

Connecting Community Initiative Committee (CCI)
Joint Meeting with Selectboard
September 15, 2022 6:30 pm

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Agenda

- 6:35 - Selectboard, CCI, Call to order
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 — Hitchey
- Kate — Lawless
- Andrea Leibson
- Denise Mason
- Trevor — McDaniel
- Darius Modestow
- Carolyn Ness
- John Paciorek
- Jennifer Remillard
- MA — Swedlund
- Analee Wulfkuhle
- Satu Zoller

Guests:

- 6:35: Approve minutes from: August 17th- unanimous approved
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mo-KqobCseKIXD7pB1P8OQI9jJcUiD1FZC7xiTMwwwA/e/dit>
- 6:40 - Committee updates report
 - See the public docs in the drive
 - Open Space is on to the action plan - areas where things need to happen and assign to people and committees, seeking CCI review. Quick turnaround required. Please think about the contract w/FRCOG expires at end of the year- continue with her? Probably (and will need add'l \$\$), setting priorities help; grant money. A.W. Accountability for

- followthrough on plans. Also, new park was not included, but needs to be an important part of the plan. Signage for trails and recreation (hike, bike, walk). Discussion of property rights and public access for walking and challenges about water
- Finance- policies to come to SB; presentation on debt, reviewing outstanding and upcoming; prepping for special T.M.
 - TBAC- RFQ - 9 bids! Selecting 3 on Monday, interviews Thursday!
 - PB- proactive- looking at Acces. Apt. Bylaws, - spring 2023 T.M. ; updated f+ simplified ee schedules,
 - Applications coming forward; concerns on storm water mgmnt at Snowberry Ct- engaged a peer review engineer to examine plans- presented, consultant said changes made sense ; put concerns to rest
 - MA- working w/grad students at UMass for solar planning
 - Trevor- sewer- progress! 68% complete of phase 1, \$3.9M change order. Waterline onsite- start work on phase 2 aeration, won't jeopardise the grant. Went to Church to start figuring out what to do about BOH stuff and get it out. Cleaning out 1888 building
 - Jennifer needs help for move maybe this weekend
 - Town Common- in a holding pattern- challenge of knowing the plan for the streets; met w/DOT. Need more from them. Unsure of next steps. Denise says let's invite them back again. Bike paths on north main- part of the grant
 - Library- pushing forward with public information, next week and 24th; status of fund raising unknown, making progress
 - Campus Master Plan working group - prelim sketches of moving library addition to preserve trees, impacts church properties, Also outreach- Jim will draft a 1 pager
 - MVP - no updates, CIPC hasn't met
 - MMA meeting- 1.5B in tax and 2.2B in AARPA not disbursed yet ! 100M in municipal grants, possibly MassWorks? Climate change was for demonstrated communities w/loads of strings attached, rest was offshore, electric vehicles, etc. But the earmark is still alive.
 - Is there a public information session planned for special town meeting? Not yet, but to be discussed
 - Seek a financial professional to help figure out the breakpoint of school choice
 - Conservation Comm. - Treehouse walkway project- a bunch of erosion controls removed w/out permission, 3 bridges never mentioned on plan,
 - Leary Lot - got appraisal of properties, numbers came in looking pretty good. Geothermal- FRCOG helping to write application, w/GEI consultants. If we get a decent application in, have a good chance of getting the 1st phase. Try to get done by 10/11. Zoom meeting on Monday to meet. Library funding appeal- 12 different library leaders coming up w/unified approach to the Pols.
 - SB creating ad hoc DEI committee- looking for people who are interested
 - Community One Stop- Oct. Underutilized buildings: grant writer working on that for November; Community compact cabinet; HR personnel operations at same time addressing DEI. Energy efficiency w/GEI. Complete Neighborhoods- met in person. Next mtg Oct. 17. 1 community in the east put a senior center in the highschool working really well.
 - CPA will be 100% match this year!
- Continue conversation on Community Outreach Working Group
 - Who? Jim is drafting a 1 pager, all commit to preparing that for the next meeting.
 - Look at media outlets, get onto social media, people can take a specific action.
 - Discussion about concerns and variety of possibilities, address the point that financing drives the choices
 - Other business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours before
 - Next meeting: Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022 6:30

- Adjourn at : 8:05;