**Town of Deerfield**

**Town Board Meeting Minutes**

 **June 9th 2025**

The Deerfield Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on June 9th 2025. Present were Councilpersons Phil Sacco, Daphne Jones, Dave Kolek, Daniel Fusco, Supervisor Sacco, Town Clerk Karen Day, Attorney for the Town William Schmitt & Highway Superintendant Sam Arcuri Jr. Supervisor Gregory Sacco called the meeting to order at 6:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Town Clerk took roll call.

 Attendance: 24 people signed in.

MINUTES : Councilperson Jones moved and Councilperson Kolek seconded the motion to accept the May regular town Board meeting minutes.

EARLY PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR –

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 35-2025 Summer Park Program appointees - approved

Resolution 35 –(2) 2025 Workshop meeting regarding the Horatio Development - Approved

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none

**OFFICIAL REPORTS**

County Legislator Buck: No in attendance

**Supervisor Gregory Sacco** -

**Councilperson** - Philip Sacco

1 -Working with Building and Codes officer Jim Maxwell on updating out Building Fees, I obtained Fee schedules from the Town of Trenton and The Town of Marcy to make sure we are in line with Fees.

2 -Hedgewood Stormwater Project - we are still waiting for a quote to complete the cost to apply for the stormwater Grant from Oneida County Flood Mitigation Fund. The Town will have bonding if the grant for the County doesn’t work out.

3 - Working on Two codes issues with Codes officer Jim Maxwell on Cosby manor Road and One on Bell Hill and we are making progress on Both.

4 - Working with NYSERDA and MVEDD on out $50,000 roof top Solar at the Highway Garage. Solar Liberty will be doing the installation. The Town will front $12,500 to start the job and $37,500 upon completion. NYSERDA will re-imburse the Town for a total of $50,000 within 14 days. We will also be receiving a spare inverter as part of the project. Savings are estimated at $4,000.00 per year in energy costs.

5 -Getting quotes for the damaged Central Air unit in the back of the Municipal Building caused by falling Ice this spring. Unit was covered by heavy duty TEE -PEE design which was also broken. Will probably have to file on Insurance claim depending on Replacement cost.

**Councilperson Daphne Jones has** nothing to report

**Councilperson Kolek** – Received a call from John Aceto of 6316 Walker Rd, He lives across the Road from the Town Park Baseball Field. He was questioning the Banners hung on the Back stop. Company advertisement? Are they approved Can they be removed?

**Councilperson Daniel Fusco** – Provided written report -attached

**Town Clerk’s Report** nothing to report

**Highway Superintendant Sam Arcuri Jr**

1. The bridge in Wilderness Park is completed. We will touch up the groundwork when the area dries up.
2. Millings we had stored at broad acres are screened and piled.
3. F550 is rotted out and the roof is leaking. We use this truck for the parks in the summer months. I am going to investigate replacing the cab, we installed a new engine a few years ago.
4. The town submitted tonnage for NYS salt contract for 2025- 2026. Going forward Oneida County Highway Superintendents Association and the cities met with Oneida County DPW on a plan for the 2026 season. NYS is looking for salt tonnage from the towns by May 1st. Rumor in the industry is the major players are not interested in bidding state contracts for 2026. Oneida county may try and bid their own contract for winter salt. Cost will be up
5. 2025 Kobota RTV for the park was received today 6/9/25
6. Looking into possibly buying a snow blower for the skid-steer. Received cost estimates on a Kubota snow blower for the skid steer, approximately 10,000
7. Working on 284 agreement costs for 2025. Meeting with paving companies on estimates for paving projects.

8) Went to highway school in Ithaca on 6/2-6/4.

9) Turned all the water on in Wilderness Park, repaired two toilets in the lady’s room and one toilet in men’s room.

10) Working on Smith hill ( Seasonal section ) ditching and going to regrade.

11)The Section of Crooked Brook Road is falling apart after the first rain. Going to be getting prices to repair the road.

12) Graded gravel roads.

13) Trying to get quotes together for Hedgewood place drainage and paving work.

14) Signed up to attend Highway School in Ithica on June 2-4th.

