

**Stonington Facilities Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 2019
Stonington Schools Central Office
Old Mystic, CT
7:00 pm
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The Stonington Facilities Committee held a special meeting on this date, Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the former Stonington Schools Central Office, Old Mystic, Connecticut.

Members present were Paul Sartor, Chairman; Chris Donahue, Vice Chair; Jean Fiore, Sandy Grimes and Bill King. Also, present were Sandy Tissiery, Recording Secretary and interested citizens.

Members absent: Don Maranell and Alisa Morrison

1. Call to Order

Chairman Paul Sartor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Bill King and Jean Fiore were seated as alternates.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

There wasn't a flag present so the Pledge of Allegiance was not done.

3. Comments from the public

There weren't any comments from the public.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the regular meeting of October 8, 2019 were submitted for approval.

A motion was made by Sandy Grimes and seconded by Jean Fiore to approve the minutes of October 8, 2019 as presented.

Aye: Paul Sartor, Chris Donahue, Sandy Grimes and Jean Fiore

Abstention: Bill King

5. Correspondence

There wasn't any correspondence presented.

6. Tour of Old Mystic School District Building

Chairman Sartor invited the meeting attendees to tour the building if they wanted to see it.

7. Former Old Mystic Building

• Review progress/updates

Chairman Sartor said the building had been turned over from the school district to the town on November 1, 2019. Chairman Sartor reported he has contacted Barbara McKrell, Stonington Director of Public Works, to ask for the removal of the playground equipment and she has put it on the schedule; he will contact her again about removal of the fence.

Chairman Sartor discussed the committee is considering all options that have been presented so far and are exploring the many options. Some of the options that have been suggested are senior/disabled housing, a senior center, open space, business incubators and residential homes. (Attachment #1).

Chairman Sartor discussed one issue of the building is the septic system. The committee discussed the town sewer system and how they prioritize the need of where sewers should be installed. Paul Sartor said he is in process of learning about the cost of a new septic system and what is the process and costs of hooking up to the town sewer system. The committee would have to get on the WPCA agenda to learn more about the process of sewer hookup.

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8. WBSS

- Updates on St. Michael lease negotiation

No updates at this time. The suggested uses spreadsheet for West Broad Street School was inadvertently not attached to the September 10, 2019 minutes so, in the honor of full disclosure, are attached to these minutes (Attachment #2).

9. Comments from the Public

The community present said these options are their top choices for the building:

- To tear down the building and leave the property as open space.
- Keep the building empty to be available space for voting and community activities.

The cost of the building to the town was discussed, whether the town should pay for a one-time cost to tear down the building or for the town to find an active use for the building to warrant the cost to maintain it. If the town were to keep the building for minimal use, other options for the building and/or the property could be considered at a later time when hookup to the sewer system become available.

The removal of the basketball hoops was requested, Paul Sartor will contact Barbara Krell about their removal.


10. Comments from the Committee

Jean Fiore reiterated with the neighborhood attendees their two-options of choice is using the building as open space or using the building for voting and community use. The group concurred.

11. Adjourn

A motion was made by Paul Sartor and seconded by Sandy Grimes to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.
The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Sandy Tissiere, Recording Secretary

OLD MYSTIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPOSED USES, BASED ON PUBLIC INPUT FROM OPEN HOUSE ON 10/5/19

Residential Use	Senior Housing/ Over 55 Housing	Senior Center/ Adult Day Care	Open Space	Small Business Incubator	Health Care Facility or Assisted Living	Public Meeting/ Polling Space
G. Sylvestre D. Woycik W. Woycik D. Fiore (Remove bldg to create residential subdivision)	G. Sylvestre (affordable, including handicapped; building, or portion of, to be for ancillary purposes) D. Woycik W. Woycik R. Medbery D. Fiore D. Downie	D. Woycik W. Woycik M. Beaudoin (Nice mixed use is for adult day care w/ pre-K or child day care w/ space available for shared programs) Anonymous	D. Downie	M. Beaudoin	M. Beaudoin	Anonymous

WEST BROAD STREET SCHOOL PROPOSED USES, BASED ON PUBLIC INPUT FROM OPEN HOUSES ON 4/24/19, 4/30/19, 5/4/19 & 7-14-19

St. Michael School	Adult or Continuing Ed/Charter School	Condos/Apts	Commercial/Retail/Professional Offices, Start-ups/Non-Profits	Pawcatuck Community Center	Senior Housing/Independent Living	Senior Center
C. Donnarummo	A. Rogers	C. Donnarummo	C. Donnarummo	C. Donnarummo	Anonymous	K. Lindeborg
Joanne Lindeborg	J. McNeil	M. Riley	Joanne Lindeborg	K. Lindeborg	L. Luzzi	C. McCarthy
K. Lindeborg	T. DeDominicis	K. Keane Carlini	E. Strand	C. McCarthy	D. Fiore	Anonymous
Anonymous	Skip Thavenet	E. Strand	Anonymous	Anonymous	T. Banker	L. Graham
E. Strand	Evie Thavenet	K. Riley	M. Simeone	M. Higgins	T. DeDominicis	Anonymous
P. Manning	C. Kerr	Anonymous	C. McCarthy	T. DeDominicis	T. Barber (affordable housing for single moms or low-income elderly)	
T. Messina	Anonymous	Anonymous	Anonymous	T. Hefel		
D. Messina	Anonymous	M. Simeone	M. Lyons	Anonymous		
D. Fiore	S. Moore	C. McCarthy	B. Higgins	S. Moore (offer Developmental Disability Services/Counseling)		
Anonymous	L. Graham	M. Lyons	Rudy (Entrepreneur Lab for start-up businesses/new technology)	Anonymous		
M. Simeone	Anonymous	Anonymous	J. Spalding (start-ups & non-profits that benefit community thru arts, education etc)	Anonymous		
S. Jones	Anonymous	B. Higgins	Anonymous	L. Graham		
Fr. Perkins	Anonymous	J. Fish	Anonymous	S. Matteson (Voting Hall)		
J. Morrissey	K. Stellmaker	S. Fish	Anonymous (Partner w/ private developer to convert to workforce housing or boutique hotel; convert to commercial/office space)	D. Brewer (sp?)		
J. McNeil	R. Nolan (Daycare)	Anonymous		Anonymous		
Skip Thavenet		Piper		V. Plourde		
Evie Thavenet		Anonymous				
D. Carrier		Anonymous				
C. Kerr		Anonymous				
A. Kapelowicz		Anonymous				
C. Vernieri		Anonymous				
L. Kellher		Anonymous				
Anonymous		Bill Brown				
T. DeDominicis						
T. Hefel						
Anonymous						
L. Graham						
S. Matteson						
Anonymous						
Anonymous						
C. Drury						
D. Cornelius						
Anonymous						
J. Druey Jr. (sp?)						
C. Shea						
W. Fyke						
K. Stellmaker						
L. Piola						
Anonymous						
D. Songdahi						
V. Allen						
J. Silva						
R. Nolan						
A. Doyle						
Anonymous						
Anonymous						
Anonymous						

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Town Hall Annex	Sell to Private Investor	Stonington Arts Center	Museum (History/ Art/Stonington Ed) or Library (w/ coffee shop!)	Historical Society	Stonington Public Schools Administration	Sub-Divide & Build Single- Family Homes Along Stanton Street
E. Strand D. Fiore	D. Erskine S. Burnside Anonymous Rudy	J. Leeming M. Lyons	M. Higgins S. Moore Anonymous	Jeff Lindeborg	P. Manning	M. Lyons