

**March 23, 2016
Public Hearing Results**

Resident Sign in: 59
Polls Printed: 150
Unused Polls: 92
Polls Given Out: 58
Polls Returned: 52
Unreturned Polls: 6
Resident sign in / Polls returned: 7

Overall Straw Poll Results:

A.H. Grover: 19
Volunteers of America: 4
Uncertain: 9
None of the above: 17
Grover & VOA: 2
No Vote: 1

Town Manager's analytical review of comments submitted:

In evaluating this information I came to the conclusion that there were 2 additional categories that needed to be added that carried a much larger voice than the first hearing. Percentages were calculated on 43 replies (margin of error 1.29% / based on interpretation):

- 1) General Comments - 34.88%
- 2) Senior Housing needs be affordable - 16.28%
- 3) Referendum Q1 without sewer - 13.95%
- 4) Move forward / get this done - 13.95%
- 5) Include the Town Office in plan & Senior Housing needs to be affordable - 4.65%
- 6) Include the Town Office in plan / Community Center - 4.65%
- 7) Need a Master Plan - 4.65%
- 8) Combined both proposals - 4.65%

Summary - Combining 2-6 53.48%: Include the Town Office in plan creating center for community & municipal services; revisit the senior housing aspects of the proposal - provided for a more reasonable cost for senior housing. Move forward.

Poll Comments: Written verbatim as shown on poll.

(NO Vote - not an option):

- Of the two proposals presented tonight, I am leaning towards supporting the A.H Grover proposal more because it was explained better in my view, however, I have been under the impression for a few weeks now that the rebuilding of Wescustogo Grange Hall would be a (separate) building all together which has been gaining support in general and I support as well.

Both Grover & Memory Works:

- Grover @ NYMS VOA in Field above Town Hall. Is there a way to let N.Y residents have first dibs on either proposal or is that not legally possible.

AH Grover Proposal:

- People are trying to solve all the Town's problems & meet all its prospective needs on 1 site. There are plenty of locations in the VC for functions in addition to those solved by the Grover proposal.
- The town needs the property tax basis for this project and Wescustogo needs to be built.
- Let's get on with this. There is a quality proposal that will allow us to honor our obligation to Wescustogo, keep the gym & get some housing.
- Time to get going. Can't keep doing this dance.
- Stop screwing around and get this done!
- Ice hockey rink in the winter like Yarmouth has.
- Wescustogo & school gym & plus with insurance money.
- We need to move forward & Grover's proposal fits the needs we asked for. We sent out 43 proposals and this is the only concrete proposal submitted. We can't afford to start over we may not have anyone submit another proposal.
- Rather than single houses, maybe duplex or apartments.
- I will support this proposal as a draft but without more public input around trail preservation, minimize deforestation and enhancing parking. I will not support as a final proposal.
- Let's move forward. Not backwards.
- Memory works was not prepared well for this presentation.
- I strongly support the Grover proposal & hope the BOS will do the same.
- Private funded no public funds. Let the votes decide.

Memory Works:

- Don't cut town forest.
- We need affordable care for our elderly.
- Still needing development but better than selling town land so a private business can develop it. Keep in mind the Yarmouth town well.
- Because it would have affordable senior housing (do we really need a sports field near 55+ housing?) with possible aging in place options. I like that they are open to our suggestions. I think the 55+ Grover housing should go elsewhere in town

Uncertain:

- I would like to see Grange Hall on property of school gym. Preference for N Yarmouth residents. Tax increase – no students.
- I would like real affordable housing located in the Village Center. Some unit as for low income families for town tax payers.
- I don't support excavating 150,000 yards of gravel off the land, or 32 separate lots. Any development should be clustered. I prefer the VOA concept of a non-profit w/ significant experience in building affordable housing.
- Memory works has many positive components, Grover's proposal is too large and destroys the Town forest. It is far too large and intrusive to the natural feel of NY. The original proposal for use of school campus for all town facilities without the sewer makes the most sense. Grover plan also does not address affordable housing.
- We need to work with VOA for somewhere in this town. The board needs to hire someone to help us figure this out.
- Has traffic flow been looked at with either project? How is safety and accessibility to "common" facilities or "shared" facilities being addressed? I'm completely against the forests being cut down.
- I think a combination of both projects would work well for the town. We need to move forward. I'm just not sure that the VOA project needs to happen at this location.

None of the above:

- This was my 2nd public hearing and I felt much more informative and better format than Saturday's. I am extremely impressed with VOA and feel they would do the best job with "Senior Living" vs. "Senior Housing." I think there might be a place for Grover's project as well. Community should be stressed and the help of a Town planner services to refine our vision and its execution seems like an excellent investment.
- Need a comprehensive, long term master plan, not a piece meal plan.
- It is the duty and responsibility of the town's governing board to understand and anticipate future needs. I submit that we don't yet know what our future needs may be – but it's clear that we like all communities around are growing. BTW – working with VOA does not mean "starting from square one" because we already have lots of information- our PDI study, for which we paid a pretty penny! And there are benefits of VOA's expertise- they have done many of these projects before – built in wisdom and experience.
- I don't support the Grover proposal at all. I support part of the VOA proposal – I want to go back to the original idea of every town office under one roof, with providing affordable senior housing and services for our residents.
- I totally agree with what Dixie Hayes had to say. Both proposals are good. But they don't address the Town's needs.
- Re-visit first plan, minus the sewer.
- Both plans have merit, making a decision based solely on these 2 feels too fast. I'd like the BOS to revisit Question 1 from November without the sewer.
- Combine Grange, gym & Town Office on site, Housing elsewhere.
- Keep the NYMS campus as a municipal campus and solve the affordable SR housing working w/ VOA and other housing needs with AH Grover.
- We need a community center and Grange minus the sewer on this site!
- This plan does not address the needs of the community. The town has learned a lot about the needs of the community though the use of the NYMS building- Stop this process and go back to create a broader plan that incorporates all the needs of the town. This process is very short sighted- There is a greater opportunity to use NYMS as a multipurpose building for the greater good
- Please revisit referendum Question 1 without the sewer.
- There are more issues facing the Town than what these proposals present. The Town needs office space that is adequate space for employees, more meeting space for Selectmen, Boards & Committees, more storage space for records and historical documents. Need a more comprehensive plan!
- I would rather see all of the Town offices/ public works/ Fire rescue all on the same campus and try to encourage businesses to populate the town center. There will be more housing development on private property and it would be nice to have restaurants, shops etc. within walking distance.
- Would prefer original plan keeping and using memorial school without sewer.
- More convinced than ever that we need to work with them. They have the capacity to move this town forward that is VOA. Grover can go to another site for 55+.