

Town of North Yarmouth  
Board of Selectmen  
Public Hearing Minutes of Tuesday, March 19, 2016

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**I. Call to Order**

Members Present: Vice Chair Jeanne Chadbourne, Steve Palmer & Jim Moulton. Town Manager Rosemary Roy was also present. Chairman Carr was absent with notice.

**II. Public Hearing – Memorial School Redevelopment**

Selectman Palmer moved to open the Public Hearing for the Redevelopment of the Memorial School. Selectman Moulton seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3- Yes 0- No.**

**III. Presentations from A.H. Grover & Memory Works Volunteers of America**

Dan Diffin from Sevee & Maher Engineers presented the A.H. Grover proposal. Ken Capron, Melissa Morrill, Neil Lyden presented the Memory Works Volunteers of America proposal.

**IV. Public Comments**

Linc Merrill – Supports the Grover proposal. He continued to comment about the aspects that he does and does not support.

Pam Smith- Spoke to her opposition of the VOA proposal and in favor of the A.H. Grover proposal based on taxes.

Susan Connelly- Spoke to her knowledge of working for VOA.

Peter Lindsay- He spoke to his appreciation of both proposals. He felt that there is still a bigger picture that is not being seen. He noted that neither proposal addresses the Town Office needs.

Anne Graham- Spoke about aging in place, elder housing, & issues with taxes.

Darla Hamlin- Spoke about her concerns with the VOA proposal.

Audrey Lones- Spoke about both proposals. She believes the Town needs a master plan. She also spoke about having multiple facilities and the concerns with staffing them. She doesn't believe either proposal is ideal.

Emily Taplin Lacy- Was not sold on either proposal. She spoke to her thoughts regarding what the town needs.

Paul Napolitano- Supports Grover's proposal. Adds to tax base of the Town. He was against selling the old Grange Hall property.

Ed Motely- Felt the Grover proposal was very concrete however the VOA proposal had aspects that he liked as well.

Rob Wood- Spoke to his concerns. He would like to see a survey go out regarding seniors. He spoke to Wescustogo needs and concerns.

Clark Whittier- Supports the Grover plan however; he believes that they should revisit Question 1. He does not support multiple buildings.

Steve Gordon- Believes the Town's goals are getting confused. He thinks that these proposals are just the start to things. He supports the Grover proposal because it was concrete and addresses the needs.

Diane Morrison- Spoke to the A.H. Grover proposal. She spoke to senior housing. She stressed that they didn't need to make a decision on anything right away.

Steve Morrison- He is not in favor of either proposal but he likes aspects of each proposals. He spoke to the land use ordinance that defined affordable housing but that the Town never defined senior housing. He clarified that Grover's proposal was for market rate age restricted housing. He thinks the Board needs to narrow down the RFP and bring back to the public.

Pam Ames- She thinks that each proposal hits everything the Town was looking for however she was concerned with the loss of land. She believes the land should stay all together.

Candice Smith- Spoke to her concerns about seniors. She also spoke to A.H. Grover's proposal and had concerns with the VOA proposal. She spoke to traffic concerns.

Gay Peterson- She believes that the Town needs to save money and have everything in one place. She thinks it would make sense to build a city center and consider all the activities that take place in the current Memorial School.

Steve Fournier- Appreciated the fact that people are talking about their future plans should anything happen. He believes that the senior thing is only one part of the picture. He thinks it's a mistake to sell off our land. He thinks that the Town needs to let go of the A.H. Grover proposal. He thinks the Town should reconsider Question 1 without the sewer portion.

Katie Murphy- Think believes in having Town facilities on the Memorial School property all together and have housing at the current Town Office property. She doesn't believe the Town needs to force the issue. She spoke to reviewing the PDI reports.

Nelson Smith- Believes that every proposal that comes in everyone will have their doubts and dislikes about certain pieces of it. He spoke to helping the tax rate. He spoke to each aspect of the proposals. He believes that the Town has a good proposal and that it should be supported.

Scott Kerr- Spoke to the issue of multiple facilities. He spoke about the Grover proposal.

Tom Hinman- He believed not moving forward on either plan. He also spoke to advocating for the employees of the Town getting better a work- space could attract better talent over time. He also spoke to the consolidation of the facilities.

Audrey Lones- Inquired about the process moving forward.

Trish Fournier- Inquired about Wednesday night's meeting.

#### IV. Adjournment

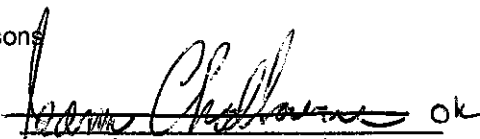
Selectman Moulton moved to close the public hearing. Selectman Palmer seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3- Yes 0- No.**


Melissa Henes  
ACS II- Recording Secretary

  
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Alex Carr, Chairperson

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Steve Palmer

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