

Town of Deerfield Town Board Meeting January 12 2026 6:30 pm

JANUARY

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Call for Last Meeting Minutes Supervisor

Privilege of the Floor – Jeff Dora - Oneida Co Engineering

Correspondence/Communications Supervisor

Old Business

Supervisor

New Business

Resolution – 16 -2026 Sheltering agreement with Humane Society of Rome

Resolution – 17-2026 Sheltering Agreement with New Hartford

Resolution - 18-2026 schedule a public hearing to update LL#2-2025
Official Report

Official Reports:

Media Time

Late Privilege of the Floor –

Executive Session

Yes No

Motion to Pay Bills Town Board

Adjourn

Officials Reports

County Legislator	Dave Buck
Supervisor	Gregory Sacco
Councilperson	Philip Sacco
Councilperson	Daphne Jones
Councilperson	David Kolek
Councilperson	Daniel Fusco
Town Clerk	Karen Day
Highway Superintendent	Sam Arcuri Jr.
Buildings and Codes	James Maxwell
Assessor	Matt Pawlusik
Planning Board Chair	Pati Goldsmith
Zoning Board Chair	Lura Raymo
Historian	Jon Facci
Parks Committee	Deborah Burke
Senior Director	Lura Raymo
Youth Director	Karen Day
Town Attorney	William Schmitt

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Deerfield Town Board Meeting

DATE: 1/12/26 Regular Public Hearing Special

Name	Address	Phone
Karen Dau		
Mike Gobson		
Jeff Dorn		
Ken Kish	477 Corinne Ave Utica	313-521-0500
Leanne Kish	581a Corham Rd	
Meredith Molison		
Ally & Mike Calzaghi	Evergreen Dr.	
Dennis Pasham	Crunkshank Rd	
Roman Koytovich	Smith Hill Rd.	
Deborah Burt	Norm Grace	
Rick Bussman	Deerfield	
Caitlyn Gerasi	MARCY	
Corey Cusyk		
Yasmine Yagan	Marcy	
Kristina Bachanovich	Peer Rd	
Randy Vieth	11420 Stubbins Rd E	
Jeanne Vieth	6156 Walker	
Shanevi Linton		
Ron Beasock		
Kicora Wright		
Carrie Smith	Newport Rd	
Xavier Pawlowski	Newport Rd	
Natalie Clausen		
Ella Lockhart		
Larry Gugliu	Deer Trail Rd	

**Town of Deerfield
Town Board Meeting Minutes
January 12th 2026
6:30 pm**



The Deerfield Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on January 12th, 2026. 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.

Audio Minutes are filed on the Town Website :

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MINUTES: Motion called to approve the Town Board minutes from the last board meeting. Councilperson Kolek motioned and Councilperson Jones seconded. **All approved – Motion carried**

Attendance – 27 Signed in

EARLY PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Jeff Dora Of Oneida Co. Engineering -- breakdown of work and costs related to the Reals Creek Bridge.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 16- 2026 – Sheltering Agreement with Humane Society of Rome – Majority Approved

Resolution 17- 2026-Sheltering Agreement with New Hartford- majority Approved

Resolution 18 – 2026-Public Hearing to be held to update Local Law 1 of 2023 on regulation of Battery Storage Systems To be held February 9th 2026 at 6 PM – Majority Approved

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none

OFFICIAL REPORTS - 2026

County Legislator Buck: NONE absent

Supervisor Gregory Sacco –

Councilperson - P Sacco

Councilperson P Sacco Report

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Councilperson Daphne Jones - Nothing to report

Councilperson Kolek – Nothing to report

Councilperson Daniel Fusco – no physical report given,

- Discussion on Roof repairs (discussed in the past) as winter has progressed and the attic studied by experts- it is found that there is much insulation missing or disrupted in the eaves over the right side of the building (over the planning board, Supervisors, and Building and codes Offices. Heat pouring out. A Need for maintenance in those areas to improve the Insulation. Have estimate for insulation repair only – given to Supervisor.
- Discussion on the estimate and how it is figured + or – dollars.
- Damage prevention for the Municipal building.
- Website still says .ORG - told there was an extension. Impressed the need for .GOV for all official town Emails.
- Discussion on the way the old highway building looks to the community. I would like to see it torn down. Conversation between Highway Superintendent and Councilperson Sacco, as to the present use of, and future of the building.
- Poland Fire Update, do we have any updates? NO one has an update. There will be a vote on behalf of February 10 to dissolve the POLAND FIRE Commission. Currently The Poland Fire Department has no

sponsor so they are currently in -Active. Discussed a local fire that occurred and discussed how fast the mutual aids trucks showed up. Not satisfied with response. I recommend very carefully, where the full section of Deerfield was formerly covered by the Poland Fire Department (if legal) to contract with the Poland Fire Dept to provide coverage of said area, until this situation is resolved.

