

Town of Deerfield

Public Hearing

Town of Deerfield
February 12, 2024

Public Hearing regarding the Adoption of Local Law #2:
Titled:
Town of Deerfield Brush, Grass, and Weed Control Regulations”

Meeting began at 6pm, attendance was taken (full board present)
And 10 people were present including the Town Board members
and officers.

Supervisor Sacco opened the meeting with the description of the
proposed Local Law, and requested any opinions, questions, or
concerns. No one spoke up.

A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Day
Town Clerk

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Public Hearing for the purpose of the Adoption of Local Law #1:
Titled:
Moratorium on Short-Term Rental of Non-Owners Occupied
Residential Properties

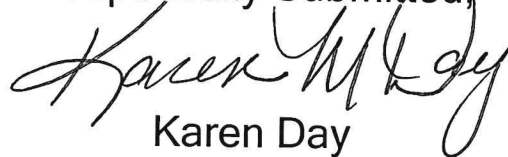
Meeting began at 6:15pm, attendance was taken (full board present)
And 15 people were present including the Town Board members and officers.

Supervisor Sacco opened the meeting with the description of the proposed Local Law, and requested any opinions, questions, or concerns. No one spoke up.

A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Day
Town Clerk
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**Town of Deerfield
Town Board Meeting Minutes
February 12th 2024**



The Deerfield Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on February 12th 2024. Present were Councilpersons Phil Sacco, Scott Mahardy, Daphne Jones, Dave Kolek, Supervisor Gregory Sacco, Town Clerk Karen Day, Attorney for the Town William Schmitt & Highway Superintendant Sam Arcuri Jr. Supervisor G. Sacco called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Town Clerk took roll call. 17 people signed in on roster.

MINUTES for Councilperson Mahardy moved and Councilperson Kolek seconded the motion to accept the January 8th regular town Board meeting minutes.

EARLY PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – ARCN Development, LLC
They spoke on the proposed development of the Bank of America’s side of Horatio St. In Deerfield. Also offered answers to questions from both Town Board members and Town Residents

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS :

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 23 2024 – Melissa Aceto Resignation - **Approved**

Resolution 24 2024 – Emily’s Cleaning Service - **TABLED**

Resolution 25 2024 – Establishing Energy Benchmarking - **Approved**

Resolution 26 2024 – Adoption of Local Law 2 - **Approved**

Resolution 27 2024 – Adoption of local Law 1 - **Approved**

Resolution 28 2024–SEQR resolution of no adverse Enviro. impact on Moratorium - **Approved**

Resolution 29 2024 – intermunicipal purchase of “Hot Box Machine” (Marcy, Whitesboro, Deerfield) intermunicipal purchase. - **Approved**

OFFICIAL REPORTS

County Legislator Buck: absent – no report

Supervisor Gregory Sacco – *Nothing to report*

Councilperson - Philip Sacco Report attached

I am currently working on Several items that will benefit our town.

- I am working on a Clean Energy Communities Program Grant. This has to do with the Town owned Buildings and Street lighting. It works by getting points that turn into financial help towards the projects.
 - o First the status of the Muni-bid, we currently have two sources of heat – baseboard and our Heating – air conditioning (HVAC). With the Boards approval we will replace all thermostats with programable ones. This will allow us to cut back the rooms when not being used and automatically bring them up to temperature when they are in use.
 - o This will save us a tremendous amount of heating -oil.
 - o All emergency lighting is working properly and will provide 90 minutes of light during a power outage.
 - o The light outside the Court alcove has been ordered and will light off a photocell.
 - o We also need to address the hot water in the building. Currently the 200,00 BTU boiler heats out water through a zone 1 Tank. By installing an electric hot water tank, the boiler would not have to operate all summer. We have (5) sinks and use very little hot water per month. These upgrades will put the Muni-building in good shape and save taxpayer money.
- The Highway Garage:
- Currently our pellet boilers are non-operational causing us to use way to0 much heating oil. We have some options to help address this.

With Board approval we would purchase two (2) 16-foot industrial Fans that would bring heat down off the ceiling, keeping the thermostat supplied. This will save 30% off our heating Bill. I am getting quotes for Fans, installation, and electrical wiring. We will also need to get prices on a New Pellet Boiler or put in Mini- Splits in the superintendent’s office and the crew Room.

We will be exploring both options.

To date we have secured 15,000 dollars towards this through the Clean Energy Communities Grant. The Total Savings from all these projects will save the town up to \$20,000 per year.

We are also working on an LED Street Light Upgrade, currently the Town has (98) Sodium Street lights town wide. We will be working with Steve Higgins our National Grid Representative for Deerfield. They will do a Net Book Value. It will take a little time, once the NBV is done we will receive the cost of the LED conversion. Attached is the 2023 Cost for Street light was 410,659.00 the LED Program will save 62% or \$6,500 dollars yearly. Most Towns have street lighting districts where the residents pay in their Taxes. In Deerfield we do not. The General Fund pays the bill. In closing all we talked about tonight has no Tax impact to our resident. Everything will be paid out of the General fund, which has NO Tax.