15)Went to a sewer meeting at wastewater Treatment plant on 4/30/2025 with Phil Sacco. Meeting was on updates to Town of Deerfield sanitary sewer manhole inspections. Looking to get quotes for the major repairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

 **Building Inspector:** Jim Maxwell provided a report. Attached.

42 building permits written.

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

**Assessors Report – absent**

**Planning Board – Pati Goldsmith** –

**Date of Report:** June 9, 2025

**Requests for Town Board Decisions:**

None

**Key Points/ Updates:**

Joe Betrus, Councilperson 6th District, City of Utica, spoke regarding concerns city residents have regarding the development of the property owned by ARCN Development. He requested that, in the future, he is updated on the progress of the build out of this project.

Karin Kuar, Royal-nb Corp., New Hyde Park, NY, requested the zoning classification for the property at 7034 Harris Rd. She was also provided a copy of the town’s subdivision regulations.

Becky Maier, SWBR, gave a presentation on the storm water detention area plans for the PathStone Apartments site plan review. She also met with representatives of the Deerfield Fire Dept. to discuss what additions needed to be made to the PathStone Apartments site plans to satisfy any concerns regarding fire protection.

Jason Sackett, PathStone Development, continued discussion regarding the Access Road Easement Agreement with ARCN Development. He will also draft a letter verifying that PathStone Development will be solely responsible for the maintenance of the storm water detention area for the proposed apartment building.

Chad Angus, Beaton Dr., had questions regarding the possibility of subdividing property with access from Beaton Dr. and possibly from Cosby Manor Rd.

Those persons in attendance: Joe Betrus, Rick Gassner, T. Boelert, Jason Sackett, Joshua Fraass, David Chickering, Joe Gibbons, Becky Maier, Margaret Fusco, Daniel Fusco and Chad Angus.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** Lura Raymo, We have had 1 ZBA meeting and it was settled – We have had a few phone calls for possible new ZBA meetings

Town Historian- Jon Facci

**Senior Citizen Director Lura Raymo**- the use of the large TV for our Driver’s safety class was a big plus. And we have our Installation Luncheon this month at Harts Hill Inn.

**Parks Committee – Deborah Burke**  -We are looking for continually for Grants to be used for the Parks in the town. I would like to see if the Highway Department could reseal the Tennis Courts and repair the fencing around the courts.

**MVWA Representative – Deborah Burke –** attended meetings Copper pipes were discussed, Possible payment of $25.00 (take Photos)

Side note – can we post something about barking dogs in the next newsletter?

**Karen Day Youth Director** – Summer program begins on July 7th at the Wilderness Park, it will run for 6 weeks ending August 15th 2025. We are in the process of setting up a schedule and possible field trips.

**Town Attorney: William Schmitt**: nothing to report

MEDIA TIME - NONE

LATE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mary Brumbaugh – Cosby Manor Rd – mentioned Speed/Traffic signs (photo Speed signs.

She offers her driveway for LE to park.

Dave Colver – Cosby manor Rd – Mentioned the large amount of dirt bikes and 3 wheelers, tearing up the road, passing cars.

Valerie Lutz Ramblewood neighborhood – spoke to the deep dangerous culvert on Trenton Rd. just outside the Ramblewood entrance. She has questions and wants to know who to direct them too for answers.

Richard Gassner spoke to Bill – Article 16 - what would the timeline be?

Bill Sutton - Prescott Rd – When does the residents get to vote or decide on whether they want this new development? Mr. Roser spoke up and stated that the residents won’t have any say in it. It is a Town Board decision. Mr. Roser points out that the Town Website is still not up to date. He wants the meeting to be zoom capable and archived – he has asked before and will ask again.

Michael Adrello states that there is a NYS law – Light Pollution – it is to protect birds – nature and he is concerned about the light pollution related to this new project. The Planning Board Chairperson says she has factored that into the project.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

 **Sewer Fund** #5 bill moved by Councilperson Jones and seconded by Kolek

**Highway Fund** bills number 101-119 moved by Councilperson Kolek and Councilperson Jones voted yes, and the motion **was approved**.

 **General Fund** bill number 177-210 moved by Councilperson Jones and Councilperson Kolek voted yes, and the motion **was approved**.

 ADJOURN : Councilperson Sacco made the motion and Councilperson Jones

**Motion approved**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Day

Town Clerk

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