

**Skip Viglirolo Ice Skating Rink Finance Committee
Minutes of the public meeting held Wednesday,
November 3rd at 6:00pm
The meeting was held by Zoom**

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DATE: November 12, 2021
TIME: 9:10 AM

Members Attending: Tom Caputo, Frank French, Karen McElroy, Meghan Moriarty, Dante Muzzioli, Mark Paolillo, Ellen Schreiber, Kayla Wiggin and Patrice Garvin (Ex-Officio Member - Non Voting)

Others Attending: Joanna Tzouvelis (joined at 7pm)

Chair Paolillo called the meeting to order at 6:06pm

1. Other Matters

- Muzzioli shared a document from a Town Meeting on April 27th, 1981 which shows that there was a unanimous vote that “the care, custody, management and control of the Skating Rink be, and hereby is, transferred to the Playground or Recreation Commission for municipal recreation purposes.”
 - Muzzioli thought this was an important document to share with the group as it had been discussed that the ownership of the building fell under the schools. The rink does sit on school land. If the Town owns the rink building, then decisions around things like naming rights could fall under the authority of the Select Board.
 - Moriarty asked if there was documentation of a title change.
 - Garvin said that she will this down for the next meeting and have George Hall look at the document.
 - Caputo said that while tracking this down we should also confirm that there was not a change from 1981 onwards.

2. Building Committee and Schematic Design

- Paolillo said that he talked to Mike Widmer, Town Moderator about working with the permanent building committee before a temporary building committee is formed. Working with the permanent building committee before going to Town Meeting in April to create a temporary building committee is a possibility.
 - Paolillo is going to reach out to Pat Bruschi to discuss further.
- Garvin talked to Steve Sefton at Perkins and Will to get a quote for schematic design. He quoted \$280-300k for schematic design for a 20 million dollar build.
 - Garvin said that we would need to put a bid out for schematic design and see what the best price is.
- Garvin also mentioned that we could likely use ARPA funds for schematic design since we cannot wait for appropriation and there might be more room to use ARPA funds at this time.

3. Options for Build

- **Rehabilitation**
 - Muzzioli brought up the idea that we should consider investigating rehabilitating the current rink. He estimated that this could cost 8-9 million dollars and could be done in two phases. If rehabilitation is possible, he thinks that a less expensive rink could be more appealing to the community.
 - Muzzioli is going to look into the Medford rink and how that was rehabilitated.
 - Caputo said that Perkins and Will did look at rehabilitation of the current building

when they presented the three schemes last spring.

- Paolillo said we will invite Perkins and Will to the next meeting to answer more questions about the work they did.
- Schreiber said this brings up the question of how you define the program.
 - Caputo said that the program was relatively robust under Scheme 2 from Perkins and Will.
- Garvin said there are not any operating funds within the levy for this project so would still have to go for a debt exclusion to do a rehabilitation.

- **Fundraising**

- McElroy said that there is BYHA team ready to start planning the work around fundraising and messaging once we know the path forward.
- Muzzioli mentioned that Richard Gallant, former Belmont resident who helped build the Gallant Arena at Merrimack College is willing to meet with members from the Committee to discuss how that rink was built and financed.

- **Video/Messaging**

- Muzzioli said he met with Jeff from the Belmont Media Center about doing a video of the current condition of the rink. Muzzioli is going to setup a meeting with some of the Committee members and Jeff to discuss the approach and messaging for a video.

4. Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as amended. Motion was approved by an 8-0 vote.

5. Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn meeting. Motion was approved by an 8-0 vote.

Approved: November, 10th 2021.

The next meeting of the committee will be held: November, 10th at 6:30pm by Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Wiggin