Turnquist, Bruce	Grade 1 Teacher	54,874.00	24
Voveris, Laura	Art Teacher	50,037.00	12
Lariviere, Christine	Reading Recovery Teacher	48,711.00	18
Marcoux, Pamela	Reading Recovery Teacher	48,711.00	15
Auger, Leslie	Speech Pathologist	53,206.00	13
Boyea, Mary	Occupational Therapist (P.T.)	12,401.00	1
Bradley, Jerrica	Special Education Teacher	33,964.00	4
Feil, Rebecca	Special Education Teacher	37,134.00	4
Francis, Barbara Ann	Special Education Teacher	55,389.00	15
James, Gloria	Special Education Teacher	50,037.00	11
Korth, Gail	Speech Pathologist	55,389.00	17
Leuchter, Valerie	Special Education Teacher	37,004.00	6
Pease, Cathy	Speech Pathologist	52,606.00	11
Rose, Patricia	Occupational Therapist	48,711.00	21
Stanley, Sheri	Special Education Teacher	40,638.00	8

2005 Deerfield School District School Board Report

The main issue facing the school district is space. The Deerfield school board had been wrestling with DCS being over capacity, having an entire grade in modular classrooms outside of the school building, the middle school program being limited by space and the rising tuition costs to send our high school students out of town.

After looking at all the options open to us, we voted to propose building a Middle High School. This option solves all of these problems in the most cost effective solution available to us. Building this one school provides space for our elementary school to grow with our community, allows our middle school to add the programs we need to prepare our students for high school and allows us to educate our high school students here in Deerfield with a curriculum that the town develops. We have held several forums and hearings on this proposal as well as sending out two informational flyers to inform voters about the proposal.

This year was a contract renegotiation year for the Deerfield Para-Educators Association. Some minor language changes were made to the body of the contract. A stipend was added for Para-educators who complete a certification course and maintain certification. A 3% cost of living raise was given for each of the two years of the contract.

The board is continuing with the practice of proposing that a portion of budget surpluses are set aside in trust funds for Special education and for major building repair.

Respectfully submitted,
Deerfield School Board

2005 Deerfield School District Principal's Report

Proudly, the Deerfield community continues to be a supportive foundation for the success of all of its students Pre-K through grade 12 and beyond. Though the community continues to wrestle with the unresolved space issue at DCS which complicates the educational tapestry for our students, many areas of achievement continue to flourish. As Concord High School becomes the community's school of record, we continue to hear tremendous tales of accomplishment for the majority of our students. This is a clear indication that the program being offered at the Deerfield Community School provides a strong institution for further learning.

Strengthening programs is one of our most important goals. Curriculum continues to be updated with a close connection to the state's recently revised Grade Level Expectations (GLEs). Our most recent curriculum review was in the area of math where the format of our math framework was intently scrutinized and drastically rewritten to closely match the recently updated state standards.

As reported on the last round of state testing data (Spring 2004 NHEIAP), we have no subgroup on the list of students not attaining "adequate yearly progress". The improved performance of our student subgroups in attaining this expected level is a testament to the vitality of the curriculum and effectiveness of the teaching methodologies being implemented. We await the results of the latest round of testing, the NECAP, which was introduced, statewide, in the fall of 2005.

We continue to focus on assessment of our students through a variety of assessment methods. Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) testing results for our students from grades three through eight in the area of math have been analyzed to better develop our instructional program in this area. Literacy assessment continues to evolve and is based on a variety of techniques rather than relying on merely standardized testing formats. This broader menu of tests allows us to obtain a true level of performance for each student and thus better design programs for each student. This mixture of assessments allows teachers to provide an appropriate level of challenge for each student while reinforcing skills that have already been mastered.

