

RESPONSES TO QUESTION 8

142 WRITTEN RESPONSES IN TOTAL

do not want it to be the Charter High School or an Alternate School	Anonymous
#12 But it would have to be something really great and beneficial to the town.	
If modifications or add-on construction/renovation were made with appropriate expertise to meet all of the new library's needs then I would support this. Not just dumping the materials in a couple of classrooms	Anonymous
Let the Xmas festival use it now as well as any other Firefighter dinners or fundraisers. The town meeting in March should be in the school building. Let the town's people enjoy and use a what is a great property.	Anonymous
school building would make wonderful library and community center-multiple rooms, good parking, easily accessible for the handicapped, and bathrooms. Perhaps a multi-use location would inspire more community activities, and bring in income to support the building.	Anonymous
Add Co-work space to growing amount of people who work form home. This would allow people to work here more easily	Anonymous
The school property should be a community building. I believe there are plenty of community organizations that would utilize the building for their events. You probably could also reach out to the Whitefield rec about them using the the gym space and fields when they don't have the access to Whitefield Elementary School.	Anonymous
Move town offices in NOW . Let us use the building now	Anonymous
The last time I went to the town clerks office it's very clear Polly doesn't have space for files, etc. The town offices should be moved immediately to the school	Anonymous
Proposed Charter School New business incubator or maker space WMRSD supervisory offices Information center for visitors to learn about the town, recreational opportunities, businesses, outdoor activities	Anonymous
Having the hunters supper or breakfast at the school	Anonymous
How about lowering our taxes	Anonymous
Wait on cost study until later when you see how much support you have.	Anonymous

#12 Sold only for educational purposes not housing Thank you for asking for community input. The only other comment I have is that it would be nice to see the grounds used by children-possible summer activities/organized community activities, etc.	Anonymous
Without knowing what costs any of these ideas are it's not feasible to decide what to do with the building[any idea rrequires renovation- heating- maintaining. How much impact on taxes?	Anonymous
Sell It	Anonymous
The town could rent out 3 or so class rooms out to small businesses, like to lawyers for their offices. This would give the town a source of income from the building that would cover the cost to maintain and cover the cost the town would incur for the heating, etc. At the same time it would provide a backup for the town had something went wrong with the town hall, as renting out 3 or so class rooms, would still leave the town with full control of most of the space of the building for every activity they may need it for.	Anonymous
Library should be at the Jefferson school	Anonymous
I think the building represents an opportunity for the town to expand community services that would otherwise be too expensive to expand. Although personally would not use head start or other youth related activities because my children are grown, however I strongly believe these are important services for a community to have available for families and will help develop stronger community involvement and keep younger families in the town. I also think that the money raised for the Library can be spent to move the Library to this building and have an even better Library then planned.	Anonymous
As everyone knows, the cost of maintaining this building can be high. If the building could be sold while maintaining access to the property behind the building, I believe this would be best choice. However if the town decides to keep the building, we should try to use it to the fullest by doing lease or rental for businessco. Making the the building self sustaining would be the best choice for the tax payers of the town, and believe we can manage this effort with great success. Thanks for taking public comments on this issue	Anonymous
It would have been helpful to know the present physical condition of the school and any major potential maintenance/repair costs before answering these questions. Assuming the building is in reasonably decent shape, moving the town offices & Library seems logical as they could share expenses with plenty of parking. Times have changed & construction cost have escalated. Building a new Library makes no sense with the trend toward using online access to unlimited books and resources through the NH State Library. Money form the sale of the lot on RTE 2 could be put toward developing a nice Library space in the school, Possibly the historical society could then use the existing town hall space.	Anonymous
Better athletic fields Meeting space for many groups	Anonymous
Build and maintain more athletic fields. Renovate the building to be more attractive. Make meeting space available to Jefferson citizens and non-profits	Anonymous
Tax base is not sufficient to support maintaining a building of this size and condition.	Anonymous
Office for the Police Department (FTroop)	Anonymous

