

NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
50 East Street
New Milford, Connecticut 06776

SCHOOL FACILITY AND UTILIZATION STUDY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

DATE: December 19, 2012
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Sarah Noble Intermediate School—Library Media Center

AGENDA

New Milford Public Schools Mission Statement

The mission of the New Milford Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, educators, family, and community, is to prepare each and every student to compete and excel in an ever-changing world, embrace challenges with vigor, respect and appreciate the worth of every human being, and contribute to society by providing effective instruction and dynamic curriculum, offering a wide range of valuable experiences, and inspiring students to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

1. Discussion on Existing Conditions including: enrollment projections, demographics, housing, school facility inventory and capacity analysis.
2. Adjourn

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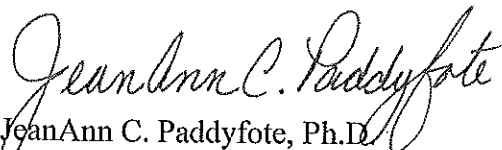
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| <p>1.</p> | <p>Discussion on Existing Conditions including: enrollment projections, demographics, housing, school facility inventory and capacity analysis.</p> <p>Consultants reviewed vision statements developed at the November meeting and presented the following analysis of existing conditions.</p> <p><u>Demographic Trends</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total population increased 3.8% from 2000 to 2010, though western part of Town lost population• School-aged population remained stable from 2000 to 2010; however, the 0-5 age group decreased 20% which indicates smaller incoming class sizes may be expected• Women of child-bearing age cohorts also decreased by about 20% indicating future birth rates can be expected to remain low• The Town's densest population areas are centered around the Route 7, 67 and 202 corridors <p><u>Housing Trends</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total housing units increased 9.5% from 2000 to 2010• Areas with the greatest housing growth also had declines in school-age population• New residential permitting and housing sales peaked in 2003-04, earlier than in much of the rest of the state• Median sales prices indicate that New Milford offers a relatively affordable housing stock compared to other towns in the region• Ownership units with householders over 65 have increased significantly, which may lead to housing turnover in the future• The greatest impacts from new development will likely affect Northville <p><u>Enrollment Trends and Projections</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enrollments peaked in 2003-04, and have decreased 8.5% since 2007-08• PreK-3rd enrollments have declined 10.5% since 2007-08 due to lower birth rates and lack of activity in the housing market |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total enrollments are projected to decline another 11% by 2007-08, with the PreK-3rd grade cohorts experiencing the sharpest decrease• About 9-10% of New Milford Resident PreK-12 Students Annually Enrolled Outside of New Milford Public Schools <p><u>Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All facilities were toured and reviewed to estimate maximum enrollment capacities based on instructional space |
| 2. | <p>Adjourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. |

Respectfully submitted,


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Superintendent of Schools