



**Town of Deerfield  
Town Board Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2026**

The Deerfield Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on May 11th 2026. Present were Councilpersons, Philip 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: 28 people signed in.

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

EARLY PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – None

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS:

- Resolution 26 – 2026 Proceedings Regarding 108 Bell Hil Rd – Kozel  
Unanimously approved
- Resolution 27 – 2026 Whitesboro Youth Baseball/Softball  
Unanimously approved
- Resolution 28 – 2026 Whitesboro Central School District Cross Country  
Unanimously approved

Media Time - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none

## OFFICIAL REPORTS

County Legislator Buck: Absent - No report submitted

**Supervisor Gregory Sacco** – Welcome –  
**Supervisor Greg Sacco** read the Official Statement from the Rainbow Bridge Volunteer Committee – Attached in Reports.

**Councilperson** - Philip Sacco

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**Councilperson Daphne Jones** report attached

**Councilperson Kolek** – Report given

I attended the Tugg Hill Annual Local Government Conference, I found it very informative and relatable to our Town of Deerfield, specifically to the Northern portion of the Town.

I received a Codes Complaint from a resident on Marnie St. I received that late on Friday, but will notify Codes Officer and will go to the residence, take photos and assess the situation.

Late today the Highway Supt. and I received a proposal from Usher Wood for a camera Security System for the Highway Dept and Parks, We have not had time to review but will and report back to the board.

**Councilperson Daniel Fusco** – No report submitted

1. Received calls on the Prescott Rd – speed issue
2. Received contact from resident, which borders the Clear Path Solar facility, referring to the fencing and green fabric covering. The cover is in ill repair, tears blowing in the wind, falling off. Residents want to know what accountability of the Facility is to make it right.

3. Do we have a contact person from the facility. Supervisor Sacco mentioned that Mr. Herring, has been the contact person.
4. Same resident have concern about the property a crossed the street, it is in ill repair. Supervisor Sacco asked if that was the property when the owner had just passed away. YES – Codes Officer Maxwell has contacted the daughter and she is in the process of getting a clean-up crew there.
5. Call about why Guardrails were replaced on Walker Rd. I reached out to County Legislator Dave Buck, and I am waiting for a response.
6. Received a Call from Miller Rd resident, who owns a double lot. Looking for information on the minimum amount of land to make a building lot. Conversation with Zoning Board Chair Lura Raymo, for details.
7. Reviewing the Town’s Insurance policy. Highway machines and Buildings.

### **Town Clerk’s Report - No Report**

#### **Highway Superintendent Sam Arcuri Jr**

- 1) Spring clean-up is complete, went around complete town two times with loader.
- 2) Sweeping is complete, may need to touch up a few spots.
- 3) Finishing up getting quotes for 2026 road work.
- 4) Attended a semi-annual meeting at the County DPW, we disgust salt contract new plowing contract. Shared services
- 5) The three pieces of equipment we are going to sell are almost ready to be put on auctions international.
- 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) 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. JMT is looking to set up a public meeting on the project.

8) Garage roof leaking in wash bay around roof vent also in the utility room.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS-

**Building Inspector:** Report submitted  
**absent**

**Assessors Report – absent No Report**

**Planning Board – Pati Goldsmith – Report submitted**

**Zoning Board of Appeals** Lura Raymo,  
Have received a couple of Permit denials, and Zoning Appeal dates are being researched and set up.

**Town Historian- Jon Facci**

Talked about the upcoming 250 Country's Birthday. He is researching different Ideas, of how the Town might Celebrate.

**Senior Citizen Director Lura Raymo-** our Driver's safety class will be in May 27  
9am – 3pm. The Seniors are happy the weather is getting better.

**Parks Committee – Deborah Burke** - Report given and attached.

The Parks Committee (Committee) met on [Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>](#), 2026.

The Town asked the Committee to review the current Parks law - TOWN OF DEERFIELD-LOCAL LAW 1-2004 – and recommend any updates to the Town Board. Upon review the Committee provided recommendations and revisions, presenting hard copies to the Town Board, Town Attorney, Town Clerk, Highway Department, and Planning Board. Soft copies were provided via email as well.

The Committee is seeking estimates to build dugout at the Wilderness Park girls' softball. Once estimates are received, the Committee will seek funding/grants from organizations such as the Wadas Foundation.

