Center School Visioning Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

6:00 pm

Whately Town Hall 194 Chestnut Plain Road Whately, MA 01093

Meeting Agenda

- 1) Introductions/re-introductions
- 2) Approval of first meeting minutes
- 3) Details on the actual building:

There are two opinions from knowledgeable sources that for any use the school would need to be gutted and entirely rebuilt.

We still need solid numbers to compare the costs of rehab and total demolition.

Square footage.

Review for which uses it must be made accessible.

Septic.

Current costs.

4) Reviewing the options:

 Town retains the Center School as a municipal property, making gradual improvements as grants and other funding permit

> For continued town use For rent to other government entities For rental to non-profits

- Town makes some improvements to the building prior to selling it to an entity willing to restore it, taking advantage of grants only available to municipalities.
- Town sells or donates the building without improvements to an entity willing to restore it.

This could include an established nonprofit who has a mission statement we value.

This could include a nonprofit generated for some specific town purpose

This could be a private owner who agrees to certain conditions.

This could be without conditions.

- Town tears down the building to facilitate another use for the site.
- Other
- 5) Any other brainstorming that might not have been covered by the above.
- 6) Tasks & assignments.
- 7) Next meeting date.