

Connecting Community Initiative Committee (CCI)
Joint Meeting with Selectboard
January 18, 2023 6:30 pm

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Minutes

- 6:30 - Call to order. SB opened at 6:32; CCI at 6:33
Meeting Guidelines: speak one-at-a-time: follow Deerfield Code of Conduct (respectful, considerate, courteous): concise, non-repetitive

- Members present:

- ~~Jim Cambias~~
- ~~Julie Chalfant~~
- ~~Lili Dwight~~
- ~~Tim Hilchey~~
- ~~Kate Lawless~~
- ~~Andrea Leibson~~
- ~~Denise Mason~~
- ~~Trevor McDaniel~~
- Darius Modestow
- ~~Carolyn Ness~~
- ~~John Paciorek~~
- ~~MA Swedlund~~
- ~~Analee Wulfkuhle~~

Guests: Alan Swedlund

- 6:35: Approve minutes from: December 12th- unanimous
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fpantQ4_G00JIoDNtb38lc0XH0_rMuc293l-YCCgA68/edit
- 6:40 - Committee updates report
 - PB- chp 37 Bylaws have 3 sections about PB involvement in projects. Wrestling with how to fulfil the requirements (conversation on these:)
 - Advise on Municipal improvements
 - Examine plans and recommend for public monuments and buildings
 - Respond to all plans for location, alteration, etc. of public buildings
 - Energy- working w/FRCOG to get Frontier qualified for Green Communities granting
 - Working w/Ben Weil from UMass & Bill Hildreth & Darius to replace old boilers
 - (hoping to put solar on the roof of Frontier)
 - Ben & team have developed a phase-out plan, working on moving it forward

- New member, Jason Curtis, on committee (engineer) , want to convince library building committee to add Jason as a energy committee member
 - Annie Curtis has approached the committee to talk about green communities funding for elementary school
 - Dfld looking for another rep to Franklin County Solid Waste Committee
 - NuPro doesn't want to abide by our legal obligation to our stretch code ?:
 - An energy efficient building code (higher than MA code)
- Town Common: last met in Nov 14. Waiting on SB meeting w/DOT (coming the 23rd)
- Park: working on legal issues
- Church: getting asbestos mitigation firm on board
- 1888: Architect met w/people in Town Hall, developed concepts for building. Early next week bring to building committee, then SB. Don't have \$\$ yet. Estimate for masonry repairs proposed (structural engineer)
- Finance: meeting Feb 7 - putting together indicators and estimate of revenues, kick off budget reviews. Will lay out a plan for committees to appear. Trying to get all 4 school committees to go to the frontier budget meeting. Proposal to Whately & Sunderland to joint meeting for SCEMS, Sr Center and Tri-Town Beach
- TBAC: 3 companies to bid on church building for structural proposals- had walk throughs
- 1888 & 1821 not on historic registry- but can get CPA \$\$ w/out being on the registry
- HVAC for 1888 engineer discussions: can go geo or air source heat pump, once you buy the equipment, you won't want to switch. True for all buildings.
- 1821 (church bldg) - Whately & Sunderland interested in a walk through- where do they go, decide if it is a good space. Talked about putting out an RFP for space.
- OneStop grant w/1888 & 1821 together for pre-development grant due Feb 2
- Sewer: S. Deerfield chugging along. Walked through all the buildings, secondary clarifier going in; waiting on electrical. Hoping to get together w/USDA next month. On target.
- MVP: expression of interest due Friday- will be putting in for Leary lot, elementary schools, old main street. Green streets: trying to get property from DOT for the Common. Healthy soils- start just starting the process; RFP in March, May deadline for projects, money in August/Sept. Depends on the new Administration. Yard by Yard program- supposedly getting a contract announced Jan. 31st.
- Cap. Improvement. : just getting going, meeting next week. South County Ambulance: been saving up but can't get them for a couple of years! Life Packs reaching end of life, there are no parts. 18 month wait, \$50/pack. Figure out ambulance later.
- Library: putting building committee together (SB approved the list); no report on state of fund raising; discussing interim locations. Now have the requirements from the state; 10% of collection accessible; Looking for names for a letter in support. Everyone agreed
- Sr Housing: see committee report; unanimous vote to write a letter of support
- CPC: deadline on March 1; know anyone w/a project? Still waiting on final balances
- Open Space: plan has been submitted SB authorized a letter of support. Julie Caswell is joining the committee. Attended webinar of Mass Trails that has grants for trails, will be applying for walking trail money to be submitted by Feb. 1 2024. 2025 will apply for water trails grant. Can the committee take on the reporting requirements? Yes. Don't forget maintenance money.
- Leary lot: land transfer in the hands of the lawyers. Need to update the Leary lot plan, has an MVP component, geothermal submitted updated application. Spoke w/Natalie Blais trying to find out if any ARPA funds left. She'll get back to Tim next week. Trying to meet w/House or Senate Ways and Means ? not likely.... Need to get the list of items as agenda items for Trevor's meeting w/Mass DOT, and John, Kayce, Kevin, Jo & Natalie after MMA meeting.

- CCI voted to send a letter requesting the continuation of hybrid meetings and remote meetings
- Complete Neighborhoods grant meeting w/Christine and consulting group.
- Denise & Kayce met w/2 women from Mass Development. Gfld Svngs- community investment act... promised some for Leary lot. Denise and Tim (?) meet w/manager of the bank to discuss and see what they can do for us.
- Submitted an expression of interest for 1888 & 1821 buildings
- MMA conference plans for spotlighting Deerfield
 - Bring CCI postcards to hand out
- Other business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours before
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- Next meeting: Feb. 13 @6:30
- Adjourned at 8:17