

Town of North Stonington
School Building Repurposing Committee Special Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2020 at Town Hall Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Toula Balestracci, at 6pm.

All the regular members were in attendance. Selectman Urgo attended, as well as two members of the public.

Public Comment: Sean Murphy asked the committee to recommend abatement and tear-down of the middle school wing as intended in the original school building Resolution. He believes there may be an opportunity for some state funding for that purpose at this time.

The minutes of the February 3rd and February 24th special meetings were approved upon motions which passed unanimously. Walter Mathwich abstained from the vote on the February 12 minutes.

A Question and Answer discussion was held with Atty Nicholas Kepple regarding the issue of a deed restriction between the Library and the Town. The committee was informed that the restriction can be lifted by the party who imposed it if that party is amenable. Atty Kepple offered to come back another time to discuss the details of any potential deed restriction change.

Environmental liability is an open question if the sale of the property is to be considered. Another question is in regard to prior state re-imbursement for the roof.

The Chair updated the committee on a February 27 tour of the school hosted by Superintendent Peter Nero which was attended by Lighthouse School and CT Coastal Academy. Toula was able to attend at short notice. The school will notify our committee about any future tours requested by interested parties.

The committee will consolidate one list of all the possible uses generated to date. The committee and the selectmen will consider an RFP for proposals when appropriate.

The next meeting is March 16.

G. Annino moved to adjourn at 7:25pm, seconded by M. Anderson; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by E. Boissevain, Sec'y