

STATEMENT FROM THE FAYETTE BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGARDING THE NOVEMBER 5TH BALLOT QUESTION REQUESTING THE SALE OF STARLING HALL

The Fayette Board of Selectmen, in the interest of the public good, opposes the November 5th ballot question requesting the sale of Starling Hall. Currently, there is no request for taxpayer funding of Starling Hall renovations. Neither the Town of Fayette nor the Board of Selectmen have any plans to appropriate, or support appropriating funds, from taxation for the renovation of Starling Hall.

In its work, the Board of Selectmen is always willing to hear concerns from residents. We acknowledge the concerns expressed by residents regarding the rehabilitation of Starling Hall. The hardest job that the Board of Selectmen has is making the best possible decision on a controversial matter that is in the collective public interest. In making that decision, all available facts and possible circumstances must be carefully considered, both positive and negative, that could affect the Town and its ability to deliver services to all the residents and taxpayers.

Simply put, the future benefits that Starling Hall provides to the Town are of greater value than the proceeds from its potential sale. The Fayette Board of Selectmen therefore expresses its opposition to the ballot question requesting the sale of Starling Hall by the end of 2025. The Board of Selectmen is committed to finding a path forward to complete the renovation of Starling Hall without the use of local taxpayer dollars.

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