Town Library for sure.	Anonymous
At some point, it might be nice to make a nature trail behind the school to be used by people for exercising A possible use for some of the land beside or behind the building would be to have space for a raised garden either for personal use or to raise vegetables for the local food pantries. It would be nice if the Historical Museum could have a room for a winter exhibit area.	Anonymous
Establish a town campground with 10 to 20 sites with no amenities, charging \$20.00 to \$30.00 per night, the only maintenance cost could be a daily visit by a volunteer to collect fees from an iron ranger, mow grass. Many Western US towns offer this type of camping that seems to be well received.	Anonymous
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Nature Path with signage identifying different plants, trees.. 2) Exercise station patch with instructional signage (ie) Do is pull ups here-with a bar set up to do so 3) Picnic tables placed along walking trails 4) Informational kiosk with a brief history of town and highlights of historical areas (Granny Shelburg, Mud Pond, Pond of safety, Wambeck Hotel, the Cottages, etc. 5) Directions to the local Historical markers 	Anonymous
My concern with creating a new/permanent use for the closed school is how likely is it that we need it for students again? What is the cost of building new facilities vs cost to use as illegible now? Probably only a valid concern if needing a school is likely in the next ten years	Anonymous
There is enough space to rent a room or two. I feel strongly at least part of the building be used as a town Library. It is flat land, cop accessible and enough parking for a Library. Still the other land selected, if the school building or land is sold, it should only be with the understanding it will not negatively affect	Anonymous
Need info on tax-ins-heating of present awd projected library costs., taxes, ins., heating on present town offices and Society.	Anonymous
I feel the more combined will benefit everyone. Stop for one thing might go to Library too.	Anonymous
Busy makes busy. Ample area for presnt parking and future parking. Nice area for out door events and cookouts in back	Anonymous
Re: Item #2 There is no need to build a Library when the school building is a perfectly good building for it.	Anonymous
Re: Item#5 The school building should primarily house the Library. If the building has more square footage than needed for the Library, then the remaining square footage could be used to provide revenue for the town to offset the Library expenses . Such revenue would be would be best if it were consistent revenue(I.E. Annual/Long term leases from reputable sources versus occasional revenue(I.E. small functions/meetings-Which can be held in the town hall	Anonymous
I suggest that the building is used for our town. The library should definitely be included at this address	Anonymous
Before offering suggestions for the use of JES perhaps we could study or do a feasibility report re: finances, taxes, man power involved in different scenarios. Can the town afford to maintain the building/property? If we move the library and historical society and the town hall, What will become of the properties that will be evacuated? Demographics need to be studied, importantly the fire department. Could we get a grant from the Economic Dvelopment Corporation? And what does our largest tax payer think?	Anonymous

I would like to see it reopened as elementary school	Anonymous
It only makes sense to use it for an educational space/ library instead of waste tax payers	Anonymous
I think a portion of the building can be used as a community center- our town has no town center. This would be a way to have it happen. If the town offices become vacant that space has possibilities-maybe special uses. Thank you for doing this! But I think you should involve a few residents as well- Perhaps send out a card indicating interest. It would be more broad-spectrum.	Anonymous
Would agree strongly of town offices, -one for taxes> one for Linda, also Pday Brownson where you register your vehicles, animals. Meeting - more room for town people.	Anonymous
Make it a library and save the town a ton of money!	Anonymous
Two or three rooms with outside entrances should be leased to small businesses to offset/cover costs of building maintenance (lights, heat, insurance, etc.	Anonymous
Lease 3 or 4 rooms with outside entrances to small businesses to offset costs of building maintenance.	Anonymous
Absolutely DO NOT SELL! It's a wonderful building on a wonderful piece of land, and you would never be able to replace its values to the town of Jefferson.	Anonymous
If we are going to keep this large building we need to make money off of it as it will be a burden in the tax payers!! A gym in the kindergarten room would be nice as there is none in town. Try to sell this building-Good Luck!!!!	Anonymous
The historical Society could take over the current town hall space current town space. Current town offices be for the fire department offices.	Anonymous
Move all municipal offices to Jefferson Scholl property.	Anonymous
Fire department breakfasts-private functions-Town events	Anonymous
Move all municipal offices down to this property. Have the Historical Society move to the town hall space and move the fire department offices into the other space at town hall.	Anonymous
I think instead of building a new library use this school. Use the money we raised and buy books, supplies, etc. This makes the most sense. Sell the land where it isn supposed to be.	Anonymous
Yoga classes, AA meetings, community potlucks (there is a kitchen) Lectures, rent it out for private functions, movie night for Jefferson kids.	Anonymous
I think there is real opportunity for co-working space and for business access to help small business. High speed internet is essential. Make it accessible for tele-conferencing-learning-with school.I have extensive experience in co-working spaces and sometimes at MIT=Harvard	Anonymous
I think we as a community need to decide if we want our village or town center to remain where it is along the RTE 2 corridor with the ball fields, town hall, post office, etc. or do we want the town center to be hidden on RTE 115A at the former school site. I am very concerned about this building	Anonymous

