

Public comment T C Meeting 09/14/21

Ed Grandelski 877 upper Maple St. Dayville Town Council Member Dist. 2

Agenda Item # 15 © Community Center;

We need to have public information meetings, where the public can have a back & fourth question and answer dialog. Up to this point, the community center project (Broad St. & Westfield Ave.) has not been in the forefront of the public domain.

The community center issue(s) have been on the back burner of the Town Council for the past year, be it in Town Manager's report during Town Council Meetings, emails to Town Council Members when breakages occur at the Broad St. building, during the Town Manager's guest appearance on WINY Radio, etc. The public has not had the chance to weigh-in on this issue, other than thru public comment at T C Meetings, where back and forth dialog is not allowed.

There is no discussion regarding the disposition of the Broad St. property.

I do not see a detailed signed MOU between the BOE and the Town for use of the Westfield Ave building. The MOU must contain specifics outlining the EASTCONN contract, and current use of building for the High School Wrestling practice program.

One public hearing prior to referendum, as proposed on this issue, is insufficient based on the scope and dollar amount of this project

I cannot support moving forward with setting a referendum date at this time

Agenda Item #15 (e) American Rescue Plan;

I would like to see the ARP Money be used to offset costs for the WPCA sewer pipe groundwater infiltration project and/or the downtown [Water St. to School ST.] stormwater infrastructure repair, based on newly initiated engineering study.

Thanks For your time. Ed Grandelski

Janice Rockwood

From: Amelia Kellner <ameliakellnerct@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 8:02 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: School remodel

I think we should demolish the building on Broad Street and turn it into a parking lot or playground. The old high school can be turned into the community center with a little repair. Just putting my vote in. Also, get rid of the racist mascot.

Amelia Kellner

Janice Rockwood

From: Jennifer Horner <fuhrmannje@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 5:40 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Town Council meeting Sept 7

My name is Jennifer Horner at 5 Lafantasie Rd. I want to speak to the Broad St and Westfield buildings. This all feels very rushed. What options were considered? Why were decisions regarding these buildings being "tossed around for many, many, many years" per Tammy Wakefield in the WINY interview? In that same interview she said "We've now backed ourselves into a corner." What does that mean?

One person wrote about a "deed restriction on the Broad St property." What is this and has it been looked into for barriers or opportunities?

I find myself with more questions than answers. I'm hopeful that today's meeting will be the start of a collaboration between the Town Council and the people it serves.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Horner

Janice Rockwood

From: montvm <montvm1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 12:18 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Repairs On Community Center and Old High School on Westfield av

To Whom It May Concern-

I am writing today, to propose that one of these two locations be kept and repaired if it is feasible. In order for our town and community to continue to grow, we need to continue to provide a Community Center and it's offerings as well as all that goes on at the Old High School Location in one of these two locations. I suggest that one location be sold to a private developer or restoration service, the funds from the sale be used to help offset the cost of repairing the other location. This could be a win-win.

At all cost, Killingly must provide a location for a Community Center. A town without a Community Center, is like a town without a soul. Getting rid of both buildings would be detrimental to Killingly's growth, and would be essentially stripping away many programs that we offer our town through the parks and rec's department. We need a place for these programs to happen, and that place should be one of these two buildings.

Regards,

Michael Montville

Janice Rockwood

From: Zornado, Joseph L. <jzornado@ric.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 11:39 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Public comment

I am writing in regards to the question of the Community Center on Road Street and the old Westfield high school.

The Community Center has been a source of great joy and engagement for children and families for years. Living near the borough, my family participated for many years in its programs. The building itself as well as the services it houses is a true credit and an indelible piece of local history. It adorns Broad Street with history and represents a site where the community gathers to celebrate their children. For too long Killingly has sold off its natural and cultural legacy for a few promised dollars.

We need a new vision, one that puts the community's needs first in terms other than economic. The social, historical, cultural and relational function of the Community Center on Broad Street cannot be measured by a narrow metrics of profit and loss.

Besides, the Westfield HS building is not a good replacement for the Community Center on Broad. Any claims of cost savings will be, in the end, erased by the reality of building rehabilitation. Besides, there are grants and other funding available to help offset the costs of saving the CC on Broad Street if the town council had any interest in preserving a land mark that, once gone, is gone forever.

Do not privatize the CC building and turn it into housing. Stop selling the town's cultural history for a few pieces of silver.

Sincerely,

Joseph Zornado

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Janice Rockwood

From: M Vanasse <m17qt17@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 10:10 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Two old high school

Hello,

My name is Melissa Vanasse of 20 Melinda Ter Danielson. If I had an opinion I would say sell the high schools and let the mill rate come down. We were told it would be cheaper to build rather than repair so we build a new high school and now we are going to repair the old ones that were not worth it on the past.

Respectfully,

Melissa

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

Janice Rockwood

From: laurenexclusive <laurenexclusive@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 3:33 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Near accident at Shippee School House Rd and route 6

To whom it may concern,

I was wondering if it would be possible to make a motion to have a traffic light installed at route 6 and Shippee School House Rd. As I witnessed a horrible accident there this past week I believe a fatality. And many near accidents over the past year. My daughter will some day be learning to drive and turn right or left out of the road and I hope that it will be safer for her then. If there is anything my neighbors and I can do to help the cause please reach out to let us know as we all feel that a light would be safer then the blinking light that is there.

Lauren Richardson
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Dayville CT 06241
401-572-1400

Janice Rockwood

From: Misty Crowley <misty_crowley@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 1:03 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: public comment

Our Recreation Department/Community Center provides invaluable opportunities for community member of all ages. It seems the prudent course of action is to renovate the Westfield Ave location to make the necessary repairs needed to relocate/consolidate the community center to this location (selling off the Broad St. location). While no one ever wants to pay more taxes, I will gladly do so in order that we maintain (and possibly grow) the offerings to community members of all ages and in order to maintain our building to prevent further damaging from aging/neglect. Please continue to take pride in our town by supporting the development of our community.