



Town of Deerfield Meeting Notice

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Board/Committee: Ad Hoc Senior Housing Committee

Date: 02/09/2023 Time: 7 pm

Location: **Remote on Zoom**

Meetings normally held at the Municipal Offices are being held remotely, with adequate, alternative means of public access and, where required, public participation provided, in accordance with Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022 which extended the Governor's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c.30A § 20, until March 31, 2023. Meetings are typically broadcast on Frontier Community Access Television (FCAT).

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.

Minutes:

1. Called to order at: 7:04 PM
2. Members present: Lili Dwight, Chair; Pam Predmore, Carolyn Shores-Ness, Analee Wulfkuhle
3. Guests present: None
4. Minutes from [02-02-23](#) approved unanimously via roll call vote
5. Update to CPC application- submitted! **Carolyn** will draft letter of support from Selectboard. **Pam** will ask Jen R (again) for the Sr. Center letter - and ask when we can come to discuss Sr. Housing at the Sr. Center (Mondays or Fridays, possibly 11-12)
6. Bullets for Jim McGovern (**Lili** will email to Carolyn and Denise):
 - a. Market Need and Demand:
 - i. The 55-64-year-old population is the largest cohort in Deerfield at 16.9%. The 65-74-year-old cohort is the second largest group making up 14.7%.
 - ii. The most significant growth in population (30.2%) is projected to take place in the 55-74-year-old cohort.
 - iii. Approximately 40.8% of all renter households in the Study Area pay more than 30% of their household income toward rent (rent burdened) and 40.8% of homeowners pay more than 50% (severely rent burdened) of their income toward housing costs. In contrast, 22.9% of MA renter households are severely rent burdened.
 - b. Accomplished:

- i. survey, market feasibility, site delineation, utility work, fire flow tests,, grant applications,
 - ii. Next: site and geothermal exploration
7. Review anti-hate statement - Approved unanimously via roll call as below. Will be stated on each of our agendas, on our correspondence, and will be forwarded to the Selectboard office.
“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.”
8. New Business not anticipated 48 hrs ahead:
 - a. Berkshire Design Update on Task 2: progress is being made, with minimal work delayed until Spring. **Lili** will ask Rachel for specific documentation, which she will share with Town Bldg. Committee.
 - b. Outreach:
 - i. March 22 Women’s Club
 - ii. Senior Center (Pam will inquire)
9. Adjourned at 7:57 PM
10. Next Meeting: **March 2, 2023 at 7 pm**