

Town of Southborough, MA
Community Center Exploration Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2023
Virtual Meeting

Members present: J. Malinowski, J. Hansen, S. Heilman, J. Maney, N. Mauro, W. Harrington (joined 7:12pm), T. Fling

Ex-officio members present: R. Donovan, P. Lefrancois

Member(s) absent: T. Davis

I. Call Meeting to Order

- a. J. Malinowski called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 25, 2023

- a. J. Malinowski made a motion to approve meeting minutes from October 19, 2023. Seconded by J. Hansen. Roll call vote: J. Hansen yes, S. Heilman yes, J. Maney yes, J. Malinowski yes, N. Mauro yes. T Fling- abstain 5-0-1 vote, motion approved.

III. Chair/Member Updates

- a. Neary Building Committee Update – Arrowstreet selected, should be ratified 1/9/24 and start the following week. One year of design and select a site in preparation for April 2025 town meeting presentation- most likely a special meeting before the May town meeting.

IV. Review and accept final DRA Report

- a. This is a proof of concept design- Is Finn viable? We don't need to decide which type of plan to go ahead with. Everyone agrees
- b. Fall 2028 is the earliest construction could start at Finn for Community Center. Library and Neary construction could also be occurring at around the same time.
- c. Recreation feedback-
- i. Can't lose a ballfield (it has to be somewhere if not at Finn)
 - ii. Still need parking. Could parking go where existing playground is?
 - iii. Still need a playground
 - iv. Need to understand the large amount of storage needed
- d. Library feedback
- i. Appreciate juggling temporary vs permanent location designs
 - ii. Library is still pursuing state grant- March-library asks for \$150K from town for planning and design. May- library applies to the state construction program. August- Library finds out whether they move to the next round.
- e. Council on Ageing
- i. They feel that Finn is an adequate space with some pluses including cafeteria, gym, outdoor space
 - ii. One concern is parking

- 45 iii. Another concern is wanting it to not look like a school
46 iv. Can we use town office space for storage instead?
47 f. Motion to accept the DRA report- Jason motions, Jen seconds. Roll call vote: J. Hansen
48 yes, S. Heilman yes, J. Maney yes, J. Malinowski yes, W. Harrington yes, N. Mauro yes. T
49 Fling- no 6-1 vote, motion approved. However, Jason believes it is important for this to
50 be a unanimous vote. Tim would like a few more days to go over the presentation
51 before he considers a yes vote.
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53 V. Review of draft Committee presentation to Select Board and discussion of process to wrap
54 up work
55 a. One slide for each of the specific groups
56 b. We will ask DRA for a 1d that has cost estimates with high intensity for senior center
57 and low intensity for library and rec.
58 c. Still should include new construction cost estimates
59 d. Emphasize that costs are estimates
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61 VI. Public Comment- No public comments
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63 VII. Other business that may properly come before the Committee- No other business
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65 VIII. Adjournment
66 a. J. Malinowski made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J. Hansen. Roll call vote: J.
67 Hansen yes, S. Heilman yes, J. Maney yes, J. Malinowski yes, W. Harrington yes, N.
68 Mauro T. Fling yes. 7-0 vote, motion approved.