

AMENDED AGENDA

Deerfield Open Space Committee Meeting
February 12, 2026
5:00pm – 6:30pm

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

And on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

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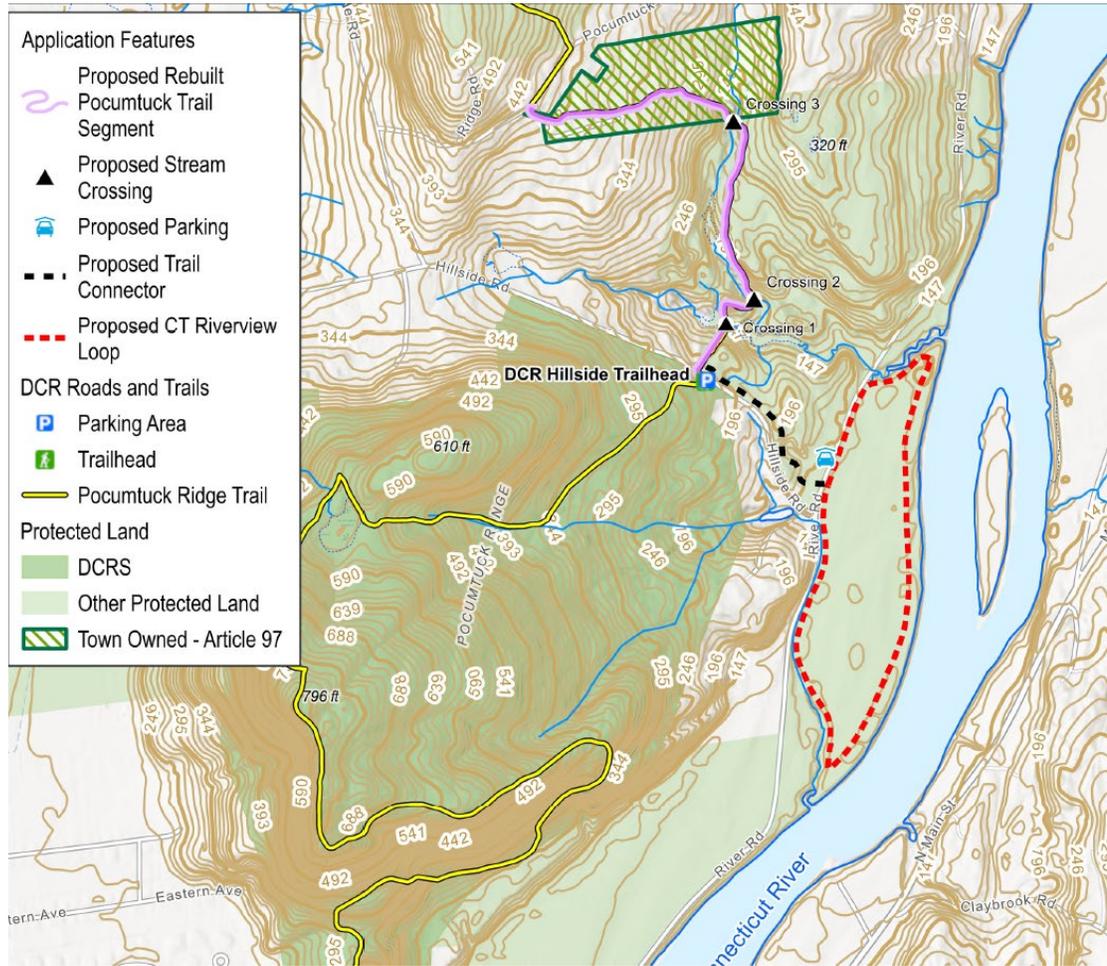
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1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Approve Minutes of 1-7-2026 Meeting
3. Submission of 2026 MassTrails Grant Application
 - Grant was submitted on February 2, 2026
 - Total grant amount is \$79,700, state amount is \$57,200, town match is \$22,500 (\$18,00 from Community Preservation Committee, \$4,000 from volunteer time, and \$500 from Deerfield Cultural Council Grant)
 - Grant Description: This project will create new walking and hiking opportunities in the Connecticut River Valley that are connected to the trail network of the Department of Conservation & Recreation on Mt Sugarloaf State Reservation and to the Pocumtuck Ridge Trail. The project will 1) design a new, accessible, 1.7-mile Connecticut Riverview Loop trail, providing the Town of Deerfield's first public access point along the Connecticut River—one of only a handful available in the entire region; 2) design a new River to Ridge trail connecting the Connecticut Riverview Loop to the trail network of the Mt Sugarloaf Reservation and the Pocumtuck Ridge Trail, and 3) rebuild and improve a 1.1 mile segment of the Pocumtuck Ridge Trail between Hillside and Stage Roads to be a trail that complies with trail accessibility guidelines and supports efforts to secure a continuous trail from South Sugarloaf 8.3 miles north to Keets Road. The project will expand and complement the

Mt Sugarloaf Reservation and the Connecticut River Greenway State Park, providing an unprecedented opportunity for community engagement, connection, and recreation.



4. Update: Grant Application to Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to Allocate Funds to New Deerfield Conservation Fund
 - Application is for \$100,000
 - CPC reviewed the proposal at its Dec 17, 2025 and Jan 14, 2026 meetings. Several issues related to how the grant would work have been addressed in a draft "Grant Award Agreement for CPC Funds Going into Deerfield Conservation Fund"
 - Review of Grant Agreement by Open Space Committee, note any recommended changes
 - CPC will review the proposal again at its February 18, 2026 meeting
5. Review draft Open Space Committee Annual Report
6. Discuss priorities for Pocumtuck Ridge protection
7. Close Meeting
 - Next meeting date: March 10 (March 17?) 5:00-6:30pm
 - Adjourn

Minutes to be taken by Chris Curtis.