The Committee is reassessing new playground equipment for Brazie Park. Grant money will be sought to rebuild Brazie Park. Sam Arcuri, Highway Superintendent, is going to repair the current equipment and may have to remove some items that cannot be repaired for safety reasons.

Updates are being considered for Youlen Park, on Highview Dr, as well.

The Committee will work with Sam Arcuri, Highway Superintendent, to make trail improvements at Wilderness Park. Future community events at Wilderness Park were also discussed.

**MVWA Representative – Deborah Burke no report**

**Karen Day Youth Director** – Summer program begins on July 6<sup>th</sup> at the Wilderness Park, it will run for 6 weeks ending August 14<sup>th</sup> 2026. 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 - For Details of those speaking in (**Late Privilege of the Floor**) it is best to listen to our Audio Coverage on our Town Website.

John Aceto – wants all baseball signs on the softball fields removed after each Game.

- Wants to know the status of the Park's Committee –
- Wanted to know when the trail will be service so that he can walk it.

Chairperson Deborah Burke stated that she was uncomfortable with what was said about the committee at the last board meeting between Councilperson Fusco and Mr. Aceto.

Councilperson Fusco mentioned his belief that Park's Board would be a better option than a committee.

- John Aceto is totally opposed to a dug out, feels it invites illicit activity. Drugs, sex, homeless....
- John voices his option on additional Law Enforcement coverage.

Mr. Roser speaks up on his own dealings with Vagrants on his property.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett – Came to speak about the condition of Cheese Factory Road, the damage caused by the water and small creek that is washing out the side of the banks, The road is basically become a 1 lane road, and the small bridge is at risk. The trees in that area are dying and falling

Ms. Hannah, referring also to Cheese Factory Rd. – she can not easily gain access to her own driveway, and is concerned as large trucks and school buses travel that road.

## MOTION TO PAY BILLS

**Sewer Fund** 6 bill moved by Councilperson Jones and seconded by Kolek

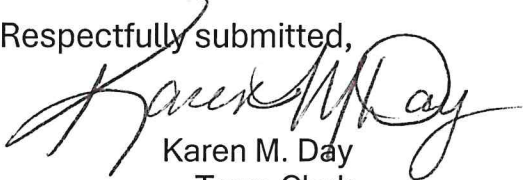
**Highway Fund** bills number 83 - 100 moved by Councilperson Jones and Councilperson Kolek voted yes, and the motion **was approved**.

**General Fund** bill number 140 - 167 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  
Town of Deerfield





## 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

# Deerfield Town Board Meeting

DATE: 5/11/2026 Regular  Public Hearing  Special

Name	Address	Phone
Karen Day		
Patie Colby Smith		
Mary Blinn Brown	COSBY MN RD	
Mary Ann Mandica	Fairview Pl.	
Marye Shulsky	State RD 8	
Laura Goodwin	FAIRVIEW RD	
Lisa Rayne		
Senator Denise Sara Eselin		
Victoria Colucci		
Don Rubin		
<b>Gary Albright</b>	<b>Bell Hill RD</b>	
John DeCARLU	Miller Rd	
John Calcagno	Overgreen Dr.	
Guid	Bell Hill Rd	
Ron Basore	Ramblewood	
Anthony Klotz		
Jon Facci	10565 Miller Rd 13502	
Chris Krummel		
Deborah Burkley	Talton Rd	
DENNIS PIALENTINO	CRANSHAW RD	
Maathleen Hanna	Cheese Factory	
Celestina Worn		
Aley Mhtyary		
DAVID Carrett	Cheese Factory Rd	
Cyndi Carrett	Cheese Factory Rd	
Stephanie Moreschi		
Roman Vortolich		



**Town of Deerfield, New York**

**Official Statement from the**

**Rainbow Bridge Volunteer Committee**

The Town of Deerfield is aware of the recent concerns, questions, and heightened public interest regarding the Rainbow Bridge located within Wilderness Park. We recognize that this space has become deeply meaningful to many, and we sincerely acknowledge the love, remembrance, and personal significance behind each collar placed there. We understand that this situation is emotional for many individuals and families, and we approach it with care and respect.

