

November 16, 2018

TO: SelectBoard
FROM: Denise Mason, Planning Vice-Chair

RE: Formation of Connecting Community Initiative (CCI)

Deerfield's Connecting Community Initiative (CCI) was formed so we could be more efficient and effective in responding to the needs of our community. More specifically, CCI eliminates the silos of town committees to ensure better communication, collaboration and innovation among boards, committees, town administration and community members.

CCI unites more than 20 Boards to create a unified vision for our community's development. The first realization of this is the South Deerfield campus that links our civic buildings and community services while breathing new life into our architectural treasures.

OUR VISION:

A centralized municipal campus as a dynamic gathering place for all town residents

- Housing for older adults — safe, affordable, subsidized, near civic and business resources
- Senior/Community center for all ages
- Library with expanded space and programs
- Town Hall in a renovated historic building
- Town Common with attractive footpaths, benches, fountain and plantings
- Improved parking, bikeways and walkways that support businesses and activities

OUR MISSION:

- Shared energy-efficient infrastructure that serves all downtown municipal and commercial buildings
 - Zoning to encourage development in the heart of the community and preserve forests and farms
 - Structures designed for accessibility, energy efficiency and anticipated impacts of climate change
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