



**TOWN OF RICHMOND  
COMMUNITY CENTER STUDY COMMITTEE  
January 10, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Richmond Community Center Study Committee was held on January 10, 2019. Present were Mark Trimmer, Robin Woodmansee, Erin Liese, Elwood Johnson, Helena Bowen, Dennis McGinity, Scott Barber, Richard Millar, and Allen Cullion. Also present Jackie Kenyon.

**A. Call to Order**

The first meeting of the Richmond Community Center Study Committee was called to order at 6:35 P.M.

**B. Roll Call**

Each member of the committee introduced themselves and explained their reasons for serving on the committee.

D. McGinity suggested we pledge the flag.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**C. Nominations**

**1. Nominations for the position of Chair**

M. Trimmer nominated D. McGinity to serve as Chair.

D. McGinity respectfully declined the position.

Discussion ensued on those interested in serving in the position.

E. Johnson nominated M. Trimmer as Chair. R. Woodmansee seconded.

VOTED: Trimmer- aye, Woodmansee - aye, Liese- aye, Johnson - aye, Bowen -aye, McGinity –aye, Barber –aye, Millar –aye, Cullion –aye

M. Trimmer assumed the role as Chair



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**2. Nominations for the position of Vice Chair**

S. Barber nominated R. Woodmansee as Vice Chair. E. Johnson seconded.

VOTED: Trimmer- aye, Woodmansee - aye, Liese- aye, Johnson - aye, Bowen -aye, McGinity –aye, Barber –aye, Millar –aye, Cullion –aye

**3. Nominations for the position of Secretary**

R. Woodmansee nominated Erin Liese as Secretary. S. Barber seconded.

VOTED: Trimmer- aye, Woodmansee - aye, Liese- aye, Johnson - aye, Bowen -aye, McGinity –aye, Barber –aye, Millar –aye, Cullion –aye

**D. Business**

**1. Schedule future meeting dates**

Discussion ensued on potential meeting dates.

The following dates were approved January 23, 2019 at 6 P.M. and February 7, 2019 at 6 P.M.

**2. Report from Mark Trimmer regarding meeting with Congressman James Langevin**

M. Trimmer reported on the meeting held with Congressman James Langevin. He explained Langevin stated concern with building a new building with at the time 11 empty commercial buildings were available in town. He also advised there would be more grant opportunity if the center was for all residents and not just seniors.

**E. Public Forum**

M. Trimmer reported on discussions held with YMCA regarding potential partnership and the use of the Cycle Brothers building.

M. Trimmer stated the building generates about \$18,000 in taxes and the partnership could be made where the YMCA would build and maintain and the town could waive the taxes.

S. Barber stated the committee should determine the size need.



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A. Cullion stated the community needs something.

E. Johnson stated concern with leased space.

Discussion ensued on a site visit of the Cycle Brothers building,

E. Liese questioned what the YMCA was willing to offer. M. Trimmer advised they have not defined partnership and a meeting should be held.

A. Cullion questioned the use of the Walgreens building. M. Trimmer explained Care New England would be using that building for a small urgent care.

E. Liese explained the West Greenwich Community Center.

S. Barber stated the committee should determine the need prior to site visits.

Discussion ensued on needs.

D. McGinity informed the committee on the Gloucester center and advised M. Trimmer had the plans.

M. Trimmer advised it would be great for the summer program to move to a community center to have AC and full day programs.

H. Bowen reported on the following groups that use the space above the Police Station: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Bingo, birthday parties, and political groups.

D. McGinity reported on the use of the Senior Center and needs of the seniors.

M. Trimmer stated he would see the building similar to the pentagon with the ability to phase the development like in Warwick, where he grew up.

R. Woodmansee reported on the needs of the youth in the community such as courts, pool and meeting space.

E. Johnson reported on the safety issues with the Senior Center over the Police Station.



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Discussion ensued on YMCA.

R. Millar was not in favor of partnering with the YMCA.

J. Kenyon thanked the members for serving and asked everyone to remain open minded.

Discussion ensued on space needs.

Discussion ensued on the five-acre parcel across from Town Hall.

It was noted the parcel may not be big enough to accommodate the building and parking.

M. Trimmer stated he would invite the YMCA to the next meeting.

Discussion ensued on needs.

E. Johnson stated we need to determine a layout of space needs.

E. Liese agreed we need a layout; but we should look at other community buildings rather than re-inventing the wheel. She also stated concern with management of the space and increase with not only building but maintenance cost.

D. McGinity declared we need a product to sell to the community.

It was determined at the next meeting the following items would be discussed: site visit to Cycle Brothers, community center plans, and YMCA partnership.

**F. Adjournment**

S. Barber moved to adjourn at 7:53 P.M. E. Liese seconded.

VOTED: Trimmer- aye, Woodmansee - aye, Liese- aye, Johnson - aye, Bowen -aye, McGinity –aye, Barber –aye, Millar –aye, Cullion –aye

**ATTEST:**

**ERIN F. LIESE, CMC  
SECRETARY**