



Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

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Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

Symonds Way Exploratory Committee

Date: 2023-02-15

Time: 6:00 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:**

Chair Carlo Bacci, Vice Chair Chuck Robinson, Angela Binda, Heather Clish (remote 6:05 pm), Andrew Dribin, Karen Janowski, Nancy Twomey

Members - Not Present:

Others Present:

Town Manager Fidel Maltez, Business Administrator Jayne Wellman, Vanessa Alvarado, Eric, Rosemarie DeBenedetto (remote), Nancy and Michael (remote)

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By: Jacquelyn LaVerde

Topics of Discussion:

This meeting was held in the Town Hall Select Board Meeting Room and remotely via Zoom.

Chair Carlo Bacci called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Heather Clish joined the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Discussion and potential vote on Town Wide Community Survey regarding potential uses of Symonds Way Property

Business Administrator Jayne Wellman was present to assist the Committee with developing a survey to gather community input on what to do with the site.

The Committee discussed at length how to form the survey questions and agreed to include questions that gauge community interest, and rank of importance, of possible projects. They also included questions to collect demographic information to help understand the community status, age, and parental status of respondents, as a way to gauge level of participation and interest in youth sports and recreation.

The Committee also agreed to include a description at the beginning of the survey that explains the acquisition and features of the site, what the Symonds Way Exploratory Committee is, and why the Committee is conducting this survey. Ms. Binda volunteered to write up an introduction.

Committee members agreed to launch the survey on February 27th, after school vacation week, and keep it open through Annual Town Meeting so it can be promoted at Town Meeting.

Future Agenda Items

The Committee agreed to schedule the next meeting for March 29th, 2023 at 6:00 pm. At the request of the Committee, Mr. Maltez stated that he would have plans prepared for various potential uses and space needs for the site.

Carlo Bacci left the meeting at 8:09 pm.

After concluding their discussion, on a motion by Karen Janowski and seconded by Angela Binda, the Symonds Way Exploratory Committee voted 6-0-0 to adjourn at 8:13 pm.

Roll call vote: Heather Clish – Yes, Nancy Twomey – Yes, Andrew Dribin – Yes, Karen Janowski – Yes, Angela Binda – Yes, Chuck Robinson – Yes.