



**TOWN OF RICHMOND
COMMUNITY CENTER STUDY COMMITTEE**

March 12, 2019

A regular meeting of the Richmond Community Center Study Committee was held on March 12, 2019. Present were Mark Trimmer, Robin Woodmansee, Erin Liese, Elwood Johnson, Richard Millar, and Dennis McGinity,

A. Call to Order

M. Trimmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was recited.

C. Business

1. Discussion and recommendation to the Town Council regarding the potential partnership with Ocean Community YMCA

E. Liese explained she would like to send a recommendation to the Town Council requesting they further discussions with the YMCA to pursue; as the committee has vetted the proposal as far as they have the ability.

R. Woodmansee agreed to send to the Town Council.

R. Millar stated concern with the needs being met of the Seniors. He advised he was for the YMCA in town but not has a partner in that land.

D. McGinity stated concern over the senior needs being met and he is not agreeable to giving the YMCA the land.

E. Liese advised she was never in favor of giving the land to the YMCA and she advised on a long term lease.

D. McGinity stated the paper said the committee would give the land.

E. Johnson corrected D. McGinity and stated those conversations have not taken place and also expressed frustration with the lack of attendance by the committee at the meetings and site visits.

E. Johnson reviewed the YMCA proposal for members not present.

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Discussion ensued on YMCA.

D. McGinity expressed frustration with the lack of "Senior" in the correspondence.

E. Liese corrected D. McGinity and advised on the need of the entire community and reviewed the Senior Centers that have been visited such as North Kingstown and South Kingstown.

M. Trimmer stated the need for the Town Council to continue the conversation with the YMCA.

R. Millar stated he needed to leave.

M. Trimmer requested R. Millar stay for the following vote.

R. Millar departed at 7:05 P.M.

E. Liese moved we refer to the Richmond Town Council for further discussions & negotiations to explore without commitment the potential partnership with the Ocean State Community YMCA for the lease of the property owned by the Town of Richmond; with meeting the needs of Richmond Residents in the following areas: Senior/Community Center, Meeting Space, Pool, and Reduction of membership for Richmond Residents. We respectively request the Chair and Vice Chair of the Community Center Study Committee participate with the Town Council on the above stated discussions and negotiations. R. Woodmansee seconded.

M. Trimmer- aye, R. Woodmansee- aye, E. Liese- aye, E. Johnson-aye, D. McGinity-Nay

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

E. Liese stated due to lack of attendance the meeting minutes should be continued to the next meeting.

3. Discussion and review of community centers in Rhode Island

Discussion ensued on the centers visited and the same consensus with all that they need more space.

D. McGinity stated he would like the committee to see Glocester Senior Center.

E. Liese stated she would reach out.

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It was noted March 27th would work for the majority for a site visit.

4. Discussion on questionnaire for residents & organizations

Discussion ensued on questionnaire.

R. Woodmansee reviewed the proposed questionnaire and advised she will reach out to K. Pinch to place on the website.

R. Woodmansee stated she would work with D. McGinity on developing a Senior survey.

5. Discussion and vote on site visit and meeting dates

E. Johnson stated he would reach out to the USDA for a meeting.

It was noted the next meeting would be April 4, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

6. Discussion on potential community needs regarding space and use

No discussion.

7. Discussion on potential funding sources

No discussion.

D Adjournment

E. Liese moved to adjourn 8:03 P.M. M. Trimmer seconded.

VOTED: Trimmer – aye, Woodmansee - aye, Liese- aye, Johnson - aye, McGinity– aye,

ATTEST:

**ERIN F. LIESE, CMC
SECRETARY**

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