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- Supports adaptive reuse and keeping the gym
- Acknowledges lack of affordable housing

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James Jones, 2 Rowls Lane

- Save Brown School Gym
- Keep it for revenue

Sue Binvinisti, 51 Milk Street

- Neighbor of the Brown School
- Amazing opportunity for good senior affordable housing
- Gym would cause more traffic, shouldn't be included. Too great of an impact on the area.
- Effort on the gym should go into NYS to Low Street

Adam Cooperman, 19 Johnson Street

- Advocates for affordable housing
- Has spent the last 10 years working in Affordable housing

Marianne Vesey, 10 Kent Street

- Supports affordable housing at the Brown School
- RFI should be broad

David Webster, 37 Broad Street

- Supports affordable housing at Brown
- Don't burden the RFI
- 60% standard AMI should be out, should be affordable as possible

Diana Kerry, 33 Temple Street

- Supports affordable without the gym
- Doesn't want to see it sold

Caroline Johnson, 46 Munroe Street

- Supports Affordable senior housing
- Include the gym in the number of units

Jean Costello, 522 Merrimac Street

- Supports affordable housing
- Hope for RFI to bring out some good ideas

Madeline Nash, 19 Arlington Street

- AHT member, supports affordable housing for seniors
- Hopes RFI to be as open as possible to get a lot of ideas
- Developer could do gym, thinks there are opportunities to be creative
- Wants the more than 60% AMI to be changed to 60% or less AMI

Bob Courier, 3 Summit Place

- On AHT, works for affordable housing developer
- Keep RFI simple

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- Let developers tell you how it can be done
- 2-5 years for financing

Karen Weiner, 7 Lincoln Street

- Appreciates Bob's expertise
- Shouldn't limit RFI too much
- It will take time for developers to get financing

Pam Kipp, 11 Tremont Street

- Supports affordable and keeping the option of retaining the asset.

Joann Bolwark, Charles Street (James Steam Mill Resident)

- In favor of the housing
- Over 400 people need homes in town

Margo Casey, 487 Merrimac Street

- Supports affordable senior housing

End of Public comment

Councilor Donahue states the 60% AMI should be changed to "60% or less" to match the underlying zoning.

Councillor Vogel motions to amend the communication from "60% more than" to "60% or less than AMI". Councilor Lane is the second. Committee votes 3-0 to update communication language to state "60% or less than AMI".

Cllr. Cameron speak in support of the RFI. It addresses preserving the gym as a community space and it will get us information that will help focus an RFP. Requests the language of the communication being "request for information" be updated to Expression of Interest.

Cllr. Lane states Cllr. Cameron is spot on and recommends recommending this to the full council.

Cllr. Shand lets Cllr. Zeid speak before moving forward with Cllr. Lane's motion.

Councilor Zeid speaks to not approving of the process and will not support anything that keeps the gym as part of the RFI.

Councillors vote 3-0 in favor of updating communication language to match the underlying effort or the order to be "expression of interest"

Councilor Vogel motions to approve ORDR 428 as amended to include the language from the amended COMM464. Councillor Lane seconds. Committee votes 3-0 to bring ORDR428 as amended to the full council and 3-0 to receive and file COMM464.

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Committee adjourns at 6:35.