# Town of Deerfield Town Board Meeting Minutes January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024



The Deerfield Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Town Clerk took roll call.

MINUTES for Councilperson Kolek moved and Councilperson Jones seconded the motion to accept the January 8th<sup>th</sup> regular town Board meeting minutes.

EARLY PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR - None

CORRESPONDENCE:

**OLD BUSINESS:** 

NEW BUSINESS: RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 17 2024 – 2024 Highway Dept Equipment

Resolution 18 2024 – Planning Board Appointment

Resolution 19 2024 - John Salerno Resignation

Resolution 20 2024 - Notice of public hearing 2/12/24 6pm

Resolution 21 2024 – Notice of public hearing 2/12/24 6:15pm

Resolution 23 2024 – State To recognized Negative Impact

OFFICIAL REPORTS

County Legislator Buck: absent - no report

### <u>Supervisor Gregory Sacco</u> – Nothing to report

Councilperson - Philip Sacco Report attached Councilperson Mahardy – nothing to report Councilperson Jones –

- Received a call from Poland Fire Chief with some concerns about Clear Path Solar Facility Construction.
- Asked if I would be available to tour Facility
- Went over at 4pm today 1/8/24 and met with Director of Construction for the project – Mr. Richard Kidd.
- Discussed topics/findings.
- construction looking to be done & operational in March weather depending.
- Battery storage Facility not to be done for another 5 yrs and even then "may not if lithium prices do not go down."
- String invertors connect a group of about 40 or so panels via blue tooth to turn in the morning afternoon and lie flat at night or for storms.
- Fires, involving chemicals, shelter in place, and evacuations were discussed.
- National grid will turn off inverters in the event of Fire.
- Discussed security and threats issues for the workers as well as the surveillance scope of the entire project.
- Code Enforcer Jim Maxwell has been by a few times as well as DEC -Concerned with SWPPP.

I also have an ORES permit Timeline, that I can make accessible to the Community.

Councilperson Kolek – I spoke with Kira Kilpeck and Ann Martin about the letter placed in their mailboxes (not Mailed). I have shared the letter with the Board in relations to the Air BnB located on 129 Marnie St.

<u>Town Clerk Karen</u> Day - Trying to keep up with the updating all the town headings, new administration, and the beginning of Tax Season.

Posted the report pertaining to the Town Newsletter, and its importance to keep our community up to date on what's going on in the town.

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 News letter is to go our in APRIL. I want all submissions emailed to my <a href="mailto:Townclerk@townofdeerfield.org">Townclerk@townofdeerfield.org</a> email NO LATER than March 15<sup>th</sup> 2024. A schedule was give to each department.

Highway Superintendant Sam Arcuri Jr. waiting on Report – verbal report given

- 1. A few Weeks ago, the Highway Garage was broken into, I left the garage for about an hour and upon returning I saw a male figure moving out the back door. At first I thought perhaps it was a resident looking for someone to assist with trash drop off. The man drove away in a white vehicle. I notices that at the back door was many of our electrical tools and suck piled up near the exit, this is when I realized I had interrupted a theft. I called the police and reported as much as I could. I am bringing it to the board once again about the need for cameras to protect the garage both inside and outside. Fencing or cameras are needed to protect this property.
- 2. I am planning on changing all the locks in the building as that has not been done since 2012. And prepairing to repair the door that they broke into.
- 3. I am currently working on **284** agreement and hope to have that completed by our Feb Board meeting.
- 4. At the suggestion of Councilperson P. Sacco, I am having the street light survey completed having my nighttime crew check all the lights and reporting to me the ones that are not working they are almost finished. We have about 22 street lights out there that are not working, I have called National Grid repeatedly. Leaving messages for return calls and I am getting nowhere.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS-

<u>Building Inspector:</u> Jim Maxwell provided a report. <u>See attached Report</u>

<u>Assessors George Haskell</u>: Working with the Town Clerk on correcting addresses and sales of properties.

Not receiving the complete building permits from the Building and Codes Department, Costs, sizes, and a number of other details are missing from the permits that I do receive. With the extra time and lack of snow, I will be going out around the town to see what I can find of new construction. I recommend some changes be made to the department.

