

**Resolution Number: 2026-009**

**Introduced By: Councilor Jesse Gordon  
June 8, 2026**

**Resolution In Support Of Exploring  
Grandmothers' Village Use of Former Lyons School Property**

**Whereas**, Grandmothers' Village Project, Inc. ("Grandmothers' Village") has provided the Town with a Preliminary Vision & Inquiry Regarding the Lyons School Property; and

**Whereas**, that document indicates that Grandmothers' Village is interested in exploring whether the former Lyons School Property may present an opportunity for adaptive reuse and community-centered redevelopment focused on elder wellness, intergenerational connection, sustainability, and community benefit; and

**Whereas**, the Grandmothers' Village is seeking to determine whether the former Lyons School Property is available for use and what restrictions or opportunities might be available at the site; and

**Whereas**, Grandmothers' Village is exploring the possibility of transforming the existing structure at the Lyons School Property into a thoughtfully designed, eco-conscious, multi-use community space centered primarily on residential housing for elders and community members; and

**Whereas**, the proposed use may include residential housing units, shared community gathering spaces, administrative offices, an eco-education and community learning center, community programming space and a commercial/industrial kitchen space for food education, community meals and programming; and

**Whereas**, if the property is available, Grandmothers' Village would like to begin preliminary site and building assessments; conversations with green architects and sustainability-focused design professionals; feasibility discussion regarding adaptive reuse and expansion possibilities; a community listening and engagement process; and surveys and research related to local needs and community benefits; and

**Whereas**, Grandmothers' Village is interested in reviewing existing environmental and site documentation; exploring the possibility of an updated wetlands assessment or re-survey; understanding ecological and stormwater considerations connected to the property; and identifying opportunities for environmentally responsible and sustainable site planning; and

**Whereas**, Grandmothers' Village values land stewardship and ecological responsibility as central components of long-term community development; and

**Whereas**, Grandmothers' Village is also interested in exploring opportunities for sustainable food production and regenerative land use, including soil restoration, ecological rehabilitation, rooftop or indoor agriculture models, greenhouse or controlled-environment growing systems, and educational programming connected to food resilience and wellness; and

**Whereas,** the long-term intent is to explore whether the property could become a model for community-centered redevelopment, elder wellness and belonging, intergenerational engagement, sustainable and resilient design, educational and cultural programming and community food access and gathering;

**Now, therefore,** be it resolved, that the Randolph Town Council supports the Town of Randolph exploring the uses proposed by Grandmothers' Village for the former Lyons School Property.