

Connecting Community Initiative Committee (CCI)
Joint Meeting with Selectboard
April 27th, 2023 6:30 pm

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Minutes

6:38 - Call to order

Selectboard: 6:38

CCI : 6:38

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:

- 6:35: Approve minutes from: (need to do next meeting)
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- 6:40 - Committee updates report
 - Finance presented budget;TBAC will concentrate on maintenance schedule this summer
 - Library: budget submitted and upgrading a position; construction on track to start in fall; more fundraising; yesterday historic Dfld. walking tour - good crowd. Promoting Dave Sibley @ Treehouse (May 22 or 26);\$\$ up to \$815K raised. Jim working on an SF evening. Public unveiling of design coming (May 16 at 6pm) with public input. Some are concerned that construction might damage one of the trees. Tree discussion ensued.

Shouldn't be w/in 20' of the ball of the tree. Landscape architects & arborist will be a part of the discussion a little later in the process

- Senior Housing: make repository in CCI: Campus Archive; Delineations are also inventory of plants along the Bloody Brook to support the Yard-by-Yard. ADA crossing as part of campus development
- Energy: met yesterday; Library: energy; 1888 & 1821 want to be sure that energy is included in the conversation; moving forward w/Frontier Regional Energy Advisory Committee- needs appointing; hoping for meeting w/Darius & Hildreth & deep energy retrofit audit w/engineers on Frontier soon. Also makes sense at elementary school. Eversource pays 75% of it. Will apply in the fall. Also include 1888 & 1821 in the application? Address this in mid-summer.
- Questions of how the new Planner fits in? Selectboard will be very involved in drafting the job description;
- Geothermal: did not get the grant for the design- total bummer. The technical work can be used to apply to others. Sending invite to Healey & Driscoll to be the Grand Marshalls of our parade, Jim McGovern, a bunch of others. 1888 earmark request (Markey)- more info in June. MassDOT sidewalks- switched from cement to asphalt ! All due to money. Tim has asked for a conversation w/MassDOT- soon. South County Sr Center- need to get on board w/a decision before the money goes away.
- Discussion around the 100K we need to spend (from Comerford)- needs to be community; need to come to an agreement w/all 3 towns to secure a grant. Feasibility study can move forward for Sr Center (through FRCOG) - go for it; other 100K is tied to that building. TBAC put something out once but bids were high. There is a "relish" failure that must get done. Maybe get just a bid on that. Let's do the whole thing instead. Whatever is quickest.
- Sr Center- get moving on study. They won't commit unless they know it is environmentally safe. We will use it for something. Go to FRCOG for feasibility.
- Moved: SB : Move forward on a feasibility study based on the BOO report. Request the FRCOG to write the RFP. Kayce contact FRCOG to get it going. Unanimous.
- Move that we move forward on relish repair immediately. Unanimous
- Community One Stop "pre-construction" can cover this.
- Get the DPW to go in and clean out the junk and cloth stuff
- Senior Luncheon at Whatley Inn- growing members (5 this week alone); great programs happening; Doubled the funding; added transportation and employees.
- Sewer: change order 10 approved: finalize all the work! Phase II is underway (south tanks). Will be done in a year or so. Still waiting for electricity for constant power to the plant. Working on loan documents. May 12 is the 1st loan closing w/USDA. Then into grant money- hoping not to borrow again. Great engineers and crew.
- 350th moving along- next weekend is Founder's Day. Sat 1-4 bell ringing 350 times! Sunday Frontier 1-4 recognition ceremony and history free ice cream; Fireworks Saturday night by the EMS building. Parade with Venerables (in 6 weeks!) A way to honor the Volunteers who have built this town? Banner to walk through the parade. Invite the committees to be a part of the parade. Every committee have a banner!
- MVP - application is due next week. Unfortunately the rain garden is too complicated to do for this grant w/dealing w/the historic district
- CIPC met and added Senior Housing Land purchase into the schedule
- VHP 9:30- 3 table ; Carolyn has a pop-up tent; Denise getting a CCI banner made; Denise notified Chris Larrabee to get the word out
- Shared streets and Spaces grant - problems because a lot of water; not going to happen. Going to try to move it to be across the library tomorrow; Chief getting one from Elementary school.

- Planning Board: next meeting May 8. Sunny Dayze storm water.

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- Adopting Anti-Hate statement

The Connecting Community Initiative 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.

- Put on opening page of CCI website
- Add to agenda
- Other business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours before
- Next meeting: May 25th 6:30
- Adjourn at: SB: 8:02 CCI: 8:02