being a financial burden to the tax payers of Jefferson. I don't believe I can make an informed decision on the future use until I have more information. It is also important		
My family has lived here since July 2014! Rest is non legible		Anonymous
Community garden, rent part of the building to White Mountain Regional School district administrative office if they are interested		Anonymous
Library so there is no need to build a new one		Anonymous
#4 Depends on how it would be handled #7 No need to build a new Library save your taxes #9 Are you paying someone for the job?		Anonymous
Community center including improving the nature walk		Anonymous
The school has always been about the children. I still feel this way. My 2 boys left there with nothing but good strong values that has lead to their success today. I believe the school should still be about the children. With local people involved it can continue to instill good values into todays youths. I believe its large enough to house several functions. Even day care would be a great benefit to the community.		Anonymous
I do not wish to see town tax money going into the building. Our taxes wil already be going to Whitefield		Anonymous
I supported the town getting the school, because the town now has the choices to its uses in the future. The advantage of town use-modern, capable space the Library, move-in condition with minimal expense. Same is true for recreational uses and meetings- fields, gym space, bathrooms, handicap access, etc. The advantage of commercial use-nearly ready to use building with large grounds and parking and the town gains tax revenue on the property.		Anonymous
Town Library would be perfect		Anonymous
If the Library can't use it, then sell it. The selectmen and town offices belong in the town hall where they been for years. Has the building been drained? It will cost a lot if it freezes up		Anonymous
I think the school would be a perfect place for the fireman's breakfast. Has a nice kitchen and cafeteria, also plenty of room for a Library and town offices. Could use the space for dances! Keep it local community things! I don't believe we need another new building in town for a Library, the school would be great! Use money's raised for the Library to update furniture for school buildings		Anonymous
Sell it		Anonymous
I would say use as soon as possible		
#9 Only what's not being used by the town.		Anonymous

Sell It	Anonymous
Do not let the building just sit- or deteriorate. Rather we lease(only if this is best) or sell. Good luck! May the best decision be made.	Anonymous
Move Library to School. Used raised money to outfit Library spaces, sell land for current Library-use process to purchase computers for the Library	Anonymous
Used as both a Library and Community Center. Multifunctional not just one!	Anonymous
Please don't be in a hurry to sell off our fine school-we may need it again sooner than you think-However, I think it is too far away for a Library replacement, etc., needed in the center of the village. Does the cost of upkeep outweigh the value of the school as a meeting place? Even though I am not likely to use it for youth oriented programs listed- I'll bet plenty of others would. Be careful with our resources. I wish we could expand the present Library, have organizations meet there.	Anonymous
Lease space to cover overhead Town offices Community services	Anonymous
You have covered everything in questioning survey! Done "Well Sob"	Anonymous
I think the Library should be moved her to save Jefferson money	Anonymous
This is where the Library should go- cost would be a lot less -easier on the tax payers	Anonymous
A business services room; A conference room, the gymnasium and kitchen are all spaces that could be income generating. 20+ acres could be a picnic area, a gazebo, hiking/walking trails to access national wildlife resources. Senior programs, adult education, early childhood sources, a space for organizations of the community. Handicapped accessibility, high speed infrastructure	Anonymous
The Library should go in two or three classrooms. One rom could be a computer room with high speed internet as part of the Library or not. There's more room for the town offices along with more room for storage all on one level. Also more accommodating meeting rooms with more flexibility. The auditorium or other rooms could be used for yoga, sewing club, etc. There are so many good uses for the building and the property overall	Anonymous
First Abate the remaining asbestos	Anonymous
I wanted the Elementary School to stay a school-but being a community building would be okay.	Anonymous
Sell the building with 5 acres of land and get a tax revenue to help offset town expenses.	Anonymous
Town Offices, Library, etc.	Anonymous

