



Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

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Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

Symonds Way Exploratory Committee

Date: 2023-06-13

Time: 6:30 PM

Building: Reading Town Hall

Location: Conference Room

Address: 16 Lowell Street

Session: Open Session

Purpose: General Business

Version: Final

Attendees: **Members - Present:**

Chair Carlo Bacci (6:58 pm), Vice Chair Chuck Robinson, Angela Binda, Heather Clish, Andrew Dribin, Karen Janowski, Nancy Twomey

Members - Not Present:

Others Present:

Jack (remote 6:36pm - 7:44 pm)

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By: Jacquelyn LaVerde

Topics of Discussion:

This meeting was held in-person in the Conference Room of Town Hall, and remotely via Zoom.

Vice Chair Chuck Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm, as Chair Carlo Bacci was expected to be late.

Continue discussion on Evaluation Criteria:

The Committee reviewed the criteria discussed at their previous meeting. Following a lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed that the top-ranking scoring criteria were:

1. Provides a Wide Range of Public Use
2. Inter-generational Use
3. Meets a Demonstrated Need
4. (Tied) Highly Ranked per Survey/Maintaining Ownership of Property
5. (Tied) Minimal Taxpayer Expense/Fiscally Responsible

These criteria will be used to help form the scope of the Request for Information (RFI).

Review Request for Information from Wellesley for Symonds Way/ Discuss and Vote to direct the Town Manager to issue a Request for Information for Symonds Way:

Angela Binda noted that the Recreation Committee had comments about the RFI. She suggested inviting Recreation Administrator Jim Sullivan, and Community Services Director Jenna Fiorente to a SWEC meeting to discuss town recreation needs. In the Recreation meeting, Jim Sullivan noted that there is a significant demand for lit field space. Committee members agreed that input from Recreation is needed in determining what to ask for in the RFI.

The discussion will continue at the next meeting, with input from Recreation, and the vote to direct the Town Manager to prepare the RFI will be tabled.

Review and approve prior meeting minutes:

On a motion by Chuck Robinson, seconded by Nancy Twomey, the Symonds Way Exploratory Committee voted 7-0-0 to accept the meeting minutes of May 30, 2023.

Discuss next agenda items and meeting dates:

The next meeting is scheduled for July 24th. Topics will include: revisiting the RFI discussion and possible vote, and a discussion with Community Services Director Jenna Fiorente and Recreation Administrator Jim Sullivan regarding recreational needs in town.

On a motion by Nancy Twomey, seconded by Heather Clish, the Symonds Way Exploratory Committee voted 7-0-0 to adjourn at 8:24 pm.