

**Deferiet Redevelopment Corporation
Appointed Directors Board Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2026**

The Appointed Directors of the Deferiet Redevelopment Corporation held their board meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2026 in the board room at 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, NY.

Present: John Condino, Lisa L’Huillier, Robert Aiken, William Johnson, David Converse, Nancy Dutton, Peter Crump

Excused: None

Absent: None

Also Present: Marshall Weir, Jay Matteson, Dorena Kimball, Peggy Sampson, Paul Warneck, Ryan Piche (Jefferson County Administrator)
Zoom: Justin Miller, Esq. (Harris Beach), Sarah Bullock

- I. Call to Order:** Chairman Condino called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m.
- II. Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on April 2, 2026 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mr. Converse. All in favor. Carried.
- III. Committee Reports:** None.
- IV. Unfinished Business:**
 - 1. Deferiet update** – Mr. Piche said the County has closed out the contract with the demolition group. He said there was a perimeter walk, and they are getting quotes for fencing of areas that were identified to be closed off. He said the consensus at the county is they feel they will help with the Village’s request to continue to use the parking lot.

Mr. Weir said according to Jacob Jacques from DANC, the demolition group was remobilized to pulverize large materials and they will withdraw by the end of June.

Mr. Weir mentioned that the New York Power Authority (NYPA) received a FOIL request related to their nuclear Request for Information (RFI). He said NYPA will disseminate sites that were submitted in the RFI.

Chairman Condino reported that a meeting was held at the County that included Mayor Dutton for discussion on some smaller parcels (the old Post Office and where the flag is). Mr. Piche said he will check with the county attorney to see if the parcels are part of the upcoming auction. Attorney Miller said he can work with the county attorney on the best option to dispose of the parcels.

Ms. Bullock stated that the April minutes reflected that she talked to the Carthage Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC) about them taking ownership of the property instead of the DRC. She clarified that she brought up the idea up to Mr. Weir because the CIDC’s mission covers the towns of Wilna and Champion, and Deferiet is within the Town of Wilna.

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Ms. Bullock reported that the BOA nominations are expected by the end of June. She said we can keep moving forward with the process of getting the determination from the Secretary of State and then we can pursue Phase II and remediation for the site going forward.

Mayor Dutton mentioned that there are several large tanks off 3A that have a lot of water left over from the sewer that are a major breeding ground for mosquitos. Mr. Matteson said that he will research the best option to handle the situation. Mr. Piche said they will need to be filled in eventually. Mayor Dutton also mentioned how unsightly it is at the moment to not be able to weed whack the other side of the fence. Mr. Piche gave Ms. Dutton permission to clean up the other side of the fence and told her to keep track of the time and submit to the county for reimbursement.

V. New Business: None

VI. Adjournment: With no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Converse, seconded by Ms. L'Huillier. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Sampson