

**200 TYLER STREET SUBCOMMITTEE  
(BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION)  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016  
(AMENDED-TO CORRECT MEETING DATE)**

The 200 Tyler Street Subcommittee held a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512.

Chairman Paul Carbo called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and proceeded to ask everyone to stand for pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Carbo asks anyone who has not already signed up to speak to do so and state their name and address when they come up. He indicates he is giving everyone 3 minutes. For the record, the committee has in front of them a proposal from the 200 Tyler Street Committee, an idea from Mr. Anastasio and something from Mrs. Esposito. Also the two proposals submitted by Mr. Brancati; one is for municipal use and government center utilizing it to bring our public services from the building they are in- Town Hall, Police, etc. not everything but trying to bring everything municipal into the building, while continuing to use it for public use, continue using the pool, gymnasium and auditorium for the arts. That particular proposal would come out of taxpayer's money; taxes would have to be raised in order to fund this. The second proposal is for private multi-use which would be for senior housing with continued use of the pool, gymnasium and auditorium. This would be worked through a developer. They have gotten a lot of pushback about the type of use, this is for senior housing and this would be a stipulation in the agreement should they decide to go with this. This committee is not the deciding vote, all they are going to do is make their recommendation, and the comments tonight will help them steer in the director as to what is recommended to the Mayor who will then make his recommendation to the Town Council. The Council is the deciding vote, they were put in there and hopefully they will review everything and come to a decision. This is not a question and answer session, they are there to hear opinions not to answer questions. They don't want to get into any confrontations; state what you want to do and they will listen. They have a lot of folks who have brought up ideas for education; they received notice from the Board of Education that they do not want 200 Tyler Street. He can't stop anyone from talking about it but they are not even considering it for education purposes.

**Item #1:**

Roll Call: 5 members present –none absent; a quorum was present.

Commissioner Charles Lang makes a motion to appoint Danelle Feeley as temporary clerk.

Commissioner Asid seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Chairman Carbo says another thing brought before them at the last meeting was the idea of tearing 200 Tyler Street down. That is not something they are looking at doing because they want to preserve the High School. They are welcome to talk about it but they are not even considering that.

## **Item #2:**

Public Hearing #1- Solicit public opinion concerning feasible development options for the 200 Tyler Street property including, but not limited to, the use of the property for municipal/community/mixed use purposes.

Public comment:

- Mike Goodwin- 112 French Ave, East Haven, Ct- Mr. Goodwin says he is adjacent to the right side of the school. It seems to him that the idea of senior housing is the most solid, being a relatively quiet situation. It would be nice to bring along the historical society, keep the gym, pool and auditorium of course. All of that aside, the only impact it would seem is there would be more EMS alarms going off in the middle of the night. There are three things that bother him- first, if you don't have solar panels or methane fuel cellar they may not reach the load they need to reach in the summer for the air conditioners. What about water pressure in the area, will they be subject to low water pressure and worst of all would there be sewage backing up their basements.
- Mary Varunes-123 French Ave, East Haven, CT- Ms. Varunes states that she is a 40 year resident since before she had her children because they loved the Town and the house; her back yard goes right to where the pool is. Her concerns are if that building is turned into apartments, what is going to happen to her house. Right now there is only one way in and one way out. Will they take two houses on the block to make another in and out, it hasn't been very clear. Maybe once the Developer is named then they would find out but maybe then it is too late to find out. Does she put a sign on her house now and move out after all of these years living here, she would hate to have to leave.
- Joanne Acabbo/ Nicholas Dellacamera- 127 French Ave, East Haven, CT- Ms. Acabbo states that she has lived in East Haven since 1957 and was also an employee of the East Haven Fire Department and was the 1<sup>st</sup> 911 dispatcher. She introduces them to her grandson Nicholas Dellacamera who is an 11 year old 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Momauguin School. He has received student of the month twice, is a boy scout, loves fishing and crabbing. He is a lover of history and he and his friends stop at the Historical Society when they are at her house during the summer. He is the reason why she is speaking today, this is our future. What we do on that land will say if he is going to stay in East Haven. Her house abuts the high school pool. The children of East Haven have been overlooked. They need an area at 200 Tyler Street that will address the needs of the citizens, especially children. Her grandson is part of the next generation, take into consideration their needs as they deserve. Nick has a question about the

referendum that the people voted for. Ironically, she always takes one grandchild to vote with her and learn the importance of it, he was at the one for the referendum and he asked why they can't do that, and she asked the same thing. He is our future, let's make it worthwhile for him and all of the children and grandchildren to make the choice to remain in East Haven as they grow older and make it their home.

