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**Fwd: Springdale History and Visitor Center Public Comment**

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Dear Elected Town Representatives,

First and foremost thank you for your service. While government service is very rewarding it is not lost on me the amount of time, effort and preparation you devote to issues that affect the town. I feel compelled to write this letter to aid in your preparation for the topic on this week's agenda noted below:

Administrative Action Item 1. Discussion and direction to staff regarding construction alternatives for the Springdale History and Visitors Center.

There are four options on the agenda and the first three are by your own evaluation completely unworkable. Your plan is to weigh the 4th option against three non-options. So to make this an actual discussion item and not a declaration let me offer another option, option 5, tear down the building and stop the steady drain on the funds of OUR Town. This project already has a price tag in excess of \$400,000 not including what was traded to the original owners. The proposed solution will make that bad situation much worse and require the town to commit to a long term expense in staffing and maintenance.

There is only a small group of outspoken people in support of this project. I know they are passionate. However the lack of support from the general public is backed up by the almost non-existent Springdale History Society that was included in the request for funding from Washington County. This project first surfaced in the fall of 2018 and has not been able to garner wide spread support of the citizens of Springdale.

I implore you to stop the bleeding. Tear down the building, **make it a park including a beautiful public restroom**, which we are really lacking along Main Street, but don't build an underused building posing as a Visitor/History Center that will require staffing and maintenance to assuage the dreams of a handful of passionate history buffs. **Let's not make our next history, a study examining how the town could have been so wrong.**

Respectfully,  
Dean Elger

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