

In two phases the Old Library and the Josiah Smith Tavern will become the **Weston Civic Center** serving Weston's social, art, cultural and civic interests, financially self-supporting and with no need for taxpayer or other subsidy



Phase 1 Restore the Old Library

with

A nice, small, quality, modestly priced restaurant

• It's the **preferred** location (according to multiple professionals)

And

Small Art Gallery in the Reading Room

Rental and support space in the lower level

Restaurant support, business and possibly the Media Center

NO TAXPAYER OR OTHER SUBSIDY RETURNS \$40,000+ TO THE TOWN





A restaurant in the Old Library



Just imagine!

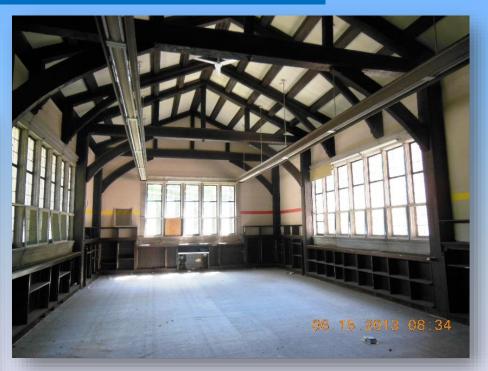


The restaurant in the main floor, with art gallery space in the reading room, commercial space in the lower level



Space for the restaurant





Waiting area and small bar in the front, Art gallery in the rear

Lower level for commercial space and restaurant support



Phase 2 In the Josiah Smith Tavern

- Civic organizations in the Main Building
 - "Makerspace" in the connector
- Media Center or commercial space in the Barn
 - The Ballroom for cultural events, etc.



The Tavern as home for active and important non-profit and other civic organizations







We do agree the WAIC and "Makerspace" concept has value for the Town



But they could be located in the Barn and Connector of the Tavern.



No taxpayer or other subsidy needed.

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The Weston Civic Center

- A Restaurant in the Old Library
- A place for Art and Cultural events
- A home for Town's key civic organizations
 - and the WAIC and the Media Center
 - Managed by a non-profit organization
- Fully self-sustaining financially without subsidy
 - \$ 40,000 or more to the Town each year.

Responsible • Financially sound • Achievable



How will the Civic Center be managed?

- A non-profit company: "Weston Civic Center LLC"
- An inclusive Board of Trustees approved by the Selectmen
- Maintenance and day-to-day management outsourced to a professional company
- Tenant Programs coordinated by Board member(s)



This is a responsible, achievable proposal
There is a detailed business plan with full details of revenues, costs and a letter of intent from owners of a leading restaurant in Concord.



See details at www.westongateway.com





Here's what we recommend:

Vote "YES" on Article 34

This will get the project going.

Most of the information developed can be used for either the Restaurant or the Art and Innovation Center in the Old Library.

The BIG money – about \$3 MM for construction - will not be voted until a later Town Meeting.

We expect that many of open issues will become clearer over the summer, and that the Selectmen, the Working Group and most important, the voters will see that the "Civic Center" proposal is the **best for the Town in the long run**.





"Considering all the facts, will you prefer a restaurant in the Old Library or the "Art and Innovation" center?"

Your vote will decide at a later Town Meeting.





A restaurant in the Old Library





Let the Voters decide