- Linda Hargraves-521 Thompson Ave, East Haven, CT- Ms. Hargraves states that she has been a resident for 72 of her 75 years, during the three years that she lived in New Haven she was employed by the Town of East Haven as a teacher at Deer Run School. Her roots in East Haven run deep; her Grandfather was one of the first Italian Americans to move to the Town of East Haven. She was raised in a civic minded family, her father served 20 years on the East Haven Board of Education, many of them as Chairperson. He also was State Representative from the 99<sup>th</sup> district for several years. In the many years that she has lived here she has seen a lot of changes made in the name of revitalization, not all of them for the better. We raised a vital retail center and replaced it with Apartments, not such a good plan. She has always taken pride in her Town but not so much anymore. Hearing the Town referred to as "Staven" even by some elected officials is a real jolt to her sensibility. If you were hearing the same message that she was last week, the majority of people do not want senior housing at 200 Tyler Street. We don't need another 65 Messina Drive. 200 Tyler Street could house a community, cultural and civic center that would rival anything in the surrounding Towns. This is the perfect opportunity to create something for the use of East Haven residents of all ages now and well into the future. Let's take this step to restore some pride and truly make East Haven the shining star of the shoreline.
- Robert Sand-501 Thompson Street, East Haven, CT- Mr. Sand states they have a school system with many buildings and declining enrollment and the Superintendent wants to spend \$98,000,000 to save an unknown amount. A perfect storm is brewing if the Town residents decide to take on debt from the Town side to turn this into a government center. From the numbers that were stated by Mr. Brancati and the two factions of the Town coming together, it is extremely distressful. He could support a government center but any presentations to date show that a great deal of debt looms ahead. He did ask Mr. Brancati to look at an idea from another angle which was to remove both wings and retain the main structure. This was with not knowing what square footage was needed for the current administrative services that Mr. Brancati spoke about. One of the ideas to offset that, if this was done it frees up the Town Hall and he did ask Mr. Brancati what he thought the value you be if it were put on the market. In his eyes the estimation would be nothing less than \$1,000,000 for that property if it were to be sold. He asks if Mr. Brancati can share some of the budget numbers with them. With that idea in mind, they would of course keep the gym and the pool which would be an additional cost to renovate and it would be approximately \$3,000,000. To demolish the two wings, and of course there is remediation to be done before that could be done, the estimated cost was \$1,500,000. To rehab the 36 wing and the auditorium it would be 58,000sq.ft at

\$37/sq. ft. an estimated cost of \$19,840,000 making the total cost to the Town for municipal use \$24,340,000. That is a hefty amount. The idea was if the main structure could be supported by all of the facilities we have to go into that, would it make sense. It was just another option but the two main structures of the Town- the school and the administration- are looking for monies simultaneously; it would be extremely hard to swallow that debt.

- Vickie Hogg- 229 Tyler Street, East Haven, CT- Ms. Hogg states that she has lived in this house for over 35 years. Her driveway faces the High School driveway. She was here when the old High School was still open as a High School, when the Academy was there and it is quiet there now. She grew up in East Haven since she was about 7 or 8 years old, she and both of her kids graduated from the old High School. Her dad was on the RTM for a while and once ran against a very popular Town Clerk. When there was talk a few years ago about turning the old High School into senior apartments she thought great, she can sell her house and move across the street but that didn't happen. In the meantime, the market value of her house has gone down. She is still okay with having senior apartments at the High School and maybe having medical service businesses on the first floor. She is also okay with the other choices too. As far as the traffic on Tyler Street goes, it is not as bad as when the old High School was opened as a school. During the weekend, afternoons and summers it was quiet. People who know East Haven often use Tyler Street as a bypass of Main Street so there is still a fair amount of traffic. She thinks even if the building is open for seniors; it would still be quiet at night. She likes using the pool and would like to see the Town have ownership or some type of control over it to be used by the Town residents. She would also like to see the auditorium used for community events and concerts; if so the building would have to have some type of barrier to prevent people from wandering into the private areas if they are used for businesses or senior housing. The teenagers still need a place to congregate and possibly a gym for indoor sports. Perhaps there can be a trade off with the building converted to senior apartments and move the senior center to the old high school and move the teen center to the current senior center. She is curious, she always thought the new High School was built because there was asbestos in the old one, yet the old building has been used, and the Historical Society is now in it and she would like to still see them located there. All these people were located here and exposed to the asbestos. At the time, was there not some type of contingency plan for when it was no longer used as a High School; if the building was so dangerous that it could no longer be used then why wasn't it knocked down at the time or at the very least, abated from the asbestos?
- Vincent Camera- 43 Forbes Place, East Haven, CT- Mr. Camera states that he was in contact with a former contractor that looked at the building a few years back and according to the contractor they were talking in those days of \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000 to renovate the building. According to this committee, he doesn't know where they got this idea of putting Town Hall, the Police Dept. for municipal; when they talked about municipal they talked about a few small agencies they didn't talk about the Police Department or the whole

