

**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-

### 3. Reservation feedback

- ii. Can't close a ballfield (it has to be somewhere if not at P.M.)
- 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

- iii. Another concern is wanting it to not look like a school
- iv. Can we use town office space for storage instead?

f. Motion to accept the DRA report- Jason motions, Jen seconds. Roll call vote: J. Hansen yes, S. Heilman yes, J. Maney yes, J. Malinowski yes, W. Harrington yes, N. Mauro yes. T Fling- no 6-1 vote, motion approved. However, Jason believes it is important for this to be a unanimous vote. Tim would like a few more days to go over the presentation before he considers a yes vote.

V. Review of draft Committee presentation to Select Board and discussion of process to wrap up work

- a. One slide for each of the specific groups
- b. We will ask DRA for a 1d that has cost estimates with high intensity for senior center and low intensity for library and rec.
- c. Still should include new construction cost estimates
- d. Emphasize that costs are estimates

## VI. Public Comment- No public comments

VII. Other business that may properly come before the Committee- No other business

## VIII. Adjournment

a. J. Malinowski made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J. Hansen. Roll call vote: J. Hansen yes, S. Heilman yes, J. Maney yes, J. Malinowski yes, W. Harrington yes, N. Mauro T. Fling yes. 7-0 vote, motion approved.