



# Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

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## Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

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Date: 2024-01-23

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:**

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

### **Members - Not Present:**

### **Others Present:**

Executive Assistant Caitlin Nocella, Matt Kraunelis, Chris Collins, Pat Tompkins

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:** Executive Assistant Caitlin Nocella

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### **Topics of Discussion:**

*This meeting was held in person and remote via Zoom.*

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and reviewed the agenda.

#### Liaison Reports

Dockser noted RECALC is moving forward on a feasibility study for a new senior/community center. They hired an architect and are looking at three locations; Pleasant Street, Symonds Way and Oakland Road. The COA met and shared input with RECALC on their needs for the new building. He also mentioned new proposed legislation for municipalities.

Bacci noted Recreation met and discussed pickleball and the deed restrictions at Memorial Park. Pickleball courts are now closed until March.

Haley noted School Committee met and discussed full day Kindergarten was going up in price slightly. There was another MBTA community meeting last night with a great turnout again. The Charter Review Committee will be meeting next Monday and Town Counsel will be there for the discussion. He also noted 186 Summer Ave has sold and the new owner is requesting various permits to work on it.

Herrick noted that the Killam School Building Committee met last night and they are deciding on a project charge. They have created working groups to provide recommendations for the full committee to vote on. She attended the MMA Annual Meeting last week with many other staff members. She spoke about the Municipal Empowerment Act.

McCarthy noted that CPDC met last night and discussed MBTA Communities zoning bylaws. They are hoping to get this on the April Town Meeting warrant.

## Town Manager Report

Matt Kraunelis went to the MLK day celebration at the high school. He also attended the MMA conference as well. He has attended the several Killam School Building Committee that is moving full steam ahead. He explained the software glitch with the water bills and they are due February 15<sup>th</sup>. The Home Rule Petition for the Housing Trust Fund has passed the House and the Senate and is sitting on the Governors desk to be signed. John Davis retired after 42 year with the town, thank you and congratulations to him.

## Minutes

**Herrick moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as amended; with a second by Dockser, the motion was approved with a unanimous roll call vote.**

## Update on Meadow Brook Easement

Dockser noted they are not quite ready for this but hope to have it on the next agenda.

Bacci called the SWEC to order at 7:32 pm.

## Meadow Brook Liquor License - Change of Directors/Officers

Herrick read the hearing notice.

Patrick Tompkins, President of Meadow Brook, noted they are updating the corporate officers. They have no other changes to the liquor license.

**Herrick moved to close the hearing regarding the Change of Directors Application submitted by Meadow Brook Golf Club. The motion was seconded by Dockser and approved with a unanimous roll call vote.**

**Herrick moved to approve the Change of Directors Application for the Annual All Alcohol Club License at Meadow Brook Golf Club, 292 Grove Street, Reading, MA. The motion was seconded by Dockser and approved with a unanimous roll call vote.**

## Presentation from Edge Sports

Chris Collins from Edge Sports gave the board a presentation about the possibilities over at Symonds Way.

It was noted Edge Sports will visit SWEC to go into more details.

SWEC adjourns at 8:25pm.

## Future Agendas

This Saturday the board will meet to interview the four finalists for the Town Manager position. The meeting is open to the public and will be at 9 am in the Select Board Meeting Room.

The board discussed future agenda items.

**Herrick made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 pm. The motion was seconded by Dockser and approved with a unanimous roll call vote.**