

**Skip Viglirolo Ice Skating Rink Finance Committee
Minutes of the public meeting held Wednesday,
December 15th at 6:00pm
The meeting was held by Zoom**

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BELMONT, MA**

DATE: February 9, 2022
TIME: 9:34 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: Aleida Leza

Chair Paolillo called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

1. Committee Formation for Feasibility Study and Schematic design

- Paolillo said that the formation of the Preliminary Rink Design Committee was approved at the December 6th Select Board meeting.
 - Paolillo read the charge of this Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to “Begin planning a feasibility study and design of a new Ice-Skating Rink, until a Building Committee can be appointed by Town Meeting, preferably in the Spring.
 - This new Committee includes four members from the Rink Finance Committee (Tom Caputo, Frank French, Meg Moriarty, and Dante Muzzioli) and three members from the Permanent Building Committee (Mark Haley, Stephen Sala and William Shea).
 - The objective of the Committee is to “Begin the design process for the Town’s Ice-Skating Rink by recommending an Owners Project Manager (OPM), recommending an Architect to get to 30% design until it can hand off its work to a building committee that is approved by Town Meeting, and appointed by the Town Moderator.”
 - This Committee’s first meeting will take place on Thursday, December 16th in which they will plan to elect officers.
 - Garvin mentioned that the \$250k earmarked by the state for the rink design was approved but that the cash was not in hand yet.

2. Timeline

- Paolillo brought up the timeline for the Rink Building Committee to present to the Select Board.
- Garvin mentioned that the deadline is August 1 for the November ballot for a debt exclusion vote.
- Paolillo said that the Rink Building Committee would need to present to the Select Board sometime in the spring/summer to meet the August deadline.
- Caputo mentioned that we would not need the final number of the rink project cost by the August 1 deadline however, it would be helpful for the Select Board to have a good idea of what the final cost would be when considering the rink project for the November ballot. The voters would also need to know the number months ahead of the November vote so that they had all of the information ahead of casting their vote.

3. Fundraising Approach and Naming Rights Discussion

- Paolillo said that BYHA will be the fundraising arm for the new rink and that BYHA fundraising efforts could update and report out to this Committee.
- Wiggin reported that there is a sub group of BYHA board members along with additional

community members who are ready to work on and lead the fundraising effort for the new rink. Wiggin mentioned that it was important that we figure out the naming rights process so that was clear for the fundraising efforts.

- McElroy mentioned that the fundraising group was going to be working on benchmarking naming rights and doing rink comparisons to figure out naming rights levels.
- Paolillo said that the authority around things like naming rights lies with the Select Board, however the Select Board would collaborate closely with the School Committee on these decisions.
 - Paolillo said that he would have a conversation with the Select Board on the approval process for decisions around naming rights for the rink as it could not take place in Executive Session and would not be able to have these conversations with Select Board members outside Select Board meetings.
 - Paolillo said he would work on getting this discussion on the agenda for an upcoming Select Board meeting.
 - Garvin stated that the Town does have a naming rights policy.
 - Caputo said that we would need to take a look at the Town's naming policy as it is a generic policy and would likely need to be adapted for the rink.

4. Other Matters

- Muzzioli mentioned he is working on getting a group together to work on a video for the rink.
- Paolillo discussed this Committee's meeting schedule and planned for the Committee to meet again early-mid January.

5. Minutes

- *Motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 1st meeting as amended. Motion was approved by an 8-0 vote.*

6. Adjourn

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

Approved as amended on February 2nd, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Wiggin