

No one wants to work all the time. We want and need to play. We need recreation-to re-create attitudes, to energize minds and muscles.

Thus our vision: to re-create Castleton Village School into the Community Village Square, a home for the Castleton-Hubbardton Recreation Center. This building is a once in a lifetime opportunity to build a more vibrant, healthy community for ourselves, our families, our friends now and for generations to come. This physical space, this town asset, can continue to serve as a center for learning, gathering, growing and developing as it has for over 65 years.

Two anchor organizations, working side-by-side, will provide building oversight while developing programs for the community. The space will be utilized for offices for the Director and staff of the Castleton Recreation Department and the Director and staff of the Boys and Girls Club. The classrooms and gymnasium will allow for these agencies to develop and implement programs for all ages of residents.

Our communities will continue to benefit from the impact a thriving recreation center has on enhancing property values, promoting the health of its citizens and improving the engagement of the youth with their communities. Recreation Centers can draw new families and businesses because of this inherent impact.

Our towns need to retain ownership of this building. We need to re-create this space around us into a space to benefit all our residents of all ages, all abilities, and all interests. Give it a chance. Keep CVS. The possibilities are endless if we only try.

Our proposal explains how to do this based on this two anchor approach, also allowing for space for a proposed daycare. The Towns retain ownership of the building and host two or three tenants. Revenues are generated to cover operating costs through rental income, membership and program fees, corporate and community sponsorships and grants.

We will email all who are interested a copy of the proposal. Please sign the request sheet to obtain a copy via email. To further discuss this is Mike Hall, a member of the Castleton Recreation Department and Caitlin Perry, the Chair of the Board of Directors with the Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County.