The topic of education continues to be an energized topic. The interpretation of ESEA, more commonly referred to as "The No Child Left Behind Law" is ongoing, yet the greatest flurry of attention this year has been the interpretation of who is considered highly qualified (HQT). Earlier in the year it was determined that all elementary teachers would have to either take a content area test or design a plan which would itemize a list of areas which, when combined, would determine the teachers' levels of "quality". As of this writing, the federal government has accepted the state's interpretation and the majority of teachers are now in the process of demonstrating through transcript reviews, or having gone through an approved teacher training program, that they have met the criteria of this area of the law. With regard to leaving no child behind, we continue to embrace this philosophy and design our programs to tailor instruction to meet that goal.

Space seems to be a topic that will be on the agenda for many years to come. Last year the School Board decided to remove the middle school building proposal from the ballot in order to give the community a chance to review the "larger picture" of building needs in town. The review brought to light the fact that building a new elementary or middle school or combination of both would be timed in such a way that this new building could be completed in the same time frame as the end of the current Concord High School contract. The potential need to build a high school at that time would overburden the taxpayers and hence provide no viable alternative for the high school students. As a result, it was decided to propose a middle / high school alternative for this year's approval.

Though the student population has decreased somewhat recently, we have not seen a significant change that would allow us to provide appropriate housing for our current programs. We continue to be creative with the

2005 Deerfield School District Principal's Report cont.

space within our four walls as well as with the use of the modulars that have been in use for years now. This past summer, we reconfigured office walls to expand the office into the lobby area. This has allowed us more appropriate space for work with students, and a waiting area for parents and visitors. This was a relatively small effort and expense that has been very effective in improving student management and office operations. The middle school faculty was heroic in their approach to scheduling classes and space utilization. Combining 7th and 8th graders in some courses, especially in the area of literacy, has prevented a teacher from being housed on a cart, and allowed two teachers to team with a larger group of students.

A high priority for our faculty is ongoing professional development. In order to allow for ongoing improvement of our teachers' preparation and performance, there have been many professional development initiatives. Most noteworthy is the primary grade teachers' participation in Kathy Richardson's "Math Perspectives" studies focused on Developing and Understanding Number Concepts. Also, teachers throughout the school are working on improvement of instruction in reading, writing, and word study through work with Tufts University's Literacy Collaborative. Both of these initiatives have allowed for continuous research, analysis of student work, collaboration, and reflection of individual performance. We have been fortunate to be the recipient of a Federal grant aimed at rural school districts. This grant has been earmarked to provide these professional development opportunities that would otherwise be too costly to undertake as a single district. All other teachers have been involved with individually designed professional development in their respective areas of instruction.

As an affirmation that DCS has a quality staff, we can point to some noteworthy awards received by our teachers. In the Spring, Mrs. Ellen O'Donnell was selected to participate in the Fulbright Memorial Program allowing her to attend a three week grant funded educational program in Tokyo and Nippon Japan. Her students have participated in a global look at environmental issues linking our local issues, national viewpoints and Japanese views on this sensitive topic. Mrs. Deb Boisvert was also awarded the *Susan Janosz Technology Impact Award* for her ongoing work with integrating technology into all curricular areas and her mentoring of the staff in utilizing technology to improve instruction. Our students continue to flourish academically as well as in extra curricular activities. Recently, one team of seventh graders, under the leadership of social studies teacher, Mrs. Karen Leavitt, won statewide recognition for their success in the stock market simulation sponsored by the Union Leader and Fidelity Investments. Our sports teams have been a positive influence in our school, and our extra curricular activities have allowed for many students to excel in the arts. The greater Deerfield community also deserves commendation as our volunteer program has once again allowed us to receive the Blue Ribbon for volunteerism. Every hour of time given selflessly by our parents and community members at large impacts so many students positively.

It is a pleasure to report on the numerous areas of success that our district exhibits each day. Our students are succeeding, our staff is committed to continuous improvement of programs for children and the community remains dedicated to providing a quality education for all. Let's celebrate those qualities!