Town Hall going in there. The figure of \$65,000,000 to \$75,000,000 they came out with is a far cry from the number he has. He also spoke to Representative James Albis who informed him that he tried to contact Mr. Brancati and Mr. Limoncelli and he doesn't know if they got back to him yet. He doesn't understand the Town right now when talking about education, there was a problem years ago with parking when the kids were in school. There wasn't enough parking spaces to that was one of the reasons they moved it over. An elementary complex today would be an ideal situation. According to James Albis, there is 70% reimbursement money. They were told that there is no money, the government is kind of tapped but when it comes to schools they come up with the money. There is a shot that they could get 75% reimbursement. He doesn't know the new Superintendent of schools, but why this isn't being considered he doesn't understand because 70% of the reimbursement, say its \$40,000,000 or \$50,000,000, that's \$35,000,000 and if they leave with a balance of \$10,000,000 or \$15,000,000, the new High School is paid for. So he can't take the idea of people saying they will get a 4 or 6 mill increase. The increase is already there by paying for the new High School. There is no increase in taxes as far as he can see for the residents. That building can be done the right way and take care of all the things they talked about- teen center, pool, etc. there are people in Town such as someone who spoke last week about an Art Council. We have nothing for the kids; this is an opportunity for this committee and the people of the Town Council. He sat there many times and the people on the Town Council should realize this is an opportunity for them, their families, children and grandchildren it is a legacy to pass on. If we give up that opportunity now, we'd be turning our backs to the residents of East Haven. This referendum was done before, when people talk about money it scares him it should not be the issue, it is the quality of life for all of the residents of this Town. If they do close some of the Elementary Schools, what is going to be done with that problem? They would be great property for senior citizens; they can take care of senior citizens on one end and take care of the whole Town on the other end. Again, he begs them to get the Mayor and most of all the conscience of the people who sit on the Town Council.

- Chairman Carbo reiterates that it is not this board's decision not to use this for education; the Board of Education does not want the building, what more can they say? If you can convince the Board of Education, God Bless You, but right now they don't want the building.
- Mr. Camera says he doesn't understand how, the Superintendent is only here for a couple of years. We are the people of the Town, not the Board of Education so again, they are going to have to listen. What they really need here is an extension on the whole program, February is dead to him.
- Hank Prohasko- 126 Meadow Street, East Haven, CT- Mr. Prohasko states that he lives with his wife and two children; he is a lifelong resident of East Haven. He and his wife chose to stay in East Haven because they are in close proximity to the Shoreline, trails, parks and great neighbors. This committee is going to make a decision that will affect the Town for years to come. As we all know, 200 Tyler Street has been sitting mostly vacant for 17+ years, we all agree on one

thing and that is they need to do something with the building. Since it has been vacant so long he implores them not to rush and give the Mayor a recommendation without honestly looking at all potential uses. He believes they need more time and resources to make an accurate recommendation as to what 200 Tyler Street will become. Perhaps the Town needs to hire a grant writer; this person can help find monies to fund this project. There is money out there; we just need to know where to look and how to access it. Keeping this building going is going to be a lot of work but the end result will justify the means. If the Mayor gives them more time, he would like to see them appoint subcommittees made up of people who are passionate about a specific use for 200 Tyler Street. He is bias to using this building for education. They were told in the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting that the State does not reimburse funds for shut schools. If you look at the meeting minutes, there is a copy of the phone message from the State that says yes we do reimburse for bringing schools back online, call for details. After reading this, he is confused after why this was stated that the State does not reimburse. He thinks this should be looked at again. He sat here last week and was pleasantly surprised about the positive ideas that residents brought to the table. He feels everyone has a good point. The one comment that came from 99% of the residents that were there last week was no senior housing, it is too unpredictable. With that being said, that is an option on the table. Some other ideas were community center, teen center, community kitchen, pre-k programs, art studios, historical society, adult Ed. Has anyone approached Yale or Quinnipiac or any other institution to see if they are interested in a satellite campus? Maybe the YMCA would be interested in taking over part of the school. He believes these are all great ideas that should be looked at by these subcommittees. They need to think outside the box and see what they come up with; this recommendation may be a combination of many ideas. The number and value of grants they could potentially secure will help paint a better picture for future possibilities. It will not be easy and he implores them to take more time and fully investigate other possible avenues. Ask the Mayor if he wants to go down in history as the man who did not listen to the people or the one who helped make this Town a better place. Tell him we will name the building after him too.

