

Richmond Recreational Needs
Assessment Committee
May 28, 2014 at 7:00 PM
Richmond Town Hall – Second Floor

Meeting called to order by Chairman Denise Stetson at 7:00 PM. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law on May 21, 2014

Present: Denise L. Stetson, Town Planner
Henry R. Oppenheimer, Town Council Liaison
Iva J. Lipton, Elder Affairs Committee Liaison
Carolyn S. Richard, Planning Board Liaison
Joshua Comerford, Economic Development Commission Liaison
Robert Rock, Town Administrator (until 7:18 PM)
Dennis McGinity, Richmond Senior Center Liaison

Absent Lawrence Casey, Finance Board Liaison
Nell Carpenter, Richmond Recreation Director

Minutes of April 23, 2014 , as previously distributed to members for review, were declared adopted by the Chair, with the correction of a typographical error on Page 1 correcting “Rte 13” to RI Route 138”.

Under OLD BUSINESS, Mrs. Stetson indicated she received electronic copies of the various YMCA/municipality agreements which had been procured by Maureen Fitzgerald, CEO of the Westerly/Arcadia YMCA, in response to this Committee’s request. Due to their length and volume these documents will be electronically submitted to the Town Council along with the Committee’s Report of its findings and recommendations and only one paper copy printed for filing in the Planner’s Office.. Mr. Comerford stated he would review the agreements more closely to contrast them and determine various pros and cons, which should be helpful should the Town ever opt to pursue a mutual project with the YMCA.

Mrs. Stetson described the terms of the recent DEM grant awarded to the Town for development of the North/South Trail through the Richmond Commons land . The Town will also donate labor and cash to the project.

The URI Landscape students’ Report also have been received electronically accompanied by two printed copies. The Town printed five additional copies and filed one with the Town Administrator and Town Clerk as well as the Planner’s Office.

The Committee reviewed the three land schematics prepared by Mr. Comerford, which will be appended to the Committee’s Report to the Town Council.

Mrs. Stetson previously had prepared and electronically distributed a DRAFT Report of the Committee’s findings to the Town Council. Several minor changes were proposed and incorporated. The Final Report will be re-distributed electronically to the Members for review prior to its submission to the Town Council.

Consensus was the committee has completed its task, which was to assess the Town’s recreational needs. No further meetings are planned and will be held only if the Town Council directs the Chair to reconvene the committee after review of its Report.

On a MOTION by Mrs. Lipton seconded Mr. Comerford, it was voted to ADJOURN at 7:39 PM

Signed Electronically: *Carolyn S. Richard*, Secretary