

Town of Deerfield Finance Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting of March 29, 2022

Hybrid live/Zoom meeting.

Attending: Beth Brown, James Cambias (secretary), Julie Chalfant (chair), Skip Olmstead, John Paciorek, John Paresky, Allison van der Velden.

Also Present: Brenda Hill, Tim Hilchey, Diane Kolakoski, Kayce Warren.  
Joint meeting with the Select Board.

- Ms. Chalfant called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. on March 29.
- Dr. van der Velden moved to accept the Minutes of the March 22 meeting. Mr. Paciorek seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-1 (Ms. Brown had not yet arrived).
- Ms. Hill reported that she has removed the July 17 storm damage expense line from the budget because the town got a grant to cover that, for a savings of \$70,000.

- Mark Brennan of the Capital Improvement Committee reported on capital projects, classified by priority levels.

Priority 1 are ongoing multi-year items: the DES restroom and floor renovations. Priority 2 are health and safety items: air conditioning work for the elementary school music room, DES dishwasher, police department HVAC repair, the wastewater treatment plant, the highway dept. wood chipper. Priority 3 are facilities repair and maintenance: the highway dept. mini-excavator, highway building HVAC software, and senior center repairs. Priority 4 are other capital projects: the APR land purchase, the old grammar school building (former Senior Center) renovation, sidewalk work, South Deerfield Town Common improvements, Leary Lot improvements, a new control shed at the Transfer Station, and a senior housing feasibility study. Priority 5 is the stabilization fund, which will not get any increase this year.

Very long discussion about funding sources for capital projects, sorting the items by which ones will require funding from this year's budget, which ones will require borrowing, and which ones can get outside funding.

Ms. Chalfant asked the Select Board when they will make final decisions about ARPA money. They will meet April 6.

- Dr. van der Velden moved to recommend \$27,220 funding for Tri-Town Beach (account 630-5410). Mr. Cambias seconded the motion. Patty Pirog and Diane Kolakoski mentioned the possibility that Sunderland may re-join Tri-Town, reducing Deerfield's contribution below the requested amount. They discussed re-opening the facility and adding lifeguards. The motion passed unanimously.

- Dr. van der Velden moved to recommend \$6310 for the Summer Swim Program (account 630-5400). Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Ms. Hill based her estimate on the Fiscal Year 2020 expenditure. The motion passed 6-0-1.
- Mr. Paciorek moved to approve a Reserve Fund transfer of \$12,815 to make a payment on the outstanding Oxford property debt. Mr. Paresky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Warren outlined the Town Meeting warrant articles for us. The Warrant will be posted April 14.
- Mr. Olmstead moved to adjourn. Mr. Paresky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.