

To Neal Beats
From Administration & Finance, Health and Human Services
Re: Public Hearing for naming of Magnet School and D.A.R. plaque
Date: December 5 2012

Here are the notes from the Public Hearing;
The Hearing began at 7:00 PM

Issue 1. Placement of a Plaque by D.A.R. on the Charter Oak on Windham Center
Florence Selleck, Secretary of the D.A.R. chapter explained the history and purpose of the plaque:
Which was to identify the Charter Oak tree, originally planted as a sapling by the D.A.R. and the location
of a Time Capsule placed there by the children of Windham Center School.
There was no public comment.

Issue 2. Naming of the new Magnet school;
M Doyle read the guidelines for the naming of a Town building or property as spelled out by the Town
Council.

M Doyle read the email suggestions the committee :

- Dennis O Brien suggested; John L Lescoe
- Lincoln Phillips suggested; Susan A Collins
- Aleah Iqbai suggested; Windham Center Day School

Public Comment:

- June Besset suggested that the acronym STEM be spelled out
- Peter Leeds wanted Windham in the title to give credit to the voters
- MaryLou DeVivo supported naming it for C.H. Barrow but wanted STEM included also
- Murphy Sewell suggested both "Windham" and "STEM" were important from a marketing standpoint. And reinforced that the BoE believes having STEM in the title was important.
- Jamie Eastman, From the Windham Textile Museum spoke of the process the Museum followed to select Charles Barrow's name. He indicated they followed responded to the request made of them. Also he pointed out the Chronicle editorial was incorrect when it stated that Mr. Barrow invented a "mustache protector". Mr Barrow sold them as part of his business but his inventions were in the area of transportation such as electric car technology and trolley cars.
- Tom DeVivo, Chair of the Magnet School Building Committee, wanted us to consider the spoke of the cost per letter when choosing the name. Personally he spoke in favor of using "John L Lescoe"

The Public Hearing was closed at this point at 715PM