- I would like for our Deerfield Fire Company, report and update to our Town Board on Call logs, so we can have Clarity of Logs. 2 calls into the Fire Chief that go unanswered.
- I am recommending that we take this very seriously and start moving fast to provide coverage of the area covered by the Poland Fire Company.

Town Clerk - Karen Day – Report attached

- Tax season is underway
- Thanks to all the Depts for your prompt articles for the last newsletter
- The Town is hosting 2 town events –
 - Full Moon Snowshoe and Bonfire Event on Jan 31st and our long time Winterfest on February 7th both are open to Town Residents and a great way to enjoy our Wilderness Park and trails.
 - We still are looking for snow sculptures to be entered in our Snow Sculpture Contest.

Highway Superintendent Sam Arcuri Jr - report attached

Town Board Meeting 1/12/2026

- 1) Working on Transfer Station, Electronics collection annual reports from 2025. Transfer station report is complete and e-mailed in.
- 2) 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. We have put the spreader for sale on auctions international with no luck, the town might want to sell the truck as a complete unit. Truck, Plow, Spreader together we would need something to replace it for the parks.
- 3) Looking for some help with the new MS4 permit that was passed in 2024. I have been attending some training when it is available. The reporting has a lot more to it than in the past. We are required to have some new policies in place by year Two, year Three and year Five. Reached out to Al Swierczek to see if this is something he could help the town with the new process. 2025 annual report is due by April 1.
- 4) Attended an Oneida County Sewer District Steering Committee meeting on November 19th. Talked about system overflows and ways to remove illicit water from the sanitary sewer system; sub pumps, foundation drains, rain gutters, ground water leaking into the system.
- 5) Two of the entrance doors at the Highway Garage need lock repairs. Saccos has been called and are getting estimates together for repairs.
- 6) There are several maintenance projects at the Highway Garage the need to be done: Older colder storage building needs to have the metal roof replaced from wind damage and rotted metal on the sides to keep the birds out. This building is where the dumpsters are stored. After the Transfer station inspection in 2025 it was brought to our attention about the birds in the building and we need to repair the problem. Building needs sliding door repairs. Fuel building needs entrance door replaced, and upper light panels replaced. Highway Garage needs driveway repairs and driveway resealed it also needs winter weatherization repairs. I would like to see the town add the half wall on the south side of

salt building to keep rain from getting on the salt and making hard chunks. Working with board member Phil Sacco in getting estimates together for some of the repairs.

7) New Freightliner chassis is being upfitted with equipment and scheduled to be completed in early November. New truck has been out in Watertown for warranty repairs. I received truck back on Tuesday January 6th.

8) Received snow blower for skid steer.

9) Town is looking to auction off a few pieces of older equipment in the spring of 2026. I will get the information together on the equipment for the auction.

10) In October I received an update on Firehouse Road bridge replacement under the bridge NY grant from JMT Engineering. Concrete and steel costs have gone up 210%. Talked with Michale Fuller from JMT on Firehouse Road bridge project, he is going to send me an update but is moving forward to complete the design. We have Jeff Dora from the Oneida County Engineering department.

11) The materials we have stored for winter maintenance are rapidly being depleted. If winter continues at this pace we are going to need to bring in more material sand and salt to get through this winter season.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Building Inspector: Jim Maxwell – absent - Report attached

Building Permits 75

I have been working on building permit inspections this past month and getting ready to do yearly inspections.

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Assessors Office – Matt Pawlusik – attached report

Spoke of the Change in Assessor's responsibilities – No Longer Handling STAR Exemptions – it will be entirely handled by NYS Department of Taxations and Finance

Property owners can call online # 518 457-2036 or go to The NYS Homeowner Benefit Portal.

New Veteran Exemption = 100% off if 100% disabled vet.

- Going forward Processing Property transfers as they happen
- Become Executive Member of OC Assessors Association
- Processing Exemption Renewals
- Field questions and concerns., fixing errors. Add inventory and errors, data inventory & perform data multiple days a week.

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Planning Board – Pati Goldsmith – report attached

Requests for Town Board Decisions:

The Planning Board has completed the update to Local Law #1 Of 2023 and requests that the Town Board continue the approval process.

Key Points/ Updates:

A public hearing was held regarding the proposed subdivision of the Golden property located on State Rt 8, Poland NY (tax map number 231.000-1-9.1) The proposal consists of three lots. The survey map was viewed by those in attendance and questions were asked and answered by Jeff Reule, attorney for the Golden family and the Planning Board. The public hearing was closed and motion was made to accept the final subdivision map. All in favor. Motion carried.

Review of the draft Battery Energy Storage and Electric Vehicle Charging Regulations continued. A motion was made to approve the draft copy. All in favor, motion carried. Privilege of the floor was held.

- Those in attendance: Ron Beasock, Jeff Reule, Rick Gassner, Deborah Burke, Randy Victor and Dan Fusco.

