

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Academy Community Center Advisory Committee.

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: February 23, 2023, 5:30 pm

Meeting Place: Town Campus Hammonasset Room

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Bill Stableford called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. In attendance: Committee members Vice Chair Joan McPherson, Sheri Cote, Roslyn Fahey, Austin Hall, Lisa Nee. Also present –Gail McGrimly, liaison from MYFS, Gregg Wagner, liaison from the EDC, and Heather Noblin, Senior Center and B&R Assistant Director.

1. Approval of minutes Chairman Bill Stableford asked for a motion to approve the February 16, 2023, minutes. Joan made a motion, and Sheri seconded. A majority vote approved the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Academy Building Committee Chair Joe Balentine reports the committee is very supportive of an Academy Café and would like a list of equipment needs and general layout.
2. ACCAC committee had favorable feedback on Noah Bloom’s Neighborhood Music School presentation.
3. Superintendent Craig Cook will give feedback to Scott on the possible public use of the renovated Polson Auditorium.
4. Lisa reported that she had a conversation with Helen Bosch of VISTA Life Innovations and they are interested in continuing a conversation about a Café in Academy modeled after “Coffee for Good” in Greenwich. Lisa and Roz will report with more specifics about the equipment and space needs for a Café.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Sheri conducted a Zoom focus group with experts in Cooking/Culinary Arts. The participants included:

Wendy Schon – Green Planet Eating

Lisa Ostop – Hometown Bakery

Mary Amter – Mary’s Culinary Classes, and husband Greg, Culinary Arts teacher at Hamden High School and commercial kitchen design consultant.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Roz suggested a Friends of Academy 501c3 be created to accept grants for items not covered within the original budget.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Bill will explore with Al Goldberg the possibility of creating a 501©3 nonprofit organization to raise private funds to enhance the features in a community center in Academy.
7. Scott will follow-up with Superintendent Cooke about the possible public use of the renovated Polson School Auditorium.
8. Lisa and Roz will present on the physical space and features of a coffee shop similar to Coffee for Good.
9. Public comment: None.
10. Adjournment: Bill asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheri made a motion, and Austin seconded—the motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:58 pm.

The next ACCAC meeting will be on March 2, 2023, @ 5:30 pm in the Hammonasett Room Town Campus.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Nee