

Common School Discussion Agenda

April 16, 2024 2:30PM – 4:00PM

Bent Northrup Memorial Library Meeting Room

Zoom Option Available:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87104089371?pwd=WFP2YVZOKytZQUpFcDVCQmF2NzdnQT09>

Meeting ID: 871 0408 9371 Passcode: 000327

Agenda

1. Additions/Changes to Agenda

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Check in on Process: Where have we been and where are we going from here?

- Overview of what has been done so far
- Commitment that reuse should drive investment in restoration and rehab
- What's next

4. Discussion of Uses for Building – priority for recreation, afterschool, community space and income generation

- Ron noted that the feeling of the Selectboard is that being used is most important, over income generation.
- Initial discussion with MRUSD for office headquarters
 1. Does the committee support this use?
 - Committee supports getting more information to support making informed decision. Julie
 2. Space needs? This information needs to be gathered.
 3. Timing, lease format? To be determined.
 4. Does MRUSD want to move Early Childhood Program to Common School.
 5. Broader discussion with MRUSD on potential uses of additional space given community support for restoring the Common School building.
 6. Timing – before next meeting
- Afterschool program
 1. Support of existing FCCA program, potential to relocate or expand?
 - Julie will set up meeting with Faith, Melissa Dion, John Muldoon to discuss the existing FCCA afterschool program and potential opportunities for the common school.
 2. Space needs?
 3. Is there space and is the use complimentary with MRUSD offices?

- Space constraints will limit use potential – where does recreation and community space fit in with the uses noted above?
 1. Can improvements made to the basement support the needs of recreation and community space.
 2. Map existing assets to confirm what types of space is needed for multi-purpose thinking about network of community spaces. Inventory available on website that describes the space, ideal uses and how they can be reserved.
 3. It town needs technical support in setting up an online inventory and directory, Liesl can support.
 4. By inventorying the community spaces available it may temper community reaction on not incorporating community scape into common school
 - NRPC will start to collect data on spaces

Year Built: 1820 Heated Area (sf) 3456
 Volume (cf): 34560 No. of Stories: 2
 Temp Set 60 Ttl Area (sf) 4456

5. Next Steps

- Village Trust Initiative – Discuss opportunity. See <https://ptvermont.org/village-trust-initiative/> for more information.
 - Greta and Liesl will put together draft application together and share with Julie for feedback
 - Julie and Greta will bring to the Community Center board too see if there is willingness to apply on behalf of the existing non-profit
- Investigation into status of wastewater system by Town

Julie is meeting with MRUSD and Afterschool Program
 NRPC will assist in inventorying existing community spaces.
 Liesl will support town with website for community spaces
 Ron will follow up with Selectboard about wastewater
 Julie and Greta will discuss community trust initiative with Community Center
 Greta and Liesl will prepare draft intake form and share with Julie

6. Other Business

Next Meeting

May 17th at 3:00

Spaces

Library

Town Office – Chester Arthur Offices

Library

Community Center

Meeting House on the Green

Need details on type of facility, square footage, amenities, photos, capacity etc.