

## **Report to the Harwich Board of Selectmen Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012**

### **How is your Committee attendance?**

Committee attendance has been excellent.

### **Are you in need of new members and/or do you have any membership issues?**

Originally there were 11 members of the committee and now there are 8. Perhaps the Board should consider keeping the committee at 8 rather than appoint 3 new members. Enable the committee to call on members of town departments as well as other town committees to be advisory on specific issues in need of either clarification or additional knowledge.

### **Inform the Board of your committee's plans and goals for the next year.**

With the approval of the Monomoy Regional School District lease agreement by both the Chatham and Harwich Boards of Selectmen the Repurpose Committee can move forward knowing as stated in the lease (and I quote: "When the present Harwich Middle School is no longer needed by the school district to serve as a middle school the school district shall declare the Harwich Middle School as surplus property and the school building shall revert to the custody and control of the town of Harwich.")

Based on the assumption that full regionalization is on schedule and the opening of the new high school in Harwich and the merging of the middle schools in Chatham will commence on September 2014 the middle school repurpose committees first order of business in 2013 will be to revise and refine its timeline to achieve its scope and responsibility as spelled out in the charge prepared by the board of selectmen.

The committee's overarching goal will be to gather all appropriate data and information that will ultimately enable the Board of Selectmen to prepare an article or articles that would enable town meeting to vote on a repurposing plan as soon after full consolidation of the Monomoy Regional School District's school buildings is expedited.

As a follow up to my report to you on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 there is still much unfinished business the committee needs to attend to. The committee intends to intensify its efforts to achieve the full scope of its responsibilities.

**More specifically the committee will:**

Continue to provide interested parties with tours of the middle school.

Gather additional data regarding building maintenance and operational costs.

Complete identification of site/building use restrictions, limitations, and remedies.

Continue to explore how best to divide the elementary/middle school into 2 or more separate properties.

Continue to determine the best approach to sharing the common septic system.

Having prepared an initial comprehensive list of potential uses for this facility now identify potential interested parties associated with 5 broad areas...schooling, housing, medical, business, and municipal.

Develop marketing plan to solicit interest in the property.

Develop request for proposals.

Evaluate proposal merits and recommend course of action to Board of Selectmen.