- Larry Lamothe- 55 Cliff Street, East Haven, CT- Mr. Lamothe asks if it is in the Charter that the Town Hall has to stay where it is.
  - Town Attorney Joseph Zullo says it is not in the Charter, there may be deed restrictions but it is not in the Charter that it can't be there.
  - Mr. Lamothe continues on to say as far as taxes go they should not see 1 mill of an increase over this project. Although the building needs an untold amount of rehab, it should be looked at as an asset of great value. We have heard different ideas as to what could be done with the property, as for credentials required in making the right decision perhaps we should look beyond ourselves for opinions in this matter. An individual or firm that has experience with properties of this size and complexity. Respective developers with their input might be sought out. The Town owns this property free and clear, the Town could ask below market price for the

property with tax incentives. The Developer would need help from the Town in order to turn this property around and draw business. Again, residential property should not be considered for this area and as they said, demo is out of the questions because he doesn't think the area could take the impact of such a demolition project and the cost would put it out of site and there is a tremendous super structure to work with.

- Marsha Davis- 79 Tyler Street, East Haven, CT- Ms. Davis states that she has lived here 23 years now and honestly doesn't know what should be done with the building. It is a question on everyone's mind and it is an eye sore and something really should be done with it soon. Her only concern is senior housing; she loves seniors and thinks they need a place to live. She lives in that area and is concerned about the traffic and how it is going to affect her property value. Also, how do you guarantee that it will stay a senior center? For instance, Messina Drive was senior housing and now it is affordable housing. That would impact the property values. They say it will not become affordable housing, but how can they guarantee that? She would want to see anything but senior housing because of that concern.
- Kathy Malone- 72 Charter Oak Ave, East Haven, CT- Ms. Malone states that she knows it has already been stated about the Board not wanting this property but that is where she is coming from she thinks it is a good piece of property to use for the Middle School; move the Middle School children over there and renovate the existing middle school for an elementary school. It needs to be renovated as well as the other buildings that are over 50-60 years old. She thinks it will also help with the consolidation plan. She is wondering how the Superintendent or the Board of Education can say to the Town Council or the people of this Town that they don't want the property when it would be helpful in her consolidation plan that she has.
- Sandy Pacelli- 95 French Ave, East Haven, CT- Ms. Pacelli states that one of her main concerns is traffic; there are a lot of children that live on the street and there are already people who fly down the street. She can't imagine with more traffic what would happen. Also, more noise and a concern about her property value. She has lived here all her life and she would hate to move but that is something she would have to think of. She is also worried about how they guarantee this will be senior housing. If it becomes low income housing as it has at Messina Drive and Bella Vista, we are also looking at higher crime rates. She has an 11 year old son and a 7 year old granddaughter that she is concerned about; they are the future of this Town. In this Town there is nothing for these children, maybe a community center. Her son plays basketball and football, what is the guarantee that Biddy Basketball will stay there? They already can't play at DC Moore and are not allowed at the High School. The younger children in grade school and Middle School have nowhere to play. The swimming pool is also something that they enjoy.
- Dan McCann-137 Mansfield Grove Road, East Haven, CT- Mr. McCann states that he might have a solution to this entire problem. This argument is over a referendum and whether it is legally binding or not. There is a presidential election coming up this November and usually in those elections they have the

most population come out to vote. Maybe we need to stop the bickering, this commission should maybe recess or take a time out and come up with questions that are valid and the administration is comfortable with and is binding. Then the people are really heard on what they want to do with this project. He doesn't think either side is going to be happy, the people have voted once before they said what they wanted done and there was an argument or disagreement with this administration so let's fix it. Let's put it out to ballot and let's vote on it.

