

DEERFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION/DHC

February 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Bensen, Chair; Geoff Brown, Jason Clarke, Jennie McAvoy, Analee Wulfkuhle ABSENT: Bonita Conlon, Henrietta Kocot

Alternate Members present: Rocky Foley, Paul Olszewski

Guests: Alex Galloway, Town Planner

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM – Ben Benson
2. CLERK’S REPORT – Review of Minutes, December 8, 2025: approved with corrections
3. BUDGET REPORT: The Town has included \$1,175 as our budget request for the next fiscal year. This has been our allocation for the past several years.
4. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. 1881 Church Restoration Project: letter from Lili Dwight distributed and reviewed. Ms. Dwight may attend a future meeting to discuss possible plans. **Ben** will review the RFP.
 - b. 1812 Meeting House
 - Unanimous approval of letter supporting the Community Preservation Act/CPA application entitled “1812 Meeting House Clock Tower Restoration and Re-Use Engineering Report”
 - c. Mill Village Cemetery application for CPA funds: **Ben** is completing the application.
 - d. Form B Research: **Ben** will send committee members the info he has received.
4. NEW BUSINESS:
 - c. Discussion of members’ particular strengths and interests, with the goal of increasing the commission’s accomplishments in the future. **Commission members** asked to send their info to Ben.
 - d. Storage and display of materials collected for DHC work:
 - Members are welcome to review the records at any time; contact Pat Martin for key access.
 - **Jennie** may research key access to the new display cabinets.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: none
7. OTHER MATTERS or INFORMATION not anticipated
 - a. Current and pending building projects in town: **Ben** will draft a letter to the Selectboard, requesting that the Historical Commission be notified when building projects are anticipated. Perhaps the Town Planner also should be contacted?
 - b. South Deerfield Town Common: DHC representative attend the Ad Hoc Town Common Committee meetings? **Members** should contact Ben with interest.
8. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2026

9. VOTE TO ADJOURN: unanimous at 6:25 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Analee Wulfkuhle, Clerk