



Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

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Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

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Date: 2022-06-14

Time: 7:00 PM

Building: Reading Town Hall

Location: Select Board Meeting Room

Address: 16 Lowell Street

Session: Open Session

Purpose: General Business

Version: Final

Attendees: **Members - Present:**

Mark Dockser, Carlo Bacci, Chris Haley, Jackie McCarthy, Karen Herrick

Members - Not Present:

Others Present:

Town Manager Fidel Maltez, E.A. Caitlin Nocella, Nancy Docktor, Angela Binda, Bill Brown, Charles McClean, Donna Brewer, Assessor Victor Santaniello

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By: Caitlin Nocella

Topics of Discussion:

This meeting was held in person and remote via Zoom.

Mark Dockser called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Public Comment

Nancy Docktor made a statement in support of the Camp Rice Moody agenda item.

Angela Binda made a statement about wanting increased transparency. She doesn't see a need for the SWEC subcommittee right now and ask the board not to create it.

Bill Brown noted he does not think the library should be holding parades. He also noted the board needs to look at the deed for Washington Park again.

Liaison Reports

McCarthy noted there were lots of events this past weekend. The trails committee is doing work on the Kurchian woods trail this summer.

Herrick attended the MSBA "Challenge of GREEN Building" seminar which highlighted the LEED certified Saugus Middle/High School project. She also participated in the Zero Carbon Renovation briefing from MA Climate Action Committee regarding a proposal to set aside \$250M State ARPA Funds to retrofit existing municipal affordable housing to meet Climate Law mandates. Attended 2022 Flag Day at Killam School and presented Select Board Proclamation in support of Pride Day. Attended Permanent Building

Committee meeting to discuss required Killam School Building Committee and noted that the PBC has a full docket and that supply chain issues continue to impact Town projects.

Bacci noted that Board of Health indicated covid numbers are trending down.

Haley noted the School Committee did Mr. Milaschewski's review and it was very positive. RMHS had graduation. RAAC will look at the survey results at their next meeting.

Dockser noted it was a great weekend in town. He reminded the board they have a retreat on the 25th.

Bertucci's Change of Manager

Haley read the hearing notice.

Bertucci's has a new manager, Charles McClean, who has been with the company for 13 years. Dockser noted the board takes alcohol policies and regulations very seriously.

Haley moved to close the hearing; with a second from Herrick it was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Haley moved to approve the Change of Manager request for an Annual All Alcohol Liquor License for Bertucci's Restaurants at 45 Walkers Brook Drive. The motion was seconded by Bacci and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Camp Rice Moody

Donna Brewer from Miyares and Harrington along with Brad Latham from Latham Law Offices were present to explain this agenda item. Reading Council for Girls is looking to dissolve and transfer Camp Rice Moody to the Girl Scouts of Eastern Mass.

The board had no issues with this.

Haley moved that the Board authorize Fidel Maltez to execute an assent to a Motion for Entry of Interlocutory Order and an assent to a Motion for Entry of Judgment and all other documents necessary to support the transfer of Camp Rice Moody from The Reading Council for Girls, Inc. to the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the draft Complaint for Voluntary Dissolution. The motion was seconded by McCarthy and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Tax Rate and Shift

Town Assessor Victor Santaniello gave the board a presentation on the tax rates and shifts and what the numbers would look like based on different scenarios.

The presentation can be found in the Select Board meeting packet.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Letter

The board is being asked to write a letter in the support of the recent presentation regarding the towns Open Space and Recreation Plan.

The drafted letter is in the Select Board packet for viewing.

Haley moved to endorse Reading's Open Space and Recreation Plan as presented to the Select Board on May 31st and that the Select Board Chair provide a letter of support on behalf of the Select Board to the Department of Conversation and Recreation. The motion was seconded by Herrick and approved with a 5-0 vote.

HRAC Sunset

The board decided to sunset HRAC as planned upon the implementation of the newly created PAIR (Partners and Allies for Inclusive Reading).

The board needed to vote an official sunset date to which they decided on June 30, 2022.

Haley moved to set a sunset date for the Human Relations Advisory Committee for June 30th, 2022. The motion was seconded by Herrick and approved with a 5-0 vote.

SWEC

The board is creating a new ad-hoc committee; Symonds Way Exploratory Committee (SWEC).

The edited the draft charge for the committee. The board debated whether or not a FINCOM member should be on the committee and when the committee should start.

The board decided to take this up again at their next meeting.

Budgets for B/C/C's

The board would like to put back in the place the budgets for Historical Commission, Trails Committee and Town Forest committee that were previously taken out.

Haley moved to allocate \$1,500 to the Historical Commission, \$5,000 for the Town Forest Committee and \$3,000 to the trail Committee from the FY2023 Select Board Budget Line. McCarthy seconded the motion and it was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Future Agendas

The board discussed future agenda topics.

Minutes

The board edited previous meeting minutes.

Haley moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 31, 2022. The motion was seconded by Herrick and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Haley moved to adjourn at 9:45 PM; with a second from McCarthy the board approved the motion with a 5-0 vote.

*Documents Used:
2022-06-14 Select Board Packet*