

Town of Deerfield

Town Board Meeting Minutes

November 13th 2023



Public Hearing held 6:30pm at the Town Municipal Building, on November 13The
Topic of discussion Local Law - #5 Concerning Flood Damage prevention.

No discussions were brought from the floor, the Town Board voted to accept the
The public hearing date of December ended at 6:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Day
Town Clerk

Regular Town Board meeting followed immediately after at 6:33pm

The Deerfield Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on November 13th
2023. Present were Councilpersons Phile Sacco, Greg Sacco, Michael Collins, Dave
Kolek Supervisor Mahardy, Town Clerk Karen Day, Attorney for the Town William
Schmitt & Highway Superintendant Sam Arcuri Jr. Supervisor Mahardy called the
meeting to order at 6:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Town Clerk took
roll call.

MINUTES for Councilperson Collins moved and Councilperson Kolek seconded the
motion to accept the October 11th regular town Board meeting minutes.

EARLY PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Mr. and Mrs. Wood spoke with their concerns
about the property and building 5639 Walker Rd next door to their home.
Mentioned was now that it was vacant, what does the Town plan to do as far as
allowing another business to purchase the space. They would expect the Town to
re-zone the property to residential property. Attorney Schmitt, spoke that years
ago, the Town Board and then Building & Code approved that Building to be built.

He can find no documentation to support changing the zoning of that specific property to strictly residential.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS :

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 63 - 2023	Building Cleaner appointment - approved
Resolution 64- 2023	2024 Budget Adoption - approved
Resolution 65-2023	Year End payable meeting -approved
Resolution 66-2023	2014 Organizational meeting -approved
Resolution 67-2023	Public Hearing - Flood Damage – approved
Resolution 68- 2023	Marcy Deerfield Pop Warner – approved
Resolution 69 – 2023	BAR Appointment – approved

OFFICIAL REPORTS

County Legislator Buck: absent – no report

Supervisor Scott Mahardy – *Bragging that his time is almost done!*

Councilperson - Philip Sacco Report given

1. Visited Oneida County Planning to turn in the Flood Grant from the two jobs on Fairview and Ravine Dr. and Kraft and Ravine Dr. The Total Cost was \$59,682 – given the 50% grant provided from the County Program, (\$19,841). Commended Supervisor Mahardy for the excellent job – he put forth in preparation of the grant paperwork.
2. Met with the Summerset Way resident who put in a light-trespassing complaint. Due to the ongoing complaints with the Codes officer James Maxwell, I studied the Codes enforcers results of the light study. I told the resident if he disagreed with the results, he could have an independent study done to compare results. He said is not sure he will move forward with his complaint.
3. Visited with a Prescott Rd resident over concerns about the condition of property along Cosby Manor Rd – specifically 10603 Cosby Manor Rd. I

- identified the owner and passed the information on to Codes Officer Jim Maxwell. He will follow up by contacting the property owner. This winter we will work on a new local Law to enforce those properties not maintained (Mowing and lawn care) This Local Law will provide a limited amount of time after the owner is noticed and doesn't comply. We can charge the TAX BILL for Mowing the lawn.
4. Spoke with Mr. Neal Wood of Walker Rd on 2 occasions about the Advocacy Center. I relayed what I had learned from the Building and Codes Officer, James Maxwell. The last C. O. was in 1998 for professional services. The property is Tax Exempt except for Sewer and O&M. Have heard there is someone interested in a computer repair business to purchase property. The clothes Dumpster and Shed may possibly be Non-Conforming Codes. Referred to Codes Officer to address.

Councilperson Greg Sacco - waiting for the Report.

Councilperson Collins – Verbal Report – Spoke with a resident Mrs. Libratore who is concerned about the sand build up – Highway Superintendent Says he still intends to get it taken care of.

Councilperson Kolek – nothing to report.

Town Clerk Karen Day – report

Internet is still slow, noticed that in the Afternoons after 2 pm it crawls, likely due to kids out of school. We really need to upgrade.

Had difficulty downloading the Senior's new Microsoft 365, Had to call Councilperson G. Sacco to come in as our IT (Mike Long) has been missing in actions since he took the new job at the Winn Hospital.

Waiting to file all the paperwork for the Youth and Family Services Grant.

Collecting all submittals for the Seniors Program and Youth Services to close out the Grant before the end of 2023.

Highway Superintendent Sam Arcuri Jr. detailed report provided.

Report attached.

1. Went to a meeting on 11/8/23 at our Municipal Building for a kickoff for the Bridge NY project. I met with Oneida County, NYS, JMT Engineering. Oneida County is the leader on this project.

