



**TOWN OF RICHMOND
COMMUNITY CENTER STUDY COMMITTEE**

January 23, 2019

A regular meeting of the Richmond Community Center Study Committee was held on January 23, 2019. Present were Mark Trimmer, Robin Woodmansee, Erin Liese, Elwood Johnson, Scott Barber, Richard Millar, Allen Cullion and Nell Carpenter. Also present Jackie Kenyon.

A. Call to Order

The meeting of the Richmond Community Center Study Committee was called to order at 6:15 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Roll Call

The following were present: Mark Trimmer, Robin Woodmansee, Erin Liese, Elwood Johnson, Scott Barber, Richard Millar and Allen Cullion.

It was reported that Helena Bowen and Dennis McGinity were unable to attend.

Nell Carpenter introduced herself and reported she was the Council member liaison.

C. Business

1. Discussions with YMCA regarding potential partnership

M. Trimmer explained his attempts to meet with Karen Allen, Arcadia YMCA Director and further explained advised Council members Gary Wright and Richard Nassaney met with the YMCA CEO the evening prior. He also explained G. Wright had stated in they were to meet with YMCA to discuss a partnership it would happen at a Town Council meeting.

E. Liese explained her frustration with the Town Council meeting with members of the YMCA. What is the point of this committee if they are going to continue in that manner. She also explained it makes Richmond look foolish with the lack of communication and direction. She also thanked M. Trimmer for his efforts; however, would like a clear directive from the Council prior to us wasting more time.

J. Kenyon agreed the Council overstepped in this case.

N. Carpenter was not aware of the meeting and is disgusted by their actions.

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N. Carpenter explained the minutes and previous efforts of the Richmond Needs Assessment Committee.

Discussion ensued on the Councilmembers meeting with representatives of YMCA.

M. Trimmer expressed frustration with duplication of efforts.

R. Woodmansee questioned who was going to meet with the representatives of the YMCA.

A. Cullion stated this needs to be accelerated and needs of Richmond need to be determined.

S. Barber stated that is why he feels strongly the committee determine needs and size of the building.

N. Carpenter stated she will bring the concerns to the Council and clarify the committee's efforts.

2. Discussion and Vote on minutes of January 10, 2019

A. Cullion moved to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting.

E. Johnson seconded. VOTED: Trimmer- aye, Woodmansee - aye, Liese- aye, Johnson - aye, Barber –aye, Millar –aye, Cullion –aye

3. Discussion and review of community centers in Rhode Island

E. Liese reviewed the plans received from West Greenwich and Glochester. North Kingstown and South Kingstown plans will be provided at next meeting.

E. Liese discussed concern of a kitchen such as cost, and licensing and management.

S. Barber advised on the kitchen in the Fire Station and the protocol for groups using that space and that a Food Safety Manger is needed.

E. Johnson explained the layout of the Glochester Community Center.

Discussion ensued on Summer Recreation Program.

S. Barber questioned how many participated in the Summer Recreation Program.



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N. Carpenter stated when she was director it was about 85.

R. Woodmansee advised she thought it was around 105 now, but could reach out to S. Lambert on the current enrollment.

R. Woodmansee commented on the South Kingstown Recreation Center.

4. Discussion and vote on site visit dates

E. Johnson stated we should visit sites during the day.

M. Trimmer discussed setting up a site visit of cycle brothers.

E. Johnson stated concern on investment with a leased property.

N. Carpenter reviewed the previous offer of the YMCA where the town would provide 80% of funding and they had a minimum need of 5 acres.

E. Johnson stated we will not know the offer until we meet with the YMCA.

R. Millar recommended visiting Smithfield Community Center.

The following dates were approved for site visits and meeting dates: February 6- 8:30 A.M. at Cycle Brothers; February 7- 9 A.M. at West Greenwich Community Center; February 7- 6 PM Evening Meeting in Richmond **CANCELED**; February 13- 9 AM at North Kingstown Community Center, followed by South Kingstown Recreation and February 20- 6 PM at Richmond Town Hall upstairs meeting room.

5. Discussion on potential community needs regarding space and use

Discussion ensued on rooms needed.

S. Barber stated you need a multi-use room.

M. Trimmer stated the meeting room should be basketball court size and advised on a community church.

Carpenter suggested spending the previously approved \$20,000 to perform a feasibility study.

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A. Cullion stated concern with doing another survey as the previous study was not implemented.

Discussion ensued on the previous committee and it would be beneficial to review the report of the committee.

It was noted R. Woodmansee would reach out to Town Administrator Pinch to receive a copy of the report.

A. Cullion stated a size of the building needs to be determined.

S. Barber suggested reaching out to the users of the spaces to determine their needs.

R. Woodmansee stated she would create a survey to determine the needs of the civic groups.

E. Johnson recommended the template of the survey be 1-5 of importance.

6. Discussion on potential funding sources

E. Johnson reported on a grant available for communities under 20,0000.

M. Trimmer reported on a grant.

Discussion ensued on Champlin Foundation.

E. Liese suggested setting up a meeting with The Preserve to see if they are a potential partner.

N. Carpenter stated she would like to add an item to the Town Council Agenda regarding a feasibility study.

Discussion ensued on feasibility study.

D. Public Forum

No public comment.



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E. Adjournment

R. Woodmansee moved to adjourn at 7:56 P.M.

S. Barber seconded. VOTED: Trimmer- aye, Woodmansee - aye, Liese- aye, Johnson - aye, Barber –aye, Millar –aye, Cullion –aye

ATTEST:

**ERIN F. LIESE, CMC
SECRETARY**