

RICHMOND TOWN CENTER & LIBRARY BUILDINGS

COMMITTEE REPORT

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2021

AGENDA

- This year's accomplishments
- What's on the ballot?
- Plans for the upcoming year
- What you can do



Committee Members

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Formed in 2018

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Prioritization for uses of Town Center space vacated by MMUUSD
- Heating system selection and contract for Library
- Identification of near and long-term repairs, maintenance and renovation
- New leases to start in 2021 with MMCTV, Richmond Historical Society and the Community Senior Center
- Identification of funding sources for timely building infrastructure needs

ARTICLES ON THE BALLOT FOR CONSIDERATION

Article 4.

Shall the voters authorize the establishment of the “Town Center Reserve Fund” and transfer to it accumulated rent paid by Town Center tenants (approximately \$583,820 as of 2/28/21) to be used to pay, in whole or in part, utilities and insurance of the Town Center Building; and maintenance, planning, and capital costs of the Town Center Building, The Library Building, and the Town owned land each building occupies?

Article 5.

If Article 4 is approved, shall rent hereafter paid by Town Center tenants be deposited to the Town Center Reserve Fund?



ESSENTIAL REPAIRS ARE NEEDED THIS YEAR

LIBRARY BUILDING

- Slate roof repair
- Steeple repairs
- Painting & Siding
- Completion of HVAC

TOWN CENTER

- Portico drainage
- Meeting room heating
- Accessible entryways



HOW WILL THE PROCESS WORK



- All discussions, processes and decisions will occur in open public meetings.
- Projects and related contracts must comply with Town procurement policies and established thresholds for purchasing.

LARGER INVESTMENTS WILL DEPEND ON FUTURE VISION FOR OUR BUILDINGS

- The Town Center & Library Building Committee will launch a community visioning and planning process for the future of our town center and library buildings. Specifically, the process will explore:
 - Space needed for town services and related community organizations
 - Role of technology and working environments of the future
 - Existing structural limitations and regulatory requirements (ie. FEMA flood zone restrictions)
 - Energy efficient designs and systems to support a net-zero goal
 - Present and historical character of our village and walkable downtown
 - Benefits and costs of new constructions versus renovation

WAYS YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

- Town Center & Library Building Committee has openings for new members
- Bring your unique skills and expertise to a particular project
 - Grant writing or fundraising
 - Space planning & design
 - Research, outreach and general communications
- Attend Committee and Selectboard meetings and share your thoughts, ideas and questions



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QUESTIONS?

Thank you