

Memorandum

To: Cape Elizabeth Town Council
From: Michael K. McGovern, Town Manager
Re: Goddard Mansion
Date: October 28, 2015

One of the town council goals for 2015 is to seek citizen input on the future of the Goddard mansion. The survey included in the recent tax bills contained the following question and 793 responses were received.

Former Goddard mansion

51.7% The Goddard mansion should continue to be stabilized in a safe manner. (410)

28.1% The Goddard mansion section of Fort Williams Park should be sold or be encumbered by a long term lease so that it may be redeveloped to serve a purpose such as a restaurant or housing. (223)

12.9%_ The Goddard mansion should be demolished. (102)

7.3% Other (58)

It is recommended that the town council formally adopt as a policy the following statement:

The Goddard mansion at Fort Williams Park has been repaired many times after two fires in the 1980's. The interior frame structure was removed and the walls have been capped and partially sealed. In 2009, the council voted to seal off access to make the building as safe as possible while still maintaining the façade for historical appreciation. The town council affirms that the Goddard Mansion should continue to be stabilized in a safe manner.