

Richmond Planning Board  
Town Hall

PUBLIC HEARING  
April 25, 2022  
Minutes

Members present: Richard Bell, Douglas Bruce, John Hanson (Chairman), Katherine Keenum, Peter Lopez

Also present: Dick Stover, Tom Grizzly, John, Keenum, Tom Hamel, Joe McGovern, Steve Ray

At 6:00 P.M., John Hanson called to order the public hearing on the construction of a 60' x 100' accessory structure at Camp Russell (the Boys and Girls Club of the Berkshires, Inc.), Boys Club Road, Map 1020, Lot 1020-01-0. The hearing was held pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A and the Richmond Zoning Bylaw, Section 4.8 B.

Tom Hamel (speaking as attorney for the Boys and Girls Club), Joe McGovern (CEO of BGC), and Steve Ray (project manager and a member of BGC's Board of Directors) introduced the project.

Site: in a small clearing between the ropes course and the playground; approximately 1,000' from Richmond Pond; near the highest point of the property; away from any Conservation Commission-protected resources; accessible by an existing driveway that will be re-graveled and will allow access by emergency vehicles.

Building: steel construction; un-heated; no plumbing; a garage door at one end and possibly a garage door at the opposite end; perhaps windows; cement floor; exterior lighting will be installed but the intent is for the lights to be used only when the structure is in use; no winter use is planned; 27' high at the peak.

Purpose: the building will provide an indoor open space for play during inclement weather.

The Building Inspector will issue a permit for the structure contingent on the BGC receiving a special permit from the Planning Board

Dick Stover asked for confirmation on the location of the structure, which was then explained in detail using site maps provided by SKDesign.

Dick Stover and Tom Grizzly asked for confirmation that the building would have no plumbing. BGC confirmed no plumbing but it would have electricity.

John Hanson asked about plans to manage run-off from the building and the site. BGC explained that the immediate area is mostly flat and that SKDesign did not believe that there would be any need to manage runoff.

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Bruce and Katherine Keenum, Clerk