In recent months, the Rainbow Bridge received a level of attention and participation that far exceeded what was originally anticipated. As a result, certain activities and additions to the site occurred without formal coordination, permits, or approval from the Town. This created challenges related to **park safety, environmental impact, maintenance, and long term sustainability.**

Wilderness Park is designated as a natural area maintained by volunteers, with a focus on preserving wildlife and minimizing environmental disruption. Items introduced into the park, particularly those not designed for long term outdoor use, can become debris or pose risks to the environment over time.

During the winter season, routine park maintenance resulted in some collars becoming tangled or dislodged. When the collars were later voluntarily removed from the bridge, they were placed into bags while wet from snow and outdoor conditions.

Town volunteers dedicated many hours to carefully sorting, untangling, and hanging the collars indoors so they could properly dry and be preserved.

**At this time:**

- The collars are being safely stored at the Town Municipal Building
- The Town is developing a plan to create a more durable and organized system for displaying memorial items moving forward
- Final plans and any related guidelines must be reviewed and approved before items can be placed back on display

As part of this effort, the Rainbow Bridge will be **relocated to a more appropriate and accessible bridge closer to the Municipal Building**, where it can be better maintained and respectfully managed.

**The Town also wishes to clarify:**

- The Town of Deerfield is **not affiliated** with Mr. Burr or the organization known as Barks and Tails
- The Town was **not involved in any fundraising, sales, or distribution of items** related to this project

A process will be announced in the near future allowing local residents who personally placed collars on the bridge to retrieve them on designated dates.

Following that process, any remaining collars will be returned to Mr. Burr. Individuals who sent collars through his organization are encouraged to contact Mr. Burr, Barks and Tails Rescue Inc directly for any further information or updates regarding those items.

The Town respectfully asks for patience and understanding as this process moves forward. Our goal is to ensure that any memorial is handled in a way that is **respectful, sustainable, and consistent with the responsibility to protect public land.**

Finally, the Town takes the safety of its officials, employees, and volunteers very seriously. While we understand that emotions surrounding this matter are strong, **threats, harassment, or aggressive behavior will not be tolerated** and will be referred to the appropriate authorities.

The Town of Deerfield remains committed to transparent communication and will provide updates as plans are finalized.

Councilperson P. Sacco

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Daphne Jones  
Official Report  
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TOWNOFDEERFIELDNY.~~ORG~~ <sup>GOV</sup> \*\*\*

- Continued work with web developer on changing to .gov website compliance. Reminder, the new website domain will be townofdeerfieldny.gov. As the official that made the request, I have the responsibility to manage and update the get.gov servers for the new domain name. This has been completed through discussions with the current web developer Quadsimia and the DNS server hosts/current email holders, Digital Towpath. Website domain transition has been completed to get.gov compliance. (REMINDER : part of ADA compliance under municipal law § 300 for towns with population of 1500 or more to operate and maintain a .gov website. Original compliance date was for December of 2025. That was extended to Aril 24, 2026 and has since been extended, again, until April 2027. The Town is already currently in compliance with this law by this website domain update.)
- Please take note that as of TODAY (11 May 2026) access to the townofdeerfield.org is being rerouted automatically to the .gov compliance website. I will verify with developer how long this rerouting will last.
- Updated some more information on the site, specifically Town Historian email and Assessor's phone number. Added Town Wide Garage Sale Information - list will be up on the site once the requests to be added slow down and is finalized this week. Hopefully by Wednesday.
- Clerk Karen and I are working to get Google Calendar back and added onto the Town's website. We successfully accessed the old account today and will start to add important dates (Town Board meetings, Planning Board meetings, Grievance Day, Assessor hours, and most importantly Park rentals). Goal is to try to have it at least up and running and available on the website ASAP. We will keep everyone posted on updates as we go.
- Submitted comments by the deadline of May 1st to the DPS (Department of Public Service) in regards to Case/Matter Number: 15-01168[15-E-0302] involving the Proceedings on Motion of the Commission to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard. Basically, a petition was made to the Public Service Commission (PSC) by The Coalition for Safe and Reliable Energy to call on "the New York State Public Service Commission to hold a hearing pursuant to Public Service Law §66-p (4) to evaluate whether to temporarily suspend or modify the obligations under the Renewable Energy Program established as part of the Climate Leadership and Community



Protection Act.” (CLCPA) There were well over 27,000 comments on the case files by the time I submitted my comment, a vast majority in favor of having a hearing.

