

Town of Deerfield

Town Board Meeting Minutes

October 9th 2023



Public Hearing held 6:30pm at the Town Municipal Building. The Topic of discussion was the renewal of the Franchise Agreement with Spectrum Northeast LLC an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communication, Inc.

No discussions were brought from the floor, the Town Board voted to accept the renewal. It was a unanimous vote of acceptance of a 7 year instead of 10 year agreement .

The public hearing ended at 6:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Day
Town Clerk

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

The Deerfield Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on October 9th, 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 G. Sacco seconded the motion to accept the September 11th regular town Board meeting minutes.

EARLY PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR - Ryan O'Rorke

Ryan stood to speak about the Host Agreement, of 40K a year payable to the Town of Deerfield. The neighbors whose homes border from this Solar Facility get nothing. They are hit with lower property values, what do the residents get?

Nothing! These residents want to know what the Town can do for them, the direct neighbors. Is there a law or could the Town provide back to the residents in this location so relief? Ryan claims to know of 2 towns in NYS that have such provisions. Supervisor Mahardy asked Ryan to provide the names of the Towns to investigate it. Ryan did not have the information with him at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE: Snowfest Chairperson, Linda Hajdasz presented the 2024 budget and ideas the Date of the Snowfest will be February 6th 2024 at the Wilderness Park beginning at 1pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS :

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 58- 2023	Franchise Agreement
Resolution 59- 2023	Capital Reserve- Recycle Re-Evaluation
Resolution 60-2023	Capital Reserve – Recycling Center
Resolution 61-2023	Highway Department Appointment - MEO

OFFICIAL REPORTS

County Legislator Buck : absent – no report

Supervisor Scott Mahardy –

Councilperson - Philip Sacco - working with ABC Chemdry to come clean the carpets, after a number of years of heavy soil build up in the Community Room, Board room and the mail room. They did a nice job. Ordered and took delivery of 20 new picnic tables for use in the Wilderness Park under the Pavilion. with approval from the board, on behalf of the Youth and Family services Grant, that Mary Ann Buttonschon advocated for the Town of Deerfield.

MaryAnn Buttonschon was also the spearhead of the new Town Vacuum truck we were able to purchase with a grant that was also advocated for by her.

Councilperson G. Sacco – verbal report – I am working with the Corrections department of Midstate facility, who will provide workers who will help to upgrade and clean up the pavilion at Wilderness Park. The Town will provide

the stain for both the inside and outside of the pavilion, and picnic tables if time prevails.

The new Town Website is ready to launch any day.

The town is applying for a grant – to build a patio with a cement base and hard permanent cover off the back of the Seniors /Community Room.

It will provide an outdoor space on those beautiful days we have here in Deerfield.

Councilperson Collins – nothing to report.

Councilperson Kolek – report provided – Whitesboro X Country Invitational was held at our Wilderness Park again this year. 24 Schools Attended with over 800 runners participating – It was a beautiful day of rain and Mud.

Town Clerk Karen Day – report

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8. Currently working of a Solar Foil request, show have been competed last week.

Highway Superintendant Sam Arcuri Jr. detailed report provided.

Report attached.

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2. Sewer pump problem at the Motel on Trenton Rd. Call Bob Lynn Sewer Service. Replaced both pumps and control unit. (not completed Yet)
3. The drainage project of Ravine Drive is complete, while finishing some last paperwork. Paperwork is complete.
4. The Smith Hill Rd paving project only needs a small amount of shoulder work to finish.
5. Working on Steuben Rd East, Steuben Road and Cheese Factory Rd getting ready to chip seal. Roads were sealed on Thursday Oct. 5th, 2023
6. The inspection of our transfer station is going to be on Wednesday at 11am. Inspections was complete with a suggestion of Self inspection Paperwork.
7. Looking at patching Fairview Pl for the year so we can get some maintenance work done. Bad Spots have been repaired.
8. Looking at buying a 20,000 lbs tilt deck trailer for 2024 getting quotes.
9. Receive a text message from bob Lynn about property at 1099 Miller Rd having a sub pump station to run about every 2 minutes this will burn the pump out. Going to talk with them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Building Inspector: Jim Maxwell provided a report.

Building permits – 32

I have been working on Property maintenance with some people- it is finally working and I am getting them to start cleaning up their properties.

I have heard that a resident has made a complaint with findings – I welcome the board members to reach out to me to discuss this.

Clearpath is moving right along – laying cables. I have been having issues with our phone system in the office – I am not receiving phone messages, if any of the board members receive calls please let me know so I can take care of any issues or concerns in the Town.

Board of Assessors George Haskell:

Planning Board Chair Pati Goldsmith no report.

Zoning Board of Appeals Lura Raymo, verbal report

No applications for variance all summer long.

Town Historian- position still open

Senior Citizen Director Lura Raymo- no report submitted.

Very excited to hear about the Patio project, it will be a big help for the Seniors summer picnic. As it provides proximity to bathrooms. The next meeting, we will have our October Fest – with German food. On October 28 we are self-transporting ourselves to Theodores Restaurant for a luncheon and show.

Parks Committee – Debbie Burke – NO report submitted.

Karen Day Youth Director – written report attached.

In between programs, The Fall Winter Program is complete and posted on Facebook.

We are extremely grateful for the equipment, Bingo, Electronics provided by the Grant of Youth and Family service – presented by Marianne Buttonschon.

Youth Leader Anne Christophory -

Town Attorney: William Schmitt: Nothing to Report

MEDIA TIME - NONE

LATE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR Judge Thomas Larkin: completed using up an older grant and was able to purchase an AED and it will be installed on Wednesday. Training for those interested.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Sewer Fund bill #9 & 10- Councilperson Kolek moved and Councilperson Collins, seconded a motion and the motion was approved.

