Issues regarding CVS Prepared by Joe Mark October 26, 2021

Legal and policy questions

- 1. When both towns vote on whether to buy the CVS building, are the votes conducted separately or co-mingled?
- 2. If both the Town of Castleton and the Town of Hubbardton vote to buy the CVS building, will the former have an 89% ownership stake and the latter have an 11% ownership stake in the building, respectively?
- 3. Under the circumstances outlined in #2 above, will each town also have similar proportional financial responsibilities--that is, 89% for Castleton and 11% for Hubbardton--for overhead, deferred maintenance, and operating expenses?
- 4. Can we have conditional articles on Town Meeting Day 2022 town ballots such as the following?
 - a. Possible ballot article for Castleton town ballot:
 - i. "If in its school vote on Town Meeting Day 2022, the Town of Castleton votes to close Castleton Village School, should the Town of Castleton buy the CVS building for \$1.00 in order to acquire either full ownership of the building or, if the Town of Hubbardton also votes to buy the building, an 89% ownership stake in it?"
 - b. Possible ballot articles for Hubbardton town ballot:
 - i. "If on Town Meeting Day 2022, the Town of Castleton votes to close Castleton Village School and to buy the CVS building for \$1.00, should the Town of Hubbardton also buy the CVS building for \$1.00 in order to acquire an 11% ownership stake in the building?"
 - ii. "If on Town Meeting Day 2022, the Town of Castleton votes to close Castleton Village School but not to buy the CVS building, should the Town of Hubbardton buy the CVS building for \$1.00 in order to acquire full ownership of the building?"
- 5. How will decision-making be shared in a joint ownership situation?

Other steps to take

- 6. We need to have deferred maintenance evaluated by an appropriate professional.
- 7. We need to conduct a proactive education campaign, that is, reaching out to service clubs, American Legion, LBA, CCC, church groups, etc.