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Yergeau
Principal

2005 Deerfield School District Superintendent's Report

Understanding By Design, a book by Grant Wiggins and Jay McTighe has recently attracted a significant following throughout the United States. Understanding By Design offers a framework for creating schools that successfully prepare students for the radically different world they will encounter during the twenty-first century. Rather than review and critique the status-quo, Understanding By Design provides detailed action plans and specific strategies which have proven to be "best practices" in assisting students to achieve high educational standards.

The basic recommendations of the Understanding By Design framework are that schools must form collaborative philosophical and practical working relationships among educators, parents and the greater community to identify and reach consensus on what is truly important for every student to know and be able to do, that a school culture must be created where every student is known and feels connected, and that educational objectives should be based upon a deep understanding of the subject matter.

For example, many of us recall classrooms where the teacher, stationed in front of the room, delivered information to a largely passive group of students seated in neat rows. At each lesson's conclusion, we were given tests which emphasized our ability to retain and repeat that information. Now greater emphasis is placed on students' completion of large-scale, multi-faceted projects which involve both individual and group work and offer real-world learning challenges. The intention is that students become active participants and share in the responsibility for their own learning as they try new ideas and approaches to solve a problem, combine their strengths and knowledge with those of their peers, and clearly demonstrate their engagement in and mastery of the assignment.

Concord High School, which now enrolls the vast majority of Deerfield's high school students, has used Understanding By Design as its guiding document for the past several years. Concord High School's faculty and administration have worked diligently to create a curriculum that is student-centered and focused on providing an in-depth understanding of essential concepts and skills and to ensure a climate dedicated to each student's growth and success. These efforts have resulted in steadily improving test scores and, more importantly, in the graduation of young women and men who exemplify the best attributes of the community and will become successful, contributing citizens.

Understanding By Design, while by no means a guarantee of success, has offered Concord High School a detailed, thoughtful and sustainable plan for improving both student achievement and instructional effectiveness. I invite you to learn more about the tenets of the Understanding By Design framework, which is sponsored and endorsed by the national Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and supported by educational researchers nation-wide, and to contact Concord High School to see these strategies put into action.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Haley
Superintendent of Schools

2005 Deerfield School District Auditors Report

Brent W. Washburn, CPS, Prof. Assoc.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

December 18, 2005

The School Board
Deerfield School District
Deerfield, New Hampshire

I have audited the financial statements of Deerfield School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued my report thereon dated December 18, 2005. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Deerfield School District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessary disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one of more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Deerfield School District's financial statements are free of material misstatements, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended for the information and use of the audit committee, management, others within the organization, School Board, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

I extend my thanks to the officials and employees of the Deerfield School District for their assistance during the course of my audit.