- Fred Parlato- 146 Tyler Street, East Haven, CT- Mr. Parlato states that he is Chairman of the Town Council; there have been members of the Council here at every meeting. Last meeting during the subcommittees there was a representative that gives a report to tell what happened at the last group meeting here. Very few people have contacted members of the Town Council, and they are going to be the ones that have to make the decision. The only way they can make an intelligent decision is to get information from the public. He sat here and listened to rumors and innuendoes; he stopped at the person's house who at the last meeting said they were going to take her house for parking and no one ever got back to him. There is a serious decision to make; the Council is not going to rush into anything. They waited 17 years they are not going to do something in 17 days. It is going to affect everybody, everyone has come up with ideas and opinions and the bottom line is who is going to come up with a checkbook. Quality of life- can you afford to live in East Haven? Can we do things within the budget that we have now, could you afford to have those things? He raised 7 children in East Haven, they didn't always get everything they wanted but they got everything they needed. There is a good mix there of senior citizens, middle age. Nobody is going to rush into anything; this project is going to have more of an effect on East Haven than the revitalization that institutionalized the center of East Haven which changed the whole character of the Town. If you've been there 76 years like he has and you see the changes that at the time were thought to be great things and in hindsight they weren't so good. They need information, facts and some things that people come up with are from someone who told them- let him talk to the guy/girl because if they know something that he or Vice Chairman Sand doesn't know they would be more than happy to investigate it. So then when they make a presentation to the people it is accurate, knowledgeable and above all is truthful. He doesn't really think this is going to be done in his term and he has two more years. He knew this was coming up and there is a serious decision to make. They like people to make their presentations, this place should be packed for this type of decision. There are certain people who are going to leave here and talk to other people and all sorts of feedback will come some of which will be accurate and some of which will not be. He stops at Town Hall every day to see Mr. Brancati. His responsibility is to make sure he knows what is going on because he has to present this to the Town Council. He says don't get emotional, this will not be rushed they will listen to everyone it is a taxpayer decision not a political decision. With that being said, he needs their help.
- Luann Carbone- 44 Taylor Ave, East Haven, CT- Ms. Carbone says that she would like to see 200 Tyler Street become a Community Center housing anything



and everything for all people of the Town. There is a rec center in Wallingford that has everything; there are people there all the time. There's fencing, drama, basketball, volleyball, yoga, zumba, etc. There is everything for all ages, something for everyone not just the kids. Though the kids really do need something in this Town. She doesn't want to see it become senior housing, she does agree with Mrs. Hargraves on the community center.

- Michael Provencal-(no address listed)- Mr. Provencal asks if the Board of Education has the ability to tell the Town and the Town Council what to do with the buildings, can they tell the Town Council no?
  - Chairman Parlato says the only power the Town Council has over the Board of Education is their budget. By State statute the Board of Education and the Town side are separate. That was done a while back because in some municipalities there was too much political influence on the Board of Education. The Board of Education has a responsibility to stay within their budget; if he is not mistaking they have to notify the Town if their budget isn't going to be met. As far as what they do with their monies after they sign off on it, they have no control.
  - Mr. Provencal states he is wondering about the buildings they use.
  - Chairman Parlato says they are theirs. When they decide they no longer need the facility, they notify the Town and the Town has a process through the Zoning Department called an 8-24 referral, indicating the property is no longer needed. Then the Town Council/Administration has the choice to put it on the market if it can be reused for something else. As far as the Town Council or the Mayor or anybody else, they have no control and that's a good thing.
- Barbara Natarajan- 5 Mansfield Grove Road #352, East Haven, CT- Ms. Natarajan states that she is a senior and a person that is involved with the churches in Town, the youth and she uses the pool faithfully for the water aerobics and open swim. Many of the people here are very concerned about the preservation of the pool because that is one thing that is helpful for their arthritis and well-being as well as the children. Whatever comes down, since they don't have a pool in the beautiful new High School it is very important that the Town continued to have use of the pool facility in conjunction with whatever is going to be. They spent a lot of money fixing it up, it could get a little bit more help but it is terrific; it is heated and there is night swimming. She thinks a lot of the seniors here would want whatever could be done to preserve the use of it in conjunction with developers or whatever; that is an asset of that building.
- Marty Asprelli-(Address not listed)- Mr. Asprelli states that he grew up in East Haven, grew up on Cosey Beach Road. A lot of good points were made tonight between senior housing and a community center. If you turn it into a community center it has much more value than just 1, you would be reaching out to the entire community instead of just singling out. The biggest event is the Fall Festival; it brings so many people together on so many different levels. When he was growing up, there was nothing for him and his friends to do. You want something for the youth to do, look at the Ridgefield Playhouse. There's already a stage and auditorium there, the businesses in East Haven would benefit.

