

Common School Working Group Agenda

Thursday September 25, 2025 6:00PM – 7:30PM

Fairfield Town Office, Chester Arthur Room

Meeting Notes

1. Additions/Changes to Agenda. None

2. Welcome and Introduction.

- Attendance: J. Wolcott, J. Hopkins, M. Schreindorfer, G. Brunswick,
- Guest: Chi Nguyen, GVV Architect

3. Municipal Planning Grant –

- Kick Off with Architectural Consultant Chi Nguyen of GVV Architects
- The working group reviewing the scope and schedule of the MPG.
- The group discussed timing engagement with town meeting so that some deliverables would be able to be displayed at a table there.
- Chi reviewed documents that she will need, including a copy of the structural analysis and the cost/benefit analysis.
- The group discussed the vision for reuse that came out of the initial working group meetings. This included the basement for sports changing/locker rooms. The 1st floor for afterschool programming and the second floor for community space, or potentially senior housing or shared cooperative working space for women. Income generation was identified as a goal to help with maintenance and upkeep of the building.
- The working group discussed the survey, which is in the scope of work. They decided to push surveying to later in the schedule and complete it in tandem with the public meeting. It was discussed that the survey would not brainstorm reuse options since there has been substantial work on this through the working group and there is intent to build in some flexibility. The group preferred surveying when there are alternatives to review and comment on.

4. Municipal Planning Grant – Other Priorities Discussions

- Announcement of project on FPF. Tabled to next meeting.
- Website. Tabled to next meeting.
- Septic feasibility update. Greta noted that she updated the Selectboard on the project at their last meeting and this is in the grant application, but we will wait to initiate the work until later in the project.

5. Fundraising

- Capital Campaign Discussion. Tabled to next meeting.

- Village Trust initiative Application Update. Julie reported that the application was submitted and we were notified that we were selected for the next round. This means that they will come for a site visit, which has been scheduled for October 3rd.

6. Other Business

- Next meeting will be Thursday October 23, 2025.