



Town of Deerfield Meeting Notice

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Board/Committee: Ad Hoc Senior Housing Committee

Date: 10/12/2023 Time: 6 pm

Location: **Remote on Zoom**

Certain 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 House Bill Number 58 of the 193rd General Court, 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, 2025. 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

Please use this URL to log-in:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4136658576?pwd=Q1BtT0NBTKFPSzJzdGNhaHN4Wmozd09>

Meeting attendees should mute phones (* 6 for landlines) unless asking questions or commenting. All attendees should wait to speak until other participants are finished.

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.

Minutes:

1. Called to order at: 6:03
2. Members present:
 - Lili Dwight
 - Carolyn Ness
 - Pam Predmore
3. Guests present: Rachel Loeffler
Kathy Sylvester
4. Minutes from
 - [08-24-23](#): unanimously approved

5. Discussion of Public Meeting- share update from VHB of next steps
6. Discussion of Conservation Meeting with Rachel
 - She presented 3 possibilities-
 - i. do a couple more test pits
 - ii. ask for a partial approval and do more when we get to the specific project
 - iii. stormwater soils testing will happen when the actual project moves forward
 - we need a delineation that is defensible
 - Perhaps BDG presents info with Cons. Commission to see if that changed their perspective; if not we find someone to do the the 7 test; discussion ensued
 - Carolyn prefers doing the pits, without going to Cons Comm
 - Discussion ensued... the pits provide solid information
 - Motion to direct BDG to dig the pits- passed unanimously
 - i. Lili will give Rachel Kate Bednaz' information
7. Report on meeting w/S. Dfld Women's Club on 9/27/23
 - action items? none
8. Next steps for Berkshire Design- see #6
9. Communications to public: develop a handout with the bullets for Town Meeting
10. Prep for Town Meeting?
 - opportunity to find property in central village is finite
 - decouple from the development on 1888
 - imminent domain language needs to be explained- have Laurie say it is a friendly agreement
 - good deal- generosity of the property owner
 - does not increase taxes;
 - important to keep the character of the neighborhood
 - property gives us options
 - Sunderland senior housing pays taxes
11. New Business not anticipated 48 hours ahead:
12. Adjourned at: 7:01
13. Next Meeting: **Thursday, Oct 26, 2023 at 7 pm**