2. Sewer pump problem at the motel on Trento Road, Called Bob Lynn Sewer Service. Replaced both pumps and control unit. Project is not complete yet, waiting on some parts.
3. Repaired the barbeque pit in the park
4. Smith Hill Rd Project is complete shoulders are on.
5. Working on Steuben Rd East, Steuben Road and Cheese Factory Rd. CHIP seals are complete.
6. Going to try to repair the roof on the Cold storage building this week.
7. We will be due for a new class 8 truck in Two years, order time is still at 24 months. NYS Government – with our new electric laws on Class 6,7,8, trucks will come into play for our order. Truck dealers will need to sell two electric trucks for every Diesel truck. I will keep you updated as we move forward
8. Looking at buying 20,000 lbs. tilt deck trailer.
9. Looking to add a medium duty truck to the fleet for development areas, only to use salt on to save on clean up.
10. Received a text message from Bob Lynn about property at 10599 Miller Rd, having a sub pump outlet into the sewer pump stations causing the station to run about every two minutes, this will burn the bump out. I will be talking to them.
11. Working on Some ditching we needed to complete and trimming of some trees out into the roadway.
12. Will call an electrician to install a new light fixture for outside of the Court door.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Building Inspector: Jim Maxwell provided a report.

Building permits – 35

I have received a call from a realtor about the advocacy center about wanting to Put a business that repairs computers. They said that they would have about 10-12 people working there. I have not gotten any more info currently.

Clearpath has most of their wire in the ground. They are waiting for piping and beams to put on the posts so that can put on panels.

I am working on a couple of places about their lawns and will keep you updated on this.

Board of Assessors George Haskell: Preparing for the 2024 Tax season

Planning Board – Gabriel Greco, sent a letter of request and intention to remain on the planning board once his term ends 12/31/23.

Report provided by Planning Board chair Pati Goldsmith.

Met on Oct 4th, 2023

Pine Ridge Estates subdivision, Trenton Rd. The last discussion with Mr. Gaetano, was September 2022, when a request was made by Mr. Gaetano, project manager about a change in Lot size, a deadline was given for the plans to be submitted no later than October 5th, 2023. The planning Board has had no correspondence with Mr. Gaetano since November of 2022. The proposal is since denied.

Copies of NEC Article 694 were given to the planning board members. Discussion on how to incorporate them into the Wind Energy ordinance update was held.

Cornell Cooperative Extension provided a list of Farms enrolled in the NYS Ag District in the Town of Deerfield. The planning board will use this to create a mailing about creating a farmland protection plan for the town.

Zoning Board of Appeals Lura Raymo, verbal report

No applications for variances

Town Historian- position still open

Senior Citizen Director Lura Raymo- no report submitted.

All is well with the Seniors, we are preparing for our Thanksgiving luncheon, it will be a feast.

The Seniors will be going to the Turning Stone to see a Buddy Holley show and will be enjoying our Holiday luncheon at Harts Hill in.

Parks Committee – Debbie Burke – NO report submitted.

Karen Day Youth Director – written report attached.

We have received all the technical equipment ordered for the Seniors, and the Youth Program, i.e. 65"TV, with rolling stand, multimedia projector Blue Ray- DVD player, and laptop for the Youth program.

This equipment will aid in many of our programs, such as Candy Bar Bingo, in House Movies, probably outside movies at the part, during the daytimes or evenings.

Since our last meeting we have enjoyed –

A visit to Teel Farm Pumpkin Patch

A haunted House on Rutger Park – 2 nights, good showing of Deerfield families.

Kudos to a job well done by Resident Kevin Mack, who provided the equipment and haunted house set up.

Yesterday we had our movie event at the Marquee theater, rent the auditorium and bring our own movie, The program purchase the remake of the Super Mario Brother.

We have had many thankful families who comment on what a wonderful program we have.

Next event will be Roller Skating at Skate awhile Longer in Rome NY

We will be finishing up this this year with a Christmas event followed by Ice Skating.

Youth Leader Anne Christophory -

Town Attorney: William Schmitt: Nothing to Report

MEDIA TIME - NONE

LATE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR Residents Bernice and Bruce Cadwell, who live on Rte 8, who's property is surrounded by the Clearpath Solar Facility, ask where to Town stands on the request by bordering neighbors seeking some sort of benefit, for those who property locations have been disrupted due to the disgraceful view of this facility.

Ryan O'Rourke – spoke to what can be done for these neighbors who feel neglected in proper course of action by the town to protect them property values. BAR – on Grievance Day, in May, to have their assessment lowered. But it is still ruining the Area,

This is not at all what they promised, by Clearpath, they have made a mess of the land all around the area. Please, I welcome all of you to come and look out into my back yard.

Can a public hearing be held to see who disagrees with the homeowners.

Linda Hadjasz Chairperson of the Winterfest presented the board with a budget for the 2024 Towns Winterfest. Board approved

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Sewer Fund bill #11- Councilperson Kolek moved and Councilperson Collins, seconded a motion and the motion was approved.

Highway Fund bills number 204- 225 moved by Councilperson Collins and Councilperson Kolek voted yes, and the motion **was approved**.

Councilperson Collins moved and Councilperson G. Sacco seconded a motion to pay **General Fund** bill number 351390 Councilpersons Sacco and Councilperson Kolek voted yes, and the motion **was approved**.

ADJOURN : Councilperson P. Sacco made the motion and Councilperson Greg Sacco

Motion approved

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Day
Town Clerk
Town of Deerfield