

Town Hall GYM Open House July 4th 11-1pm

After the last SB Meeting, a group of volunteers got together on Friday June 26th to clean up the gymnasium. The Hardwick Gazette had an article and a couple of photos in last weeks publication.

There was a wonderful turn out of people who came to see the Gymnasium in the Town Hall on Saturday July 4th from 11-1pm.

Over 100 signatures were recorded and many more people ventured up the stairs to see the space. We had an idea board with stickies to collect comments from the visitors, asking for their ideas and comments. People were very excited about the space and some were amazed they didn't know that the room existed. There was a lot of positivity and people are wondering how and when we can start using the space.

The Rec Committee will be typing up a full report to share with anyone who is interested in our results.

Some comments and questions and ideas were:

I remember square dances in here. We had birthday parties here. This is where we played pickup basketball. I did after school programs in here. I remember having Town Meeting here. I went to high school.

There were many ideas for the use of the space: Can we have Open Gym for kids and adults? Yoga classes, art classes. Live Music, Indoor soccer, Contra dancing, Karaoke, movies...

Why haven't we known about this place? I thought this building wasn't safe- So what is the condition of the building?

Why were we told the building was condemned?

Why did the town try to sell the building?

Why was this floor gated off for so many years?

This is a wonderful community space that would be great for exercise classes, live music, meeting space, pickleball/ sports, fun gatherings.

Circle dances, plays, community meals, theater, coffee, tea, bakery cafe, sock hop, art gallery, roller blading, indoor soccer, movie nights, bring back the Blues Jam, Talent shows, pickleball, ping-pong, Diwali Blast of color festival, weight and strength training machines, community meals, spin, yoga, Zumba, classes. And more...

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