<u>Planning Board – Dan Knuth met with the planning board to present his resume for the vacant seat of the planning board.</u> A conversation followed and a motion was made & unanimously carried that the planning board recommend Dan Knuth to the Town Board for appointment to the vacant seat. He was appointed via Resolution 18 2024 at the town Board meeting tonight.

The Board reviewed the Town of Richlands wind energy local law. There will be a meeting on Jan 17<sup>th</sup> to try to finalize the revision of our own Local Law.

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.
Seniors are doing as expected with the some with colds, RSV and Covid.
This week we will be enjoying a lunch of homemade Soup and Sandwiches.
Parks Committee – Debbie Burke – NO report submitted.

<u>Karen Day Youth Director – the Youth Program Schedule has been set up and we</u> will begin with Candy Bar Bingo in January. The Program will go from January – April.

Town Attorney: William Schmitt: Nothing to Report

MEDIA TIME - NONE

### LATE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ann Martin of 131 Marnie St. voiced her concern about the Air BnB next door, stating that it is concerning that there are different people (unknown to the neighbors) residing in the home routinely. She speaks to the danger as there is a Daycare and small children on the street.

Other concerned residents in attendance were Carm and Don Whiting, Scott Lowell. Also mentioned was that there was a party held on a Saturday during a

snowstorm and cars were parked along the street making it difficult of the Town plows to get through.

Margaret Fusco – Spoke about ClearPath battery Storage on site, looking for updates.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - none** 

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

**Sewer Fund** bill #1- Councilperson Kolek moved and Councilperson Mahardy, seconded a motion and the motion was approved.

**Highway Fund** bills number 1-17 moved by Councilperson Jones and Councilperson Kolek voted yes, and the motion **was approved**.

**General Fund** bill number 1-19 moved by Councilperson Jones and Councilperson Kolek voted yes, and the motion **was approved**.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Day Town Clerk

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Supervisor: Scott Mahardy Councilperson: Michael Collins Councilperson: David Kolek Councilperson: Gregory Sacco Councilperson: Phil Sacco

January 8, 2024

January Code Report

Hello Everyone

**Building permits:36** 

Still working on the advocacy center. I have left messages with the owners but still have not got any response. This in response to the shed and removal of the clothes bin.

Clear Path has most all the solar panels on and are working on wiring all the panels together. The power company has finely set the 4 poles for them. They still have to get some of the screening put back up.

Still working on a couple of properties to get cleaned up. I am sending letters out will keep you updated on this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 680-213-0832.

James Maxwell

**Code Enforcement Officer** 

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## Deerfield Town Board meeting January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

Philip Sacco
Town Councilperson

### Monthly Report

- 1- Received a call from a Forrest St. resident about debris at a house on Forrest St. I contacted Codes Officer Jim Maxwell, He is addressing the Situation.
- 2- Working with Vincents Heating and Cooling Co. on a replacement Pellet Boiler at the Highway Garage. Our Current unit is on operational and the company is our of Business even for replacement parts.
- 3- My brother Gregory Sacco Sr. and I replaced the circulating pump on the boiler in the Municipal building.
- 4- I will be meeting with the NYSERDA Clean Energy Representative on Friday January 12 about a Grant on Mini- split heater/AC for the municipal Building. They will do a walk Through of the Municipal Building and the Highwayt Garage and advise us on the possibility of a Grant. Fyi It costs the Taxpayers approximately \$62,000 per year for Heating and electric, \$11,000 Street lighting

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# Town of Deerfield Planning Board

# Monthly Update to the Town Board

Department Chairperson: Patie Goldsmith

Date of Report: January 8, 2024

Requests for Town Board Decisions: None

**Key Points/Updates:** 

January 3, 2024 regular monthly Planning Board Meeting.

Dan Knuth met with the planning board to present his resume for the vacant seat on the planning board. He outlined his time as a resident of Deerfield, his career/business background and his desire to help the town as a member of the planning board. Conversation followed and a motion was made and unanimously carried that the planning board recommend Dan Knuth to the Town Board for appointment to the vacant seat.

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Those in attendance:

Dan Knuth, Lura Raymo and Daphne Jones.