



Town of Deerfield Meeting Notice

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Board/Committee: Ad Hoc Senior Housing Committee

Date: 01/04/2024 Time: 7 pm

Location: **Remote on Zoom**

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Remote Meeting Connection noted below:

Dial-in Number: +1 929 436 2866

Meeting ID: 413 665 8576 Passcode: musicHeals

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Meeting attendees should mute phones (* 6 for landlines) unless asking questions or commenting. All attendees should wait to speak until other participants are finished. Comments must be pertinent to the agenda and limited to 2 ½ minutes unless the Chair grants an extension.

The Ad Hoc Senior Housing Committee supports the Deerfield Select Board's anti-hate statement of November 11, 2022. We unequivocally condemn racism, discrimination and hate in all its forms, and we commit to work diligently to ensure that our town is welcoming and safe for everyone. We recognize our responsibility to understand and address all forms of inequality. We encourage diversity of voices and representation on all Deerfield town boards and committees. We pledge to help foster a community where all individuals can live happily, free of fear and with equal access to opportunities, regardless of age, race, religion, ethnic background, national origin, ability, gender identity or sexual orientation.

Minutes:

1. Called to order 7:02 PM
2. Members present:
 - ~~Lili Dwight~~
 - ~~Carolyn Ness~~
 - ~~Pam Predmore~~
 - ~~Kathy Sylvester~~
3. Guests present: J Cunningham, Jason Clark
4. Minutes from
 - [12-21-23](#):

Approved unanimously

5. Discuss the RFP process

- Review the Sunderland One on the ...resources/Sunderland Examples drive together:

[SunderlandRFP](#)

Lili will meet with FRCOG representative and the Select Board to discuss RFP and ask for help with the plan and the process. There is a cost for this. Kathy will check with Stuart Saginor as to whether funds already received from the CPC for this project can be used to pay FRCOG or will a new CPC application need to be submitted for these funds.

Lili will talk with HRA about the RFP and their separation from RDI to see if we can get their help in reviewing our work before handing it over to be managed without having a conflict of interest problem.

Concerns about low bidder, consult with the town counsel that the wording protects the town from a low bidder whom we might anticipate having problems with.

Link to Deerfield Housing Production Plan:

[Deerfield Housing Production Plan](#)

6. New Business not anticipated 48 hours ahead:

-Carolyn remarked at the surprise that the state waived the ANRAD fee of over \$900

-Jason Clark asked why the answers given to his questions at the Dec 14th, 2023 meeting were not included in the minutes. Lili updated the December 14th minutes to include the answers to his questions.

We will need to vote on the amended minutes for December 14, 2023 at our next meeting.

-Jason spoke to say he is not opposed to senior housing. He states he is interested in preserving the church. He asked if the property can only be used for senior housing. "That property is very near and dear to me." - As was voted on at Town Meeting, it can only be used for Senior Housing.

Jason voiced concern that potential destruction of the church was not clear at Town Meeting. Lili explained that it was discussed at 2 Town Meetings that we are purchasing the property for senior housing, not the church per se. We have always planned to include in the RFP that we want to preserve the character of the town and the buildings as much as feasible. However, we also recognize there is a cost to bringing any building up to the newer energy codes which may make the cost prohibitive for any developer. This remains to be seen. Moving the church is also an option.

7. We don't meet on the 11th- CCI meeting

8. Adjourned at: 8:10 p.m.

9. Next Meeting: **Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024 at 7 pm**