<p>We probably need to think of someone to direct the development and operation of all the wonderful possibilities this situation holds. There are so many groups in this area that are looking for meeting space. A couple of ideas are 4H or non-profits like AHEAD. It can be a place for various professional development classes/meetings, if there's enough parking. Also maybe a place to hold classes for young and older-cooking/nutrition, crafts such as knitting or woodworking, or maybe light-duty introductory classes to vocational classes taught at White Mountain Community College, so people can "test-drive job" ideas. Maybe even a group such as ServiceLink (Berlin, Littleton) is looking to expand? That would bring a handful of jobs to town. You could ask the opinion of Greg Cloutier who has good ideas for Lancaster and lots of "connections"</p> <p>#12 If all else fails, but zoning laws may need updating first.</p>	Anonymous
<p>Top concern: What is the impact on any plan to the town's annual budget.</p>	Anonymous
<p>Don't need a study of use until you see how strong town support is.</p>	Anonymous
<p>Is the proposed gravel pit on the back of the property still going forward?</p>	Anonymous
<p>The town offices and the Library should remain on the main street as it's the heart of the town,</p>	Anonymous
<p>I feel there is adequate space for part of the Jefferson Fire Department as well as a capability for a senior/youth activities in the gym, -utilizing the kitchen. This is a great opportunity to turn a building into a multi-use area.</p>	Anonymous
<p>Explore options: Probably not financially feasible to keep up new building and current town hall. Commercial value \$\$ =of existing hall</p>	Anonymous
<p>#12 Depends on the realistic market value</p>	
<p>Library is currently in a beautiful historic building. Why not spend the money raised for the new Library to renovate our historic one currently in use. Why do we need to spend money on a study? Let's decide, as adults what to do with the building. We need to do what is fiscally responsible with the building.</p>	Anonymous
<p>I really like the Library's existing historical location. Or sell the school building depending on the value. #12. Depends on the market value, versus the benefits of keeping it for the town. What is it that makes the most financial sense for the town.</p>	Anonymous
<p>#11 Depends upon the layout of the building, it is difficult to make decisions for the building use. We were out of town for the dates of the tours. Although our Library is cozy, I enjoy using it and the librarian is awesome - I think a new library with space for adult education would be great! Thank you</p>	Anonymous
<p>It is hard to answer or have suggestions when one does not have the existing or future expenses for that building</p>	Anonymous

Put back K-5th grade	Anonymous
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#12 Depends on funding for renovations If Jefferson decides to keep the school, good use of the building must happen. If the space is used for multi-purpose activities, it could be viable. For example, The Historical society needs a new home as does the Library. Meeting space & even office space are possible.	Anonymous
JES has a commercial kitchen rented to entrepreneurs.	Anonymous
I believe the school building would be a good place for the town offices as well as a Library. Where the Library was supposed to go is not a good spot. The town hall would make a good place for the Historical society. The current spot needs so much costly repair.	Anonymous
#9 Possibly with some controls to limit damage I truly hope that this property would be used for a Library. With refurbishing, it could make a beautiful Library as well as space for other uses. This is the third property provided to the town for a Library-(Leon Kenison home & parcel to be donated by David Moulton) Jefferson is not a property rich town and cannot afford a \$350-\$400 thousand dollar Library. This property could be refurbished and be a great Library. It is a good building, lots of space, parking paved driveway, water sewer, electricity and heating-it is a no brainer.	Anonymous
Bingo weekly for residents and all who attend Children activity center, Boys/Girl clubs, etc. Library with enough space to have with additional activities taking place.	Anonymous
#9 Only part of the building not the whole building	Anonymous
Sell it or put it on the tax role. Costs too much to maintain for as little as we would use it.	Anonymous
Library, Head Start and rental- Town offices are fine where they are. Check that historical society doesn't need space in school that could be climate controlled. Put the current Library construction fund into remodeling and energy. Thanks	Anonymous
Local artisan display. Do not like lease or rented spaces. To me this implies long term use/space occupancy, but possibly a room can be used for monthly meetings by a non profit-girl scouts/boy scouts/Elks/Lions/AA etc. So I like the idea of spaces being available for meetings. Possibly set into a calendar not total space rented by one organization=who then wants a say in other building functions.	Anonymous
Local artisan display	Anonymous
This space would make an ideal community center and library.	Anonymous
Proposed library site sold-proceeds used to invest in building extra bay for fire dept.-attach to existing town hall building. Existing town hall and offices used for fire dept. services. All of town hall offices etc. moved to school building- Library also moved to the school building. New/improved parking areas at school site-build soccer field/lacrosse behind school building	Anonymous

My answers are based on the assumption that the cost of keeping the building is minimal.	Anonymous
Don't know	Anonymous
It is large enough to rent some of it out and use some of it. SAU 36 should have kept it for the SAU office. A mixed use building with our Library, historical society housed there. We need to make some money to offset the new expenses of a large building. Conference space and office space are at a premium.	Anonymous
It would be great to create some walking paths or Athletic type space on the land. Maybe a walking path towards Hicks field, through town, and back down.	Anonymous
Re-open this school!! It's a shame you closed it.	Anonymous
Exercise clas or strength building for seniors (yoga) Bingo Movie night for community Game night for community Dance classes Athletic events in gym such as volley ball Christmas bazaar with ginger bread contest Arts and crafts such as wreath making, painting, soap making etc. Book club	Anonymous
Tour the Building	Anonymous
I think that instead of wasting money to build a new Library they should use this space, it is already there and should be put to use.	Anonymous
The current building and 27 acres should be used for the good and benefit of our community, if a community is going to grow for the future, we need a community based building to stat in and be able to grow with.	Anonymous
Use this facility as a community service center, that supports promotion of programs that grow local services and programs.	Anonymous
WE need an animal rescue nonprofit desperately!	Anonymous
There are 40+ acres that once had nature trails thru out, lets clean them up and use them for hiking again! The Library definitely should be here, not on the Vaitl property-why waste \$1,000,000 on that corner? Pave the old soccer field and have town meetings there-suppers like there used to be! Would love to see Head Start here!	Anonymous
Great place for the Library. No need to spend 1 million dollars on a Library in town this small!! The money that has already been raised for the Library can be used to establish in the school.	Anonymous

