



**TOWN OF RICHMOND
COMMUNITY CENTER STUDY COMMITTEE**

April 4, 2019

A regular meeting of the Richmond Community Center Study Committee was held on April 4, 2019. Present were Mark Trimmer, Robin Woodmansee, Erin Liese, Elwood Johnson, Richard Millar, Allen Cullion and Dennis McGinity. Also present was Joanne Demars from USDA.

A. Call to Order

M. Trimmer called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was recited.

C. Business

1. Presentation by Joanne Demars, United States Department of Agriculture regarding potential funding

E. Johnson introduced Joanne Demars.

J. Demars advised the committee on the availability of long term, low interest financing for municipalities from the USDA. She further explained the importance of resident support and favored a partnership with another community group.

Discussion ensued on community center, economic growth and the process of financing.

N. Carpenter arrived at 6:49 P.M.

J. Demars explained what surrounding communities have done with the funding.

The committee thanked Joanne for her time and she departed.

2. Discussion and follow up regarding the recommendation made to the Town Council regarding the Ocean Community YMCA

R. Woodmansee explained the response from the Town Council to continue discussions with the YMCA.

E. Johnson explained a subcommittee should be developed to continue discussions as negotiation as a group would be counterproductive.



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N. Carpenter agreed less is better.

R. Millar opposed partnership with the YMCA.

D. McGinity stated he did not want to participate in continued discussions with the YMCA as he feels the seniors will be left out.

Discussion ensued on the potential partnership with the YMCA.

E. Liese suggested M. Trimmer, R. Woodmansee and E. Johnson represent the committee on discussions.

E. Johnson stated E. Liese should also participate to record the minutes of the meeting and he would step down as he has full confidence in the others.

A. Cullion moved to appoint M. Trimmer, R. Woodmansee, E. Johnson and E. Liese to continue further discussions with the YMCA.

VOTED: Trimmer – aye, Woodmansee - aye, Liese- aye, Johnson - aye, McGinity– aye, Millar- aye, A. Cullion-Aye

It was agreed committee members would send questions and terms to the subcommittee to discuss with the YMCA via email by April 12th.

R. Woodmansee stated she would reach out to the YMCA and set up a meeting.

D. McGinity departed at 7:35 P.M.

3. Discussion and vote on the following minutes: February 20, 2019 & March 1, 2019, March 12, 2019 & March 27, 2019

A. Cullion moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 20, 2019, March 1, 2019, March 12, 2019, and March 27, 2019. R. Woodmansee seconded.

VOTED: Trimmer – aye, Woodmansee - aye, Liese- aye, Johnson - aye, Millar- aye, A. Cullion-Aye



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4. Discussion and review of community centers in Rhode Island

The Glocester Senior center site visit was reviewed.

5. Discussion on questionnaire for residents & organizations

R. Woodmansee provided the committee with the results of the survey sent. She further advised she will modify once the senior surveys have been turned in.

The committee reviewed the results. It was noted a pool was very favorable in the survey and should be made a priority.

6. Discussion and vote on site visit and meeting dates

It was determined the next meeting would be May 6, 2019 and the preference was to meet at the Senior Center.

7. Discussion on potential community needs regarding space and use

No discussion on this matter.

8. Discussion on potential funding sources

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

A. Cullion stated he would send the pocket feasibility study to E. Liese to distribute to the committee.

D Adjournment

R. Woodmansee moved to adjourn 7:48 P.M. E. Johnson seconded.

VOTED: Trimmer – aye, Woodmansee - aye, Liese- aye, Johnson - aye, Millar- aye, A. Cullion-Aye

ATTEST:

**ERIN F. LIESE, CMC
SECRETARY**