

Ad Hoc Field Committee Motion re Outreach (Forums)

(approved unanimously 1-5-23):

Approved:

That we agree to have two town forums to convey information and solicit Town opinions as to the future of the Field building. A trained facilitator (Oran Kaufman) will lead the discussion and enforce the ground rules.

That the Committee Presentation in **Forum 1** have the following parts:

- 1) **Statement by committee** that building is worthy of preservation and reasons.
- 2) **Historical summary** of building's past and its uses.
- 3) **Facts Presentation** of Land Survey and Septic and Well results and possibilities
- 4) **Options Presentation Format:** The committee will pick 3 members of the committee to present the pros and cons of the three options that have been discussed by the committee, given the facts of building and site. Each presentation should follow a written scripted format in which **legal findings, social benefits, environmental impacts, historical integrity, and financial costs to the Town** will be the categories in which the pro and con points will be presented. The committee will develop these points together before the forum presentation.

Option 1 Presenter would present the pros and cons of the option that the Town retain ownership and move the building to the library complex.

Option 2 Presenter would present the pros and cons of the option that the Town retain ownership and commit to pay ongoing maintenance costs at the present site.

Option 3 Presenter would present the pros and cons of the option that the Town sell the building and site and if legal, either to sell the building to a relevant non-profit such as the Leverett Historical Society tasked with operating a facility for collecting, storing, maintaining and making available for display to the public historical artifacts and archives, or consider a public-private partnership to achieve these goals.

- 5) **Discussion** would consist of questions from Town members about the facts and to the presenters of Option 1, 2 and 3. Town members, but not committee members, can state their own opinions on the options.

Ground rules for discussion would include that committee members not weigh in with their personal opinions on Options 1, 2 or 3. Those Town members

attending would be expected only to express personal preferences and not to put down others with different views as to future ownership or possible uses.

Forum 2 would have the form of an interactive group exercise where every town member present would get to express their preference for Option 1, 2 or 3 as well as to brainstorm about various uses and adaptive reuses for the building.