

Town of North Yarmouth
Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing Minutes of Tuesday, March 23, 2016

 ORIGINAL

I. **Call to Order**

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

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

After each presentation each presenter entertained questions from the public.

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

Selectman Palmer made the motion to move into Public Hearing regarding Redevelopment of the Memorial School. Selectman Moulton seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 4- Yes 0- No.**

Katie Murphy- Does not support either proposal. Each proposal only addresses some aspects of the Town's needs but not all. She spoke to what aspects of each proposal she is in favor of.

Jenny Tuemmler- She indicated she had problems with both proposals but more problems with the Grover proposal. She seconded what Katie Murphy said. She thinks we should revisit Question 1 without the sewer aspect.

Mark Verrill- Believes that the Town needs to move forward. He indicated that the Select Board can't please everyone. He supports the Grover proposal. He believes people need to start looking at the good of the proposals and not the bad. He thinks both proposals should be put out to the Town.

David Holman- He expressed his strong opposition of selling the Town forest. He doesn't believe either proposal has a huge tax implication on the Town. He expressed the potential for a third option, which would be to consolidate all Town facilities into one location.

Andy Walsh- Spoke to what he would like to see incorporated into whatever proposal is brought forth.

Nelson Smith- Spoke to both proposals and he believes that the Town has a concrete plan. He supports Grover's proposal and believes the Town needs to move forward.

Audrey Lones- Does not support either plan. She thinks there were a lot of good ideas, however she is concerned with the operational costs of two buildings. She stated that Wescustogo has never earned its keep.

Diane Morrison- Stated that the senior housing is a passion of hers. She expressed the although Grover's proposal is an excellent plan it may not fit the site in which it is being proposed for.

Paul Napolitano- Supports the A.H. Grover proposal. He spoke to the reasons as to why he supports the proposal.

Scott Kerr- Spoke to a couple points brought up by other members of the public. He spoke to the kind of revenue the hall could bring in regarding potential weddings. He stated that Grover's proposal is the first step.

Patrick Gilligan- Does not support either proposal. He spoke about each proposal. He proposed that the Select Board put into the budget money to fund an Economic Developer that will work with the Board to help come up with a plan. He suggested giving it another six (6) months.

Dixie Hayes- She spoke to the needs of the Town. She encouraged people to think ahead not just focusing on the present. She doesn't believe that either proposal needs enough of the needs for the Town. She suggests looking at the Referendum form November without the sewer aspect mixed in.

Scott Kerr- Inquired about answering the straw if they had already done so at the Saturday Public Hearing.

Tom Hinman- Does not support the process but finds value in both proposals. He thought that the Town was being short sited in the needs of the Town. He spoke to the amount of activity that the building currently houses.

Audrey Lones- Requested of the Board that whatever proposal is brought forth come with a detailed financial impact to the Town that projects 20 years.

Nelson Smith- Confirmed the Board of Selectmen Special meeting will be held in the same location.

IV. Adjournment

Selectman Moulton moved to close the public hearing. Selectman Palmer seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3- Yes 0- No 1- Abstention (Selectperson Chadbourne).**

Melissa Henes
ACS II- Recording Secretary




Alex Carr, Chairperson

Steve Palmer

Board of Selectpersons



Jeanne Chadbourne, Vice Chairperson



Jim Moulton