Zoning Board of Appeals Lura Raymo - absent – NO Report

Town Historian- Jon Facci absent – no report

Senior Citizen Director Lura Raymo- Absent – due to surgery - NO report

Youth Director – Karen Day

Winter Spring Schedule is out in the newsletter and on the website.

We went Ice Skating Yesterday and 22 people attended.

Next will be the Movies at the Marquee – Lilo and Stitch

Parks Committee – Deborah Burke -

- Uptick in use of the trails
- First Day Hike – NYS to get folks out in the New Year. It was 11 degrees and 25 people showed up
- Full Moon Snow Shoe – Jan 31, free event.
- February 7th Olympic Winterfest
- New Groomer is wonderful! Very thankful.

MVWA Representative – Deborah Burke nothing to report

Town Attorney: William Schmitt: - Lawsuit was filed on the town today on behalf of Pathstone or Development along West Side of Route 12

Recommendation that NO one on the Board discuss with anyone about the lawsuit.

Councilman Fusco continues to ask what can be said to those who ask about the lawsuit.

Attorney Schmitt repeated his recommendation.

MEDIA TIME - NONE

LATE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR - please seek conversations on the Audio Portion of the Town Board Meeting for January 10th 2026 on our website.

- Rainbow Bridge
- Reel Creek Bridge
- Unsightly Old cold storage Building
- Resident gives his opinion on how he feels a Town Board should be run, his view on Politics
- Compliments to Highway Department and His Highway crew.
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MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Sewer Fund #1 - Moved by Councilperson Jones and seconded by Councilperson Kolek

Highway Fund 1-15 bill moved by Councilperson Kolek and Councilperson Jones seconded

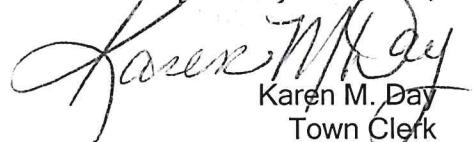
General Fund 1 -25 bills number moved by Councilperson Jones and Councilperson Kolek voted yes, and the motion

Capital Fund 0

ADJOURN : Councilperson Sacco made the motion and Councilperson Jones

Motion approved

Respectfully submitted,



Karen M. Day

Town Clerk

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Town Clerk Report

Tax Collection is underway and is running smoothly, thanks to the assistance of Anne Christophory and additional assistance from Councilperson Sacco.

As a reminder the payments can be made in person or dropped off in secured drop box , postal mail or by Credit card / Electronic Check through our Website's tax box.

Please return the entire tax bill, when submitting your payment, **do not** separate the form if you want it **stamped paid** by my office.

Thank you to all departments Cooperation our January Newsletter when out on Time.

As you will see there are 2 town hosted events -

The Full Moon Snowshoe and Bonfire Event on January 31st and our longtime Winterfest in February 7th both are open to town residents and is a great way to enjoy the beauty of our Wilderness park trails and community. Our Snow Sculpture Contest is starting out slowly with only one contestant, so we hope to see many more coming up in the next few weeks.

Youth Program Director

Our Winter/ Spring schedule is out, and made it into the Town Newsletter. We enjoyed Ice Skating at the New Hartford Rec- center on Sunday, which was a success.

For further events, please check with our town Newsletter,

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:	Assessors Office
Department Head:	MATT PAWSIK
Date of Report:	1/12/26
Requests for Town Board Decisions:	
Key Points/Updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The assessors office no longer administers the New York State School Tax Relief Program (STAR), and is now entirely handled by NYS Department of Taxation and Finance.- Property Owner can call hotline # 518-457-2036 or get online at the NYS Homeowner Benefit Portal- New Veteran Exemption = 100% off if 100% disabled vet
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James Maxwell
Building Inspector/Codes Officer

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Planning Board

Monthly Update to the Town Board

Department Chairperson: Patie Goldsmith

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Deerfield Master Plan Update

January 12, 2026

On January 5, 2026 Patie Goldsmith met with Rick Reichert from Oneida County Planning regarding Deerfield's current Comprehensive Master Plan. Lura Raymo was unable to attend because of a recent surgery. The following points were reviewed.

Possible sources of funding for revision of the Master Plan.

The cost of an entire rewriting of the Master Plan would most likely cost \$150,000+.

Kristin Cambell read our current Master Plan and, despite being quite old, it was well written initially and still could be a strong base for updates.

Oneida County Planning can do new mapping for the town at no cost. Rick thought that upgraded mapping would help to make the Master Plan more current while cutting down on the cost of the revision.

Oneida County Planning has a format that can be used as a survey to gain input from the town residents. It can be posted on the town website and printed as a separate mailer or included in the Town Newsletter.

Oneida County Planning has developed a seminar on the basics of updating a master plan. We are working to set a date for this sometime in the near future. Details will be posted on the Town website when they become available.