Brent W. Washburn, CPA

2005 Town of Deerfield Vitals

DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT 01/01/2005-12/31/2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Of Birth</u>	<u>Place Of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
GALLAGHER,BROOKLYN MACLEOD	01/06/2005	EXETER,NH	GALLAGHER,TOBY	DIVINCENZO, TIFFANY
KOHNLE,AARON THOMAS	01/07/2005	EXETER,NH	KOHNLE,SCOTT	KOHNLE,CHRISTINE
KOHNLE,BENJAMIN DAVID	01/07/2005	EXETER,NH	KOHNLE,SCOTT	KOHNLE,CHRISTINE
CROTTY,TRISTEN DOROTHY	01/07/2005	DERRY,NH	CROTTY,TERENCE	CROTTY,KIM
SCHARR,MAXWELL WILLIAM	01/16/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	SCHARR,MARK	COTE,DONNA-MARIE
DUNIGAN,NORA MARIE	02/16/2005	CONCORD,NH	DUNIGAN,THOMAS	DUNIGAN,PAULA
STEVENS,DRAVEN TROY	02/21/2005	CONCORD,NH	STEVENS,JUSTIN	VENO,NICOLE
MARINO,KATHERINE JANE	02/28/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	MARINO,MARK	MARINO,JOAN
RUSSO,CALEB PATRICK	03/08/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	RUSSO,RICHARD	RUSSO,JESSICA
HORTON,COOPER SAMUEL	03/19/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	HORTON,JEFFREY	HORTON,DEBORAH
ANDERSEN,SAVANNA ROSE	03/21/2005	NASHUA,NH	ANDERSEN,STEVEN	ANDERSEN,TINA
NICKERSON,MARY JESSICA	03/24/2005	NASHUA,NH	NICKERSON,MARK	NICKERSON,JILL
SMITH,EAN WESLEY	03/25/2005	CONCORD,NH	SMITH,WAYNE	SMITH,BRICEIDA
WAKEFIELD,DANIELLE ROSALEE	04/08/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	WAKEFIELD,HOWARD	WAKEFIELD,SHEILA
HOPKINS,SAM HAAS	05/09/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	HOPKINS,DEREK	HOPKINS,TROI
HOPKINS,SOPHIE JOSS	05/09/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	HOPKINS,DEREK	HOPKINS,TROI
SHIMER,MEADOW BEA	05/09/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	SHIMER,SCOTT	SHIMER,KIM
WEISS,ELIZABETH LILLIAN ANN	05/13/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	WEISS,BRETT	WEISS,SALLY-ANN
GAMACHE,MEGAN LYNN	06/04/2005	CONCORD,NH	GAMACHE,CHRISTOPHER	GAMACHE,MICHELLE
YINGLING,KIRA ALENA	06/09/2005	PORTSMOUTH,NH	YINGLING,WILLIAM	YINGLING,MEREDITH
NICKELS,BLAINE ALLEN	06/12/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	NICKELS,CHRISTOPHER	KUNERT,BRANDY
TORDOFF,MAKENZIE MARIE	06/18/2005	CONCORD,NH	TORDOFF,NICHOLAS	TORDOFF,JASMINE
MELLO,SAGE MARIE	07/09/2005	EXETER,NH	MELLO,DAVID	ELLIOTT,JENNIFER
JACOBSON,MADELYN KAY	07/12/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	JACOBSON,MICHAEL	JACOBSON,STACY
KENNEDY,JAMES JOSEPH	07/25/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	KENNEDY,JAMES	KENNEDY,HEATHER
HARRISON,KYLIE ANNE	07/31/2005	EXETER,NH	HARRISON,BRIAN	BOYLE,KERRY
CORONATI,ANNA WOODMAN	08/05/2005	EXETER,NH	CORONATI,JOSEPH	CORONATI,KIMBERLY
PHILLIPS,VERONICA ROSE	08/06/2005	EXETER,NH	PHILLIPS,STEPHEN	PHILLIPS,STELLA
TWOMBLY,GIANNA ROSE	08/18/2005	CONCORD,NH	TWOMBLY,FRANK	MCCRACKEN,MELISSA
COMRIE,JACOB ROBERT	08/26/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	COMRIE,SCOTT	COMRIE,JOAN
HOLMES,ETHAN EDWARD	08/27/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	HOLMES,CARL	SAVARD,CHRISTINE
FURTADO,AMBER AVERELL	09/03/2005	EXETER,NH	FURTADO,BRIAN	FURTADO,KERRI
KEARNS,EMILY THERESA	09/12/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	KEARNS,SCOTT	KEARNS,THERESA
DICKSON,ABIGAIL JANE	09/23/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	DICKSON,PETER	DICKSON,KARA
DAGOSTINO,ANTHONY JAMES	09/30/2005	EXETER,NH	DAGOSTINO,TIMOTHY	DAGOSTINO,CAROLINE
HELLINGS,BREANN ELIZABETH	10/17/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	HELLINGS,PAUL	HELLINGS,TRISHA
STEVENS,AURORA RAIN	10/20/2005	CONCORD,NH	STEVENS,MELISSA	
FIFIELD,SHAUN ADAM	10/21/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	FIFIELD,JOHN	FIFIELD,SUSAN
BALLAM,PHOENIX LYN	10/24/2005	CONCORD,NH	BALLAM,RYAN	BALLAM,AMY
STEVENS,JULIA MARION	10/31/2005	CONCORD,NH	STEVENS,CHRISTIAN	STEVENS,CHARITY
ELMER,KAEDEN THOMAS	11/24/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	ELMER,MARTIN	ELMER,SHERRY

