

**Ad-Hoc Academy Investigation Committee**  
**Academy School**  
**Meeting – March 9, 2012, 7:30 am**  
**Meeting Minutes**

April 12, 2012

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 am February 10, 2012. In attendance were David Kadamus, Joe Beerbower, Matt Callahan(arrived 7:45 am), Kathy Rossini and Jon Pardo
2. Minutes from February 10, 2012 meeting were submitted and approved.
3. Status Reports of Committees:

A. Validation/Renewal - DK

David Kadamus performed an evaluation of the estimates from the reports of previous committees. The numbers regarding the repair and renovation of the Academy School building appear to be consistent in magnitude in the conclusions reached by prior studies.

B. Town Tax/Financial Capabilities - KR

Kathy Rossini is performing an analysis of the bonding capabilities for the Town based on existing debt levels and potential windows for additional bonding as debt matures.

4. Board of Selectman Presentation.

David Kadamus gave a summary of his presentation to the BOS meeting on February 13. The BOS approved a request to allow the committee to include the library as one of the potential uses for the Academy school building. The BOS also offered to extend the time period for the committee beyond June 2012 if deemed necessary by the members.

5. Library Issue

David Kadamus spoke with Ted Mallory about potential of Academy School building to be used as library. Mallory stated that the library would need approximately 40,000 square feet of space; which might not be feasible at Academy school. He also expressed the Library Board's preference to stay in the current location. The Library Board would however be willing to participate in discussions and consider any ideas presented. The Library Board also invited Committee members to attend their next meeting on March 19.

6. Third Party Interest

Several third parties have expressed interest in the Academy School Building.

A. Patrick O'Grady - Hope Partnership, Old Saybrook, CT

Hope Partnership is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to developing affordable workforce/senior housing. Organization works with towns, developers and interested private partners.

B. William Plunkett - Madison, CT

William Plunkett has expressed interest in potentially creating 40 to 50 units of housing at Academy School building. Has performed walk through and requested floor plans from town. Development would likely require Zoning Board action and approval.

C. Eric Dillner - Shoreline Arts Alliance, Guilford, CT

Shoreline Arts Alliance is a non-profit group that cultivates artistic activity on the shoreline area of CT. The group is studying the Academy School building for a potential visual and performing arts space and museum.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Material for Website.

DK will speak with Art Sickle to get Committee website updated and to incorporate reports from prior committees on website.

2. Planning and Zoning Issues.

The Committee discussed the need to identify and understand Planning and Zoning issues that would arise with potential future uses outside of education for Academy School building.

3. Community Communication and Input.

The Committee expressed plans to schedule first public meeting either in April or early May. The Committee also plans on reaching out to various groups within the Town to keep them abreast of project and address potential questions/concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.

