



Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

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Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

Permanent Building Committee

Killam School Building Committee

Date: 2022-09-19

Time: 6:00 PM

Building: Reading Town Hall

Location: Select Board Meeting Room

Address: 16 Lowell Street

Session: Open Session

Purpose: Open Session

Version: Final

Attendees: **Members - Present:**

Chair Pat Tompkins, Vice Chair Carla Nazzaro, John Coote, Karen Gately Herrick, Endri Kume, Kirk McCormick, Sarah McLaughlin (remote), Greg Stepler, Nancy Twomey (remote)
Staff Members: Joe Huggins, Allison Jenkins (remote), Sarah Leveque (remote), Fidel Maltez, Joellen McGinnity (remote)

Members - Not Present:

Thomas Milaschewski

Others Present:

Town Accountant Sharon Angstrom (remote), School Finance Director Sue Bottan (remote), Emily Sisson, Philip Darden (remote)

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By: Jacquelyn LaVerde

Topics of Discussion:

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

Chair Pat Tompkins called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Discussion on Community Input and Feedback:

Carla Nazzaro stated that the one issue that came up from the community's feedback was that people want to make sure the process is as transparent as possible. Certain information will be included in the proposal that will be covered in participation with MSBA. Information as added to include potential solutions, and the potential for having RISE come in.

Pat Tompkins noted that there was some commentary and conversations about the RISE program, which is more programmatic at the School Committee level, as opposed to a building issue.

Review and Vote Town Meeting Warrant Article:

The Committee reviewed the Warrant Article as written by Town Counsel. Members agreed they were comfortable with the language of the warrant article and the introduction for Town Meeting.

On a motion by Karen Gately Herrick, and seconded by Nancy Twomey, the Killam School Building Committee voted 9-0-0 to approve both the warrant article language and introduction language.

Roll call vote: Nancy Twomey – Yes, Sarah McLaughlin – Yes, Greg Stepler – Yes, John Coote – Yes, Kirk McCormick – Yes, Karen Gately Herrick – Yes, Carla Nazzaro – Yes, Endri Kume – Yes, Pat Tompkins – Yes.

Discuss Killam School Tours for Town Meeting Members:

There will be three tours for Town Meeting Members ahead of Town Meeting: Wednesday, October 26th at 6:00 pm, Friday, November 4th at 1:00 pm, and Saturday, November 5th at 8:00 am. School Superintendent Tom Milaschewski will give a brief presentation of why we are in this process. Killam Principal Sarah Leveque and Facilities Director Joe Huggins will give condensed versions of the presentations they gave to the School Committee.

Pat Tompkins suggested that since there are three separate tours, it would be helpful for three members of the Killam School Building Committee to attend each session to listen and answer questions. Members will discuss scheduling at the next meeting.

Karen Gately Herrick suggested extending the invitation to Finance Committee and Select Board members, as some of them may not be Town Meeting members.

Allison Jenkins recommended posting the KSBC, and all Committees that may be present, just in case there is a quorum.

Discuss Next Meeting Dates:

Upcoming meeting dates as discussed at the last meeting include Monday, October 17th, and Monday, December 12th. The Committee is skipping a November meeting due to Subsequent Town Meeting.

Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting:

On a motion by Karen Gately Herrick, and seconded by Kirk McCormick, the Killam School Building Committee voted 9-0-0 to accept the meeting minutes of August 22, 2022.

Roll call vote: Nancy Twomey – Yes, Sarah McLaughlin – Yes, Greg Stepler – Yes, John Coote – Yes, Kirk McCormick – Yes, Karen Gately Herrick – Yes, Carla Nazzaro – Yes, Endri Kume – Yes, Pat Tompkins – Yes.

New business:

Karen Gately Herrick reminded the Committee that the Finance Committee is hosting a Financial Forum on September 21st dedicated to the Killam project.

Allison Jenkins noted that non-voting members should be included in the attendance, as they are required to attend by the MSBA.

On a motion by Carla Nazzaro, and seconded by Karen Gately Herrick, the Killam School Building Committee voted 9-0-0 to adjourn at 6:33 pm.

Roll call vote: Nancy Twomey – Yes, Sarah McLaughlin – Yes, Greg Stepler – Yes, John Coote – Yes, Kirk McCormick – Yes, Karen Gately Herrick – Yes, Carla Nazzaro – Yes, Endri Kume – Yes, Pat Tompkins – Yes.