Councilperson Mahardy – nothing to report

Councilperson Jones – report attached

I was contacted by a Newport Resident to be affected by Boralex Solar Project. The resident inquired the County i.e. Mr. Picente to air grievances and was told to contact the Association of Towns, who told him they only deal with elected officials, So I reached out to the Association of Towns to see what, if anything, they provide to towns affected by ORES renewable energy projects or if they have resources available to the Towns. They claim that they Do have resources available to the Towns. I was given a very political response from an attorney for the Association of Towns:

“Local governments can offer comments on comments but have NO control over the sitting jurisdiction as this fall to ORES. The town can consider modifying its Comprehensive Plan so that projects are sited in accordance with the Town’s goals and plans but again the STATE will ultimately have the final Say.”

Councilperson Kolek – Nothing to report

Town Clerk Karen Day -

- Spoke about the huge success of the Winterfest held on February 3 – 2024. An Estimated 86 children attended with parents or guardian.
- Mentioned to the Town Board that the Pavilion, metal windows were vandalized again, and some of the framework has be broken in – allowing a person to be able to climb into the kitchen. As Youth Director, I am concerned about the possibility of someone returning with stronger tools to

take down the doors to the Youth Program Closet. After the theft last year, and the generosity of the resident's donations, it would be shameful to have that happen again. However, all electronics and expensive items have been stored safely within the Town Municipal Building.

- Taxes are slowing down, and going well, thanks to my assistant Anne Christophory. This job could not be done without as assistant.
- Enforced the importance of departments and individuals, to get their submissions in on time, so the newsletter can be out to the residents on Time. The next Newsletter is to go out in APRIL. I want all submissions emailed to my Townclerk@townofdeerfield.org email NO LATER than March 15th 2024. A schedule was give to each department.

Highway Superintendant Sam Arcuri Jr. report Attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Building Inspector: Jim Maxwell See attached Report

Assessors George Haskell: Working with the Town Clerk on correcting addresses and sales of properties. Taking applications for the STAR Exemptions, Deadline is March 1st NO LATER

Planning Board – Report Attached

Zoning Board of Appeals Lura Raymo, verbal report

No applications for variances at this time, Looking to replace John Salerno on the Zoning Board. Taking letters of interest at this time

Town Historian- position still open

Senior Citizen Director Lura Raymo- no report submitted.

The Seniors love their card games and Bingo. Last week we enjoyed our Pot Luck Dinner and Boy can those Seniors cook.

Parks Committee – Debbie Burke – NO report submitted.

Celebration Committee – Linda Hajdasz Chairperson for the 2024 Winterfest Report Submitted.

Karen Day Youth Director –Having a good start to the year. A large crowd showed up to the Candy Bar Bingo event in January. Not such a crowd at Ice Skating as it was scheduled on Superbowl Sunday – ooops.

Town Attorney: William Schmitt: Nothing to Report

MEDIA TIME - NONE

LATE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ann Martin of Marnie St. as well as the other concerned residents, Carm and Don Whiting, & Scott Lowell. were in attendance to see what has transformed since the last board meeting with the Marnie Street Air B&B. They asked if the Air B& B was in Compliance with the Town at this time. Attorney Schmitt stated that it is not in compliance since there were never any permits approved for such a business. They were happy to hear about the moratorium to research further what the town feels going forward on Air B& Bs

Ryan O'Rourke spoke about the covering of the fencing around the Clearpath Solar site. He said it was not holding together and the aesthetics was disgusting.

Councilperson Sacco, said he had spoke to the Building & Codes Inspector, to address the situation.

Al and Diana Blumenstock were pleased to hear that the Town Board had moved by resolution to request the State to investigate reparations for the residents whose homes value would suffer due to this Solar Facility bordering their properties. They thanked the Board for their efforts.

Greg Sacco Sr. spoke up about his contact with Assemblywoman Maryann Buttenschon, and Senator Joe Griffo. Called to set a meeting with NYSERDA for January 22, 2024.

NYSERDA cancelled and will not meet with us. Senator Griffo is looking into it for us.

Hudson Valley Scenic is looking to sit down with them in the spirit of the Law

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

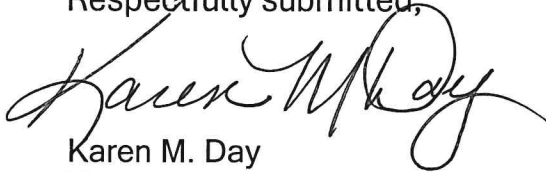
Sewer Fund bill #2 &3- Councilperson Jones moved and Councilperson ,
seconded a motion and the motion was approved.

Highway Fund bills number 19-35 moved by Councilperson Mahardy and
Councilperson Kolek voted yes, and the motion **was approved**.

General Fund bill number 30-83 moved by Councilperson Kolek and
Councilperson Jones voted yes, and the motion **was approved**.

ADJOURN : Councilperson P. Sacco made the motion and Councilperson Jones
Motion approved

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen M. Day". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "K".

Karen M. Day
Town Clerk
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