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O'NEAL,SUSAN	01/01/2005	BRENTWOOD, NH	O'NEAL, PAUL	DEBUTTS, LORRAINE
LUPIEN,MARIETTE	01/13/2005	DEERFIELD, NH	MASSON, GEORGES	BREUER, JOSEPHINE
ATWOOD,HARRY	02/14/2005	DEERFIELD, NH	ATWOOD, HARRY	SMITH, BEATRICE
VAUGHN,ELIZABETH	02/27/2005	DEERFIELD, NH	BLANCHARD, HOWARD	STODDARD, BERTHA
AMOR,MARION	02/27/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	POOR, HORACE	GALE, BERTHA
MICHAUD,LEONORA	03/14/2005	PEMBROKE, NH	BOURGEOIS, DENNIS	SOUCY, EMMA
RUSSELL,BEVERLY ELIZABETH	03/22/2005	DEERFIELD, NH	LORD, CLARENCE	MCDONOUGH,
MCCOY,PAULA	04/17/2005	DEERFIELD, NH	LAFAYETTE, REGINALD	BURGESS, JOAN
PERRY,VIOLA	06/11/2005	EPSOM, NH	STEEVES, HOWARD	DERBY, MAUDE
HARTFORD,FREDERICK	07/08/2005	DEERFIELD, NH	HARTFORD, FREDERICK	DOW, LILLIAN
JOHNSON,CHARLES	07/17/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	JOHNSON, JOHN	WILSON, GERTRUDE
SHEPARD,ALBERTA	09/05/2005	CONCORD, NH	ESTES, HARRY	MARDEN, LENA
CLARK,LEWIS	09/23/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	CLARK, LEWIS	RAYMOND, LULU
ROBERGE,PATRICIA	10/25/2005	CONCORD, NH	DEBUTTS, BENJAMIN	JERALDS, JOAN
LINSCOTT,CAROL	10/28/2005	DEERFIELD, NH	DAVIS, GEORGE	MEDEIROS, ELEANOR
HOGAN,EMMA	11/18/2005	DEERFIELD, NH	BECKER, BERNARD	MICHAELS, CHARLOTTE
SZELEST,CARMEN	12/04/2005	DEERFIELD, NH	SZELEST, BRUNO	CASALE, IDA
SANBORN,RUTH	12/22/2005	EPSOM, NH	SCHERIG, CHARLES	SCHLENKER, LENA