Highway Fund bills number 184- 203 moved by Councilperson G. Sacco 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 314-350 Councilpersons Collins and Councilperson G. Sacco voted yes, and the motion **was approved**.

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

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Karen M. Day
Town Clerk
Town of Deerfield

Deerfield Town Board
Meeting Agenda
October 9th 2023 6:30pm



Call to order	Supervisor
Pledge of Allegiance	ALL
Call for Last meeting Minutes	Supervisor
Privilege of the Floor – Ryan O’Rourke – Clearpath Host Community Agreement	
Correspondence/Communication	Supervisor
Old Business	Supervisor
New Business	
<i>Resolution 58-2023 Franchise Agreement</i>	
<i>Resolution 59 -2023 Capital Reserve – Property Re-Evaluation</i>	
<i>Resolution 60 - 2023 Capital Reserve – Recycling Center</i>	
<i>Resolution 61-2023 Highway Department Appointment - MEO</i>	
Media Time	
Late Privilege of the Floor	
Executive Session	Yes ____ No ____
Motion to Pay the Bills	Town Board
Adjourn	

Officials Reports

County Legislature	Dave Buck
Supervisor	Scott P. Mahardy
Councilperson	Phil Sacco
Councilperson	Greg Sacco
Councilperson	Michael Collins
Councilperson	David Kolek
Town Clerk	Karen Day
Highway Superintendent	Sam Arcuri Jr.
Buildings & Codes	Randy Foley
Assessor	George Haskell
Planning Board	Patricia Goldsmith
Zoning Board Chair	Lura Raymo
Historian	James Maxwell
Parks Committee	Scott Mahardy
Senior Director	Lura Raymo
Youth Director	Karen Day
Town Attorney	William Schmidt

Petition to Amend Clearpath Energy Host Agreement

- It is evident by the recently adopted Solar laws within Deerfield, that the town clearly understands the detrimental impacts of industrial solar facilities on community character, property values, environmental conditions, glare, views, and aesthetics and more.
- Clearpath Energy was given a “free pass” to do as they wish with no constraints or limitations imposed on them by the town of Deerfield during the planning/permitting process. We commend the town board for being firm with Clearpath on decommissioning fees and host agreement dollar amounts.
- With substantial construction now complete, it is obvious how terrible this project really is for our town in so many ways, specifically abutting residents. In addition to completely changing the look and feel of this area, landowners have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in property values (www.westgardnersolar.com).
- Abutting residents deserve monetary compensation for having to bear the burden of this project. Property tax reassessments/adjustments would take half a century in some cases to recoup the lost value.
- These payments to abutting residents should be funded by the \$40K/year annual Host agreement payments given to the town by Clearpath. This has been past practice in certain towns such as Cambria and Pendleton. Do not tell us “there’s nothing we can do”, we were forced to listen to that excuse for 3 years throughout the permitting process. Here is your chance to make this less painful on those forced to deal with the many implications of industrial solar in our backyards.
- The town of Deerfield should not be “earning” close to \$1 million dollars in the lifetime of this project at our expense. Money should be distributed to abutting landowners. We ask that you decide on an equitable method/formula for all parties involved, including the town itself.
- This method of using host agreement money to relieve some of the burden of industrial solar projects on abutting residents sets a precedent for the Boralex project. Landowners should not be profiting at the expense of others. The town should request that Boralex forms a similar agreement with abutting residents.
- We look forward to your response on this and hope we can arrive on an agreement in the near future.

Submitted by the North Gage community surrounding the Clearpath Energy Industrial Solar Facility.

Town of Deerfield

Department/Committee Monthly Update to the Town Board

Department Heads/Committee Chairpersons/County Legislator/Key Speakers – Please complete and submit this update prior to, or at the beginning of the Town Board Meeting. Do your best to keep this update to just one page. Simple bullets for the updates are fine. This document will assist in reporting the Board Meeting minutes, fully and accurately. Thank you.

Description	Information/Update
Department/Committee:	
Department Head:	David Kolek
Date of Report:	10/9/23
Requests for Town Board Decisions:	
Key Points/Updates:	Whitesboro X Country Invitational JH High School Attended 800 Runners Participated Beautiful Day Rain and Mud
Routine Updates:	

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Youth Director Report

1. Fall/Winter Program Schedule is complete, with 2 events this month. October 15 2023 a visit to Teals Pumpkin farm, and at the end of the month we are hosting a visit to a haunted mansion, Friday 10/27 6-8pm and Saturday 10/28 6-8 pm.
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October Code Report

Hello Everyone

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


James Maxwell
Code Enforcement Officer

SNOWFEST BUDGET ESTIMATES 2024

Item	2024 Est.
Port-a-John	\$ 140.00
Sleigh/Horses	1500.00
Food & Paper	275.00
Décor	150.00
Goodies/games	175.00
Snow Sculp gift bags	200.00
TOTAL	\$ 2265.00

Hopefully, I have over-estimated on costs and it will be less.

Again, this year we are hoping for a successful Snowfest event. It will be held, February 3, 2024, at 1:00pm -4:00pm at the Wilderness Park. We will continue with our annual snow sculpture contest which will conclude at the actual event.

We are very grateful for the generous donations of food that is received which ultimately decreases our expenses.

We would appreciate again the approval of our budget for our 2024 event. It is very well received by the residents and everyone enjoys themselves.

Save the date: February 3, 2024.

Respectfully,


Linda Hajdasz, Chairperson

