

Common School Working Group Agenda

Wednesday January 14, 2026 6:00PM – 7:30PM

Fairfield Town Office, Chester Arthur Room

Zoom Option Available:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84591677904?pwd=FdIJWMm7jPnH9NDYqEDtWsbNUtMeN4.1&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 845 9167 7904 Password: 779353

Agenda

1. Additions/Changes to Agenda

2. Welcome and Introduction

3. Architectural Design Work with GVV – Review and Discussion

- Materials to be provided/Shared by Chi
- Notes from last discussion:
 - Make sure the space is designed to be a licensed childcare facility (or just licensed Afterschool Program?).
 - Would like an additional bathroom available at the first floor, in addition to a remodeled basement bathroom. (There would also be bathrooms for 2nd story use)
 - The town does not want to be a landlord for residential units. Need to explore options for property management or unit ownership and provide to Selectboard for review and consideration to continue pursuing this use as an alternative.
 - Prepare 2 alternatives for public meeting: one option with housing at second floor and one option with commercial/office at second floor. 1st floor is community space/afterschool program space and basement is rec program/team changing area.
 - Chi to organize the plans and coordinate with Henry Erickson for estimates.
 - Estimates to be broken out to have the “base cost” for all items that are necessary for either option ie structural, energy upgrades, repairs, etc. Then the costs that differentiate the two ie additional stair tower, more interior walls and doors, additional fire ratings.

4. Public Meeting Planning – Finalize Date – Either February 18 or 19

- Market as Community Meeting and Potluck – Restoring the Common School
- Decide Location – Town Office?
- Discuss and confirm plan for outreach

- Proposed Agenda:
 - **Welcoming remarks - CSWG members (5 minutes)**
 - Get food, eat, review posters (20 minutes)
 - **Presentation (1 hour)**
 - Project introduction and history - Greta and CSWG members (10 minutes)
 - Program Overview - Chi (10 minutes)
 - Review of Draft Concept Design Alternatives (2 options) - Chi (15 minutes)
 - Next Steps, Funding and Work Ahead (10 minutes)
 - Formal Q&A (15 minutes)
 - **Community social and comments/survey (30 minutes)**
 - **Safe trip home**
- Materials:
 - Poster boards for each design that include program summary, plans and conceptual cost range
 - Poster for 2nd floor income generating use ideas with post-it notes
 - Ask historical society to work on gathering historic photos and make photo display. Brainstorm how to make interactive and fun. In the meeting notice, ask to bring more photos?
 - Digital survey that can be completed with ipad at the meeting, or in hard copy at the meeting. Survey will open that night and stay open for 30 days (including table at town meeting). *(Draft survey to be provided at 1/14/26 meeting)*
 - Other ideas?

5. Other Business