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<u>Groom's Name</u>	<u>Groom's Residence</u>	<u>Bride's Name</u>	<u>Bride's Residence</u>	<u>Place Marriage</u>	<u>Date Marriage</u>
HAMMOND,RICHARD A	DEERFIELD,NH	BLADES,DIANE M	DEERFIELD,NH	RAYMOND, NH	02/14/2005
LESSARD,ERIC J	WEARE,NH	CRAWFORD,MALLORY L	DEERFIELD,NH	WEARE, NH	02/18/2005
LAFFRAMBOIS,ROBERT E	DEERFIELD,NH	YE,YUNLING	DEERFIELD,NH	DEERFIELD, NH	03/22/2005
BOBICH,PETER R	DEERFIELD,NH	WILSON,LORI A	DEERFIELD,NH	DEERFIELD, NH	04/09/2005
BRIGIDA,MICHAELA	GROTON,MA	MCDUFFEE,SHERRY K	DEERFIELD,NH	MANCHESTER, NH	04/28/2005
MARTINEAU,DAMON R	DEERFIELD,NH	POLLOG,RACHAEL L	DEERFIELD,NH	DEERFIELD, NH	04/29/2005
HUSSEY,WAYNE E	DEERFIELD,NH	PAIGE,CHRISTINA A	EPSOM,NH	EPSOM, NH	05/08/2005
TOBIN,MICHAEL W	DEERFIELD,NH	DIPERRI,CATHERINE M	DEERFIELD,NH	DEERFIELD, NH	06/11/2005
MCCOY,SHAYMUN L	DEERFIELD,NH	CROWTHER,AMANDA J	HOOKSETT,NH	HOOKSETT, NH	06/11/2005
ROBINSON,STEPHEN J	DEERFIELD,NH	MONTVILLE,JEANNE M	EXETER,NH	BEDFORD, NH	06/23/2005
TOBEY,CHARLES F	DEERFIELD,NH	HOGAN,STEPHANIE M	DEERFIELD,NH	CONCORD, NH	06/26/2005
POWERS,ROBERT E	DEERFIELD,NH	THORNTON,PATRICIA R	DEERFIELD,NH	DEERFIELD, NH	07/02/2005
GONZALEZ,HECTOR	LAWRENCE,MA	IEBBA,IRENE	DEERFIELD,NH	SALEM, NH	07/02/2005
MANDIGO,ERIC D	DEERFIELD,NH	RAND,SABRINA A	DEERFIELD,NH	CONCORD, NH	07/14/2005
NICKELS,CHRISTOPHER C	DEERFIELD,NH	KUNERT,BRANDY N	DEERFIELD,NH	DEERFIELD, NH	07/23/2005
RUSSELL,TIMOTHY L	DEERFIELD,NH	FRANCIS,KELLY L	DEERFIELD,NH	DEERFIELD, NH	07/26/2005
HAIG,WILLIAM A	DEERFIELD,NH	POTHIER,ELISE H	DEERFIELD,NH	DEERFIELD, NH	08/06/2005
THOMPSON,DANIEL J	DEERFIELD,NH	O'DAY,TIFFANY M	GREEN BAY,WI	DEERFIELD, NH	08/20/2005
MCCOY,TRAVIS L	DEERFIELD,NH	BELLEMARE,JODI A	DEERFIELD,NH	DEERFIELD, NH	08/20/2005
BUCKJUENE,CHRISTOPHER J	DEERFIELD,NH	CANNY,JESSICA E	ALLENSTOWN,NH	DEERFIELD, NH	09/10/2005
DOUGHERTY,SEAN P	DEERFIELD,NH	CROSS,KYLA E	DEERFIELD,NH	DEERFIELD, NH	09/17/2005
SWEENEY,MICHAEL P	DEERFIELD,NH	GUILFOYLE,SONJA L	DEERFIELD,NH	DEERFIELD, NH	09/24/2005
DUBOIS,DENNIS C	DEERFIELD,NH	SMITH,MAUREEN M	DERRY,NH DERRY	SALEM, NH	10/15/2005
SANBORN,STEPHEN E	DEERFIELD,NH	GUNTHER,DOROTHY I	DERRY,NH DERRY	DERRY, NH	10/30/2005
BRADLEY,DANIEL A	DEERFIELD,NH	CURRAN,DAWNELLE M	DEERFIELD,NH	DEERFIELD, NH	11/05/2005
BRANDTE,JOHN S	DEERFIELD,NH	HARVEY-LORCHAK,BILLIE R	GLASSBORO,NJ	DEERFIELD, NH	11/22/2005
GAGNON,RICHARD J	NORTHWOOD,NH	BUCHANAN,MEGAN L	DEERFIELD,NH	NORTHWOOD, NH	12/03/2005
LEDONNE,ROBERT J	DEERFIELD,NH	LEDONNE,JOANNE F	DEERFIELD,NH	RAYMOND, NH	12/10/2005
CONNOLLY,GEORGE F	DEERFIELD,NH	GOODNOW,BILLI J	DEERFIELD,NH	DEERFIELD, NH	12/31/2005

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Respectfully Submitted,
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