

SYMMES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 15, 2001

Andrew	DeCoursey*	Randolph*	
Bailey	Fisher Privitera	Reedy*	
Carey*	Foskett*	Rehrig*	
Carr-Jones*	Hurd*	Walkinshaw*	

* Indicates Present

Participants: John Maher, Town Counsel; Alan McClennen, Director of Planning and Community Development

Charles Foskett, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

DRAFT RFP FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT PROCESS: Mr. McClennen stated that the Draft RFP that the Town of Watertown used in planning the redevelopment of the Watertown Arsenal contained 85-90% of the information the Committee would need to prepare an RFP for the Symmes property. Mr. Foskett noted that the proposed RFP might be included in the Committee's report to the Town Meeting. Accordingly, he requested that Mr. McClennen and the ad-hoc committee assigned to prepare the draft RFP begin a draft that could be presented to the full Committee prior to the call of Town Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jacqueline Harrington suggested that the proposed minutes of October 4, 2001 should include two questions she asked that evening during Mr. McClennen's presentation regarding the Redevelopment Board. Mr. Foskett ruled the suggestion out of order and stated that, subject to approval by the full Committee, the contents of the minutes were subject to the discretion of the Committee's Secretary, Mr. DeCoursey.

Mr. DeCoursey stated that his objective in preparing the minutes was to summarize the highlights from each meeting and to include the Committee's formal votes. He also stated that it would be impossible for him to include all comments made at meetings in the Committee's minutes. Finally, Mr. DeCoursey stated that the minutes are subject to review and approval by the full Committee and that Committee members are free to offer any changes.

Mr. Reedy stated that he was not at the meeting of October 4 and asked whether it would be appropriate for Mrs. Harrington to send the points she believed should be included in the October 4 minutes in writing to the Committee for determination whether the minutes should be amended at a later date. Following further discussion, Mr. Foskett ruled the suggestion out of order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On motion, the Committee approved by a unanimous vote, the minutes of October 4, 2001 and November 1, 2001, as proposed by Mr. DeCoursey.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On motion made at 8:17 p.m., the Committee voted unanimously to go into executive session for purposes of discussing the valuation of real property. Mr. Foskett announced that the Committee would be coming out of executive session solely for the purpose of adjourning.

Following the termination of the executive session, On Motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.