

## AGENDA

### Deerfield Open Space and Recreation Committee Meeting

September 19, 2023

3:30pm – 5:00pm

**Meeting will be held in person at the Deerfield Town Hall, Conference Room  
8 Conway St., South Deerfield, MA**

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Approve Minutes from 8-22-2023 Meeting
3. Discussion of Broadening Stakeholder Groups for OSRC Projects, including Land Preservation and Trail Network Development
  - a. Guest: Emily Johnson
4. Review motion passed at August 22 Meeting on seeking Conservation Restrictions on five Town of Deerfield Parcels (Pocumtuck Rock, Pine Nook Memorial Forest, Steam Mill Forest, Birchwood Nature Refuge, and Deerfield River Off Mill Village Road)
  - a. Response from Selectboard to date
  - b. Response from Alain Peteroy, Franklin Land Trust
5. Discuss Process for Applying for Grants to Pursue Conservation Restrictions. Funding would likely be needed for all title, surveying, public access improvements, and other due diligence. (Julie Caswell)
  - a. Town of Deerfield Community Preservation Grants, due March 2024
  - b. Opportunities for municipalities to seek funding to support the conservation of town owned lands, such as the LAND grant and the Conservation Partnership Grant. <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-local-acquisitions-for-natural-diversity-land-grant>
6. Discuss state-level Solar Forum and Forests as Climate Solutions Forum in relation to OSRC activities (Sue Haff, Andrea Leibson) Forum Info:
  - a. Information on the forum is available here: <https://ag.umass.edu/solarforum>. You can learn more and register here: <https://web.cvent.com/event/c33d3022-39cf-4aa4-8633-8cf6820bb31a/summary?fbclid=IwAR1fL9M9954-utWUVn5Vyvidq0C-ewBT70wzeBAOx30Cq6USIWwl3z61jDk>
  - b. Forest Forum. Please register for the session using the following link. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. To attend the virtual session on September 12 from 6:00-8:30pm, please [sign up here](#).

7. Close meeting

- a. Discuss next meeting date—tentatively October 17, 2023, 3:30-5:00 p.m. (Alternative: October 24)
- b. Adjourn

Minutes to be taken by Alan Swedlund.