[ New York Public Service Law (PSL) § 66-p establishes a renewable energy program for the Climate Act. It provides that the Commission “may temporarily suspend or modify the obligations under such program provided that the commission”, after conducting a hearing finds that the program “impedes the provision of safe and adequate electric service or that there is a significant increase in arrears or service disconnections that the commission determines is related to the program”. This safety valve was included because even the lawmakers realized that it may not be possible to transition the electric system to “zero-emissions” by relying on renewable energy. New York State never did a feasibility study proving that it could be done, never pointed to another jurisdiction that implemented such a system, and has not provided clear and comprehensive cost estimates. Conducting a hearing is a commonsense reality check. ]

Copy of my comment submitted for the record:

[It's time for a hearing. I support the Coalition for Safe and Reliable Energy's petition requesting that the Commission hold a hearing pursuant to Public Service Law (PSL) Section 66-p(4) to evaluate whether to temporarily suspend or modify the targets or provisions under the Renewable Energy Program established as part of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). PSL 66-p(4) provides that the Commission "may temporarily suspend or modify the obligations under such program provided that the commission, after conducting a hearing as provided in section twenty of this chapter, makes a finding that the program impedes the provision of safe and adequate electric service; the program is likely to impair existing obligations and agreements; and/or that there is a significant increase in arrears or service disconnections that the commission determines is related to the program". A PSL 66-p(4) hearing is essential to evaluate whether the Renewable Energy Program, as currently implemented, is compatible with safe, adequate, and affordable electric service. Safe and adequate service is imperiled by declining reliability margins documented by the New York Independent System Operator. Acceptable reliability risks associated with the Renewable Energy Program have not been defined so the public has no assurance that the declining margins are safe. Transmission deficiencies threaten reliable delivery. New transmission is needed to get the renewable energy collected to where it is needed. If this transmission is not available, then the energy supply will not be adequate. The affordability crisis demands a hearing because safe and adequate is only possible if it is affordable. The PSL 66-p(4) hearing must define acceptable affordability metrics that can be tracked. Multiple independent sources confirm the need for a hearing. State agencies, the Attorney General Office, the NYISO and others have identified schedule and ambition issues associated with the Climate Act implementation that affect the Renewable Energy Program. The Legislature included Section 66-



p(4) precisely to address the situation New York now faces: implementation challenges that threaten reliability and affordability as the aggressive timelines and technology requirements of the Climate Act confront real-world constraints. The Commission has both the authority and the obligation to act. The Commission must convene a hearing as soon as possible. As elected officials, we have a responsibility to advocate for the voices of our constituents to be heard while maintaining flawless transparency into the reality of our energy grid. Please allow for the processes already in place to occur so the appropriate evaluations may take place.]



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Building & Codes Office:  
James Maxwell

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## **April & May Code Report**

### **Building Permits 16**

**April was busy with building permits and the start with issues between neighbors with complaints. I have a lot already and will keep you informed of any major ones.**

**North Gage and Rt. 8 where the barn burnt, I have been in contact with. They are trying to get a contractor to clean up the property. The daughter lives out of state, so it's been hard to get someone that is not busy. I am working with them on this matter.**

**This is the start of building season so things are going to get real busy. So if you have any concerns please let me know so I can fit them into my schedule.**

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



**James Maxwell**  
**Building Inspector/Codes Officer**



# Town of Deerfield Planning Board

## Monthly Update to the Town Board

**Department Chairperson:** Patie Goldsmith

**Date of Report:** May 11, 2026

### Requests for Town Board Decisions:

None

### Key Points/ Updates:

Dan Knuth gave an update on the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting regarding the Comprehensive Master Plan. There were new residents who have volunteered to help with the revision process. The primary focus in the next month will be to complete the draft copy of the resident survey. It will be sent to the Town Board members for review prior to the June 3rd Planning Board meeting. At that time, the Planning Board and Citizens Advisory Committee will make any final edits. The goal is to have the final draft ready for approval at the June 8th Town Board meeting and have it ready for distribution shortly thereafter.

The topic of "yard signs" used for the advertisement of businesses was discussed. The section of the Zoning Ordinance that addresses signs was reviewed. As it is currently written, it would have little impact on the control of these types of signs. Attorney Schmitt will be consulted on the best path forward on regulating this type of signage.

Those in attendance: Ron Beasock and Lura Raymo