People that go to the venue/community center to see an act would be going to our businesses after the show. It's something to think about, do it for the community not just one set of people.

- Mr. McCann adds that he is curious about the Board of Education involvement. The letter that was written and signed by John Finkle, the Chairman of the Board of Ed, was that letter written by vote? Was there a motion made at the Board of Education to decide the fate of that building or was it just written by the Chairman of the Board of Education. Was there a vote? There are 9 members on that Board; he would like to know what the layout was. Was the decision made by the Superintendent? Is that letter valid?
- Mr. Goodwin adds that there are educational agencies such as Gateway, would it be possible to deal with them and not the Board of Education.
- Chairman Carbo says again, what they have reached out to the community to do is give them recommendations, give them proposals. Coming up and telling them what they like and don't like, they understand that but right now he has proposals in front of him and the entire committee will review these before making their decisions. Right now, this is what they have. If Gateway wants to take the school and renovate it at their costs and bring revenue to the Town, they'd love that. That's what this is about- something that is going to bring revenue to the Town or something that is going to cost the Town. Whether it is one of these or the Council comes up with something different, he doesn't know, but right now these are what they are looking at and they are going to continue looking at it. They are going to do a tour of the old facility and then make the decision. Their decision isn't binding; it is just a recommendation to the Mayor who will then go to the Town Council. Mr. Carbo answers a question as to what proposals they have and he indicates there is a proposal from the 200 Tyler Street Committee based on education, one from Mr. Anastasio again based on education, Mrs. Esposito's is similar to the government center. To Mr. McCann, they don't control what the Board of Education does; they were told that in their planning they did not want to use 200 Tyler Street.
- Mr. McCann says if they did not do it procedurally correct, they don't have the right information. He thinks it's important because that is a Board that votes on these topics and they need to know that. If they didn't follow that procedure let them take a vote and see what they have to say about it.
- Chairman Carbo says he will be happy to ask Mr. Finkle that question. He doesn't know if they brought it to a vote but Vice Chairman Limoncelli brought to his attention that the letter says in all of their discussions it was represented that utilization of 200 Tyler Street would be cost prohibited. It says discussion it doesn't say a vote was taken and he promises he will ask him that question.
- Mr. Parlato says to clear something up, the original core building was built in 1936, there is a wing on the right and one on the left, if they kept a classroom in that building it would have been continuous use but they didn't. It has not been used for education in the last 10 or 14 years when the Academy moved out. Since then, the Fire and Building Codes and ADA Acts have all been updated. The wing on the left hand side, knock it down because you can't get anybody out of those split windows. The wing on the right hand side, same thing if the school

catches on fire. He was on the School building committee for 2 years and they did \$1,300 worth of work in additions, renovations and code compliance. Asbestos abatement would be \$600,000-\$1,000,000. In 1985 they spent close to \$5,000,000 going through all the buildings that they could do removal or desolation of asbestos that was all that was done. The State allows you 180.5sq.ft per student including hallway, closets, etc. which is why there isn't a pool there. That's why there isn't a pool at the new high school, because they already have one here. It is cost prohibited to bring that building up to code, he thinks \$70,000,000 would be a conservative estimate- they would have to rewire, reheat it, etc. They just spent \$20,000 in the last three weeks rehabbing the boiler system because it blew up. The building is a tired old building, as far as educational purposes it would not be wise taking our tax dollars and putting it into that. The High School on the north end of Town is built for 1,500 students there are less than 900.

- Chairman Carbo says at this time it really is a non-discussion unless he hears otherwise.
- Judy Sittnick- 41 Chidsey Ave, East Haven, CT- Mrs. Sittnick says she understands completely about the education, what she hasn't heard tonight is that there are schools closing and those buildings are more suited size wise for a community center than the old High School. Since the last meeting, she spoke to a couple of contractors who build big things like Walgreens and such. She asked how much it would cost the Town to build an olympic size pool and two basketball courts in one building which is about \$2,500,000 from two contractors which could be a possibility. They have land at the High School, she knows the pool would have to move but there are a lot of people from Foxon that come and use the pool down here. The other thing from the contractor was they could keep the face of the building, it has a good foundation it needs all new windows and asbestos taken care of. If you look at Guilford or Branford community center they are the size of Tuttle School or Deer Run School which is much more suited for a community center than a building the size of the high school.

### Item #3

Adjournment of Public Hearing #1.

Commissioner Lang makes a motion.

Commissioner Asid seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Danelle Feeley

Temporary Clerk, 200 Tyler Street Subcommittee