LIBRARY	Anonymous
Setup the town at the building	Anonymous
Put the Library there	Anonymous
Look into the cost of renovation of the current building and/or destruction but preferably renovation and retrofit to make it suitable for uses indicated, library, historical, senior center etc., To see if it is cheaper than building new. Do not use a building that may have ongoing problems.	Anonymous
Town offices-Select board assistant, Town Clerk Tax collector, Supervisors of checklist, Planning Board, and Zoning Board	Anonymous
I would be most supportive of turning the property into lease or purchase by a commercial enterprise, interested in locating in Jefferson. This could be a service business or clean, light industrial company who demonstrates an interest in the economic interests of Jefferson such that they are mutually beneficial as well as sensitive to the environment and preservation of the natural beauty here. I know I used the word "interest a lot!	Anonymous
Road right of way to town gravel pits! Senior meals outlet center. Town Library and study	Anonymous
Leave it just as it is! Works well for the Town of Dalton.	Anonymous
Library	Anonymous
Community activities is definitely important to have and as a growing family we can benefit on that.	Anonymous
The building may be in such poor shape that selling it to someone who would demolish it and build something new would be the best option.	Anonymous
Library!!! Use money raised to convert to the Library. Good place for town offices and use the town hall for rentals and other town uses.	Anonymous
Space should be used as both the Library and events area. Need cost to renovate the building, need to tour the building.	Anonymous
I wish I had stayed as the Elementary School.	Anonymous
Library and Educational programs for the community	Anonymous
Yoga, Summer programs for children, town suppers and dancing, exercise areas.	Anonymous
The town committee is currently raising money for a new Library, and now a vacant building exists that could help serve that purpose. The Library could easily utilize space in the building with space left over, and current monies raised can go towards needed renovation/accommodations and upkeep. As a mom of a 10 year old boy, a community space for organized kids activities would be extremely beneficial.	Anonymous
WE need to focus on facts and actually costs every month it sits it adds costs-Decision on using it for what needs to happen than costs to make it happen& maintain building. What a vote or warrant should bring to town at large. I think many other town things-town offices, Library, etc. Historic society can match well with the senior activities, community activities and small private functions for townspeople-Town forest for the rest of the lands.	Anonymous

The towns existing Library should be given to the historical society. This school is the most efficient way to run our town.	Anonymous
If we do not do something for our children we will greatly lose.	Anonymous
What a gift to have this space, the building already existing. Yes, revenue from it would be nice if only to pay for maintenance, if necessary, I would prefer a modest fee for appropriate meetings and functions which free to all other groups and beneficial activities.	Anonymous
An example I can think of would be-an individual wants space to teach a foreign language or a skill and will charge the students, then paying for the use of the space seem appropriate.	Anonymous
It will cost money but would be an investment in the town and people. At some point we need to quit cutting and invest. A senior center & Library would make a lot of sense based on demographics of the town. Adding in events & other organizations that support the town would be a gain for everyone.	Anonymous
Using the school for our Library, the building, the space could utilize a senior center, a place for historical facts and items as well as children's programs, wildlife programs, etc. in a "community room". With the monies already in place, the outside "look" can be improved so it doesn't look like a school plus, the inside space can be designed differently. There is already parking, already a playground, already a flag pole and announcement board to advertise programming.	Anonymous
#1 The Library should be #1 #2 Historical Society their building is falling apart #3 A room that can be shared for seniors, head start, & JAA.	Anonymous
#4 If there is room move the town' offices-saves utilities & the old offices could be rented out. Question #3 Actually tells you the need of usage & whether it is feasible to assign part of the building for any specific usage (Library and Historical Society is high priority.	Anonymous
Instead of building another Library. The town should use the Jefferson Elementary School building. It can also be used by the community for small functions, firemen's breakfast. Historical society and other town committee meetings, yoga classes, adult learning programs, JAA, fundraiser This building should become the new Library.	Anonymous
Use as the Library	Anonymous
An entertainment spot should be built in. A lot of people would come for bar &	Anonymous