

Meeting Minutes
Academy School Community Design Center Committee Meeting
January 22, 2020
6:30 P.M.
Subject to Approval

Members Present:

Chair: William Stableford
Catherine Flynn-Donovan
Dick Passero
Roz Camera
John-Michael Parker (by teleconference)

Others Present:

Al Goldberg, Selectman
Public Present: Steve Pinn, Kristin Morris

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

1. Approval of the minutes of December 11, 2019
Motion to approve the minutes: Dick Passero
Second: Catherine Flynn-Donovan
Vote: Motion was unanimously passed.

2. There was a discussion relative to the Academy Design Committee's January 16 presentation to the CIP Committee. Dick Passero and Bill Stableford presented at the meeting and gave our Committee outline of research and work. Dick Passero stated that Scot Erskine cited the inability to hold many requested classes and programs due to the lack of space presently available to Beach and Rec, supporting our statement that more community space is needed in town. Mark Sklenka of Colliers also spoke and presented the construction cost numbers attached to the project and explained how they were calculated.
As most CIP committee members had seen our previous presentations it was a brief overview. All in all it was an informative and speedy presentation and appeared to be well received.

3. Bill Stableford and Dick Passero spoke about their recent meetings with the First Selectwoman, Peggy Lyons and the Town Planner, Dave Anderson. The First Selectwoman and Town Planner have toured the Academy building and have been researching potential lessors/renters. The First Selectwoman is a supporter of the Academy project and its preservation. She will expand on her vision at the January 27 BOS meeting as some new designs and usage plans are being discussed. Bill Stableford requested that the First Selectwoman still keep the Academy Design Committee involved and expressed our willingness to provide any further information needed in the process and to see the project through. Bill also reminded everyone on the Committee that the annual Town Meeting will be held at Polson Middle School on January 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. He urged all committee members to attend.

4. John-Michael Parker spoke, via teleconference, about Arts For Learning. He is presently the Executive Director and explained the business model and operations. They are the largest Arts

in Education provider in Connecticut, serving over 200,000 students per year. He believes that they could definitely use a community center space along the shoreline, but do present mostly in schools. Should community center space become available in the Academy building, he believes that they would be able to provide cultural arts presentations to the town.

5. New Business: None
6. Public Comment: None
7. A motion was made by Dick Passero to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Roz Cama. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45