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Community Center Survey Results

The Community Center Building Committee (CCBC) believes that Lincoln's values and priorities should guide the planning for a new community center. We asked residents to complete a survey to tell us what residents value the most in a community center. The survey results inform the CCBC and ICON Architecture how best to design the building options to reflect the town's values.

1. A community center provides a cost-sensitive solution to the town's facility needs
78% agree 14% neutral 9% not important
2. A community center building is sustainable, meeting high energy-efficiency standards
75% agree 16% neutral 8% not important
3. A community center meets both current and anticipated needs of the town
74% agree 15% neutral 11% not important
4. A community center building design is both visually appealing and welcoming
73% agree 17% neutral 10% not important
5. A community center supports a wide variety of community organizations
72% agree 15% neutral 13% not important
6. A community center provides both indoor and outdoor spaces
70% agree 16% neutral 14% not important
7. A community center meets the needs of all generations
65% agree 17% neutral 18% not important
8. A community center supports the organizations that presently use the Hartwell campus
59% agree 25% neutral 17% not important
9. A community center building design complements the architecture of the ballfield Road campus
44% agree 34% neutral 23% not important

15. Briefly, what one thing would you especially want us to know?

we can not spend 25 million dollars. Sudbury is building a Rec Center now, have you looked at their plans? we cannot waste money to make it super extra "green". just build a normal, modest, functional building. Only a small part of town will use the building. we spent too much money on the school, please dont force us to do that with a community center.

Care more about a functional space than having an architectural marvel.

I do not want the cost to exceed 50% of total

Please include a coffee shop (could be supplied/staffed by Twisted Tree)

The Hartwell pods are old and need renovation. We need to know what the cost of doing nothing other than patch and repair vs. the cost of a barebones replacement with the same or very similar square footage - this is a base line for evaluating all other proposals from a cost standpoint.

I think that school families need to be reached out to for this survey.

being an economical solution is critical since the school project has greatly increased taxes. Yet the building should serve future as well as current needs!

Vision for integrating the building into the site and the community should prevail over cost. You only have one chance to get it right.

A functional design with one "wow" space indoors and a nice outdoor space.

don't listen to the nay-sayers

Our community will greatly improve by having a more accessible Community Center that will include multi generational use - better parking and more space!

Be fiscally thoughtful

Nothing comes to mind

Bemis is a wonderful building but not suitable in so many ways and I hope the town can come together to build a more suitable building for senior citizens .

That we should maximize use of existing spaces, not duplicate what already exists, focus on upgrades for existing Hartwell buildings

We deserve a safe and inclusive facility to support our needs. We hope other groups can be included in this center - multi generational community building!

The meeting last night was helpful but it ran too long and people started repeating points already made. The "economic zone" is a worthy myth. The community center should be located on the Hartwell campus. The aforementioned economic zone will develop organically as higher density housing is built in the area near the train station. It will also develop better when Lincolniters stop going out of town to eat meals and shop. I say, go big or go home. Build a first class center and people will use it.

We should focus on the the basics, nothing complicated or expensive!

Cost versus real benefit to present programs very imp for me

The CC must reach out beyond the COA and PRD and engage other groups and organizations in Town

In addition to a modest new building on the Hartwell campus, I would like to modify existing spaces for additional programs with total cost of all not to exceed 50% of total.

Weight room

think broadly about senior life in Lincoln

I want you to know that I appreciate and support all the work that you've put into this community center project.

WE should make better use of existing buildings and spaces. The town is small and many residents leave for the summer. It isn't reasonable to increase taxes for something that will only serve a small portion of the population.

Making sure that the parking/traffic flow situation is safe for all people!

Should have a stage to replace the one taken away from smith school

My opinion is that the Community Center does not need to solve all the needs of all the groups, but it should at least have the core components to make a healthy social meeting place for seniors as well as housing PRD staff.

A community Center should be a gathering place for people of the Town. It should be at the center of Town activity and NOT on an elementary school campus. ALSO--Please specifically poll Seniors to find out whether they want to mix with younger kids. Many do not. I think a senior center should be near the commercial area. ALSO--the pandemic has changed a lot and the concept thus needs rethinking. In the meantime Bemis can be renovated to help problems existing for the COA.

COA&HS has outgrown Bemis as an ideal space for our seniors. Hartwell location will bring all ages of the community together.

strongly support building a robust community center

Cost efficient

Center should be in Lincoln Station and not combined with the rec dept. or school

Community center should be in the south Lincoln near the mall

Please locate the building in the south Lincoln mall area

I have big doubts about whether a "center" is really needed at all. If I'm mobile, I'll be out and about. If I'm not mobile, I'll likely be in senior living or assisted living. For the younger people in the community, their lives are so full of activities, I can't imagine they will have time to spend at a "center."

In addition to developing a community center on the Hartwell campus (already decided to do this), it is critical that an effective shuttle connect the various existing/potential future community "centers"/buildings in Lincoln—eg. the school campus, library, south Lincoln business area, commuter rail, as well as the smaller yet significant structures that are iconic to Lincoln. (eg. Pierce House, Bemis Hall, Decordova, Codman and Drumlin Farms, etc.) Shuttles from the multifamily housing areas North, South, West of the MBTA are also critical. A way to pick up residents who do not live in the multifamily clusters is also important.

I think having the community center at the schools will be the most efficient and cost effective way to meet the complimentary needs of the Council on Aging and Parks & Recreation.

Maintaining present buildings is much more valuable than building new ones

Put resources on maintaining current facilities instead of building a new expensive one

We think there is not a need for a new Community Center and the town's existing buildings should be used with updates and expansions. We remain a small town and this is not going to change significantly.

ridiculous survey. Don't see it will provide useful information.

Use existing spaces. Don't abandon space

I think it's important to have everything in one location. It's not really a community center if we're not in community together.

That I really love coming here.

Stick to the basics, avoid non-essential frills

We need a building that is welcoming and useful to everyone, especially seniors

Until you have thought through which programs can use existing spaces and which would necessitate any new construction, as you promised you would do, it's foolish to start designing anything

Acoustic excellence very important for those with poor hearing.

Use all possible EXISTING facilities and Keep cost to an absolute MINIMUM. Not all offices/organizations need to be in same place

Please honor the "trust us, we heard you, just pass this warrant" message stated at the marathon meeting. We want you to explore the use of other facilities and locations, which you said you would. Now you're not. That is dishonest and poor civic duty. Using existing structures will help ease the costs associated with this project. We don't want another over budget school project raising taxes. Please consider the Mall area!

Suggest backtracking & reevaluating the concept; too much time has passed, financial conditions are radically different, taxes are high already!

Keep the costs BELOW \$12M !

The community center is very much needed for current and future populations and should be given the attention it deserves including honoring the work done over several years to design a center to meet the consistently detailed needs of the town from young to old.

i would love a fun place to meet with friends, not at our house, and not at the cramped whistle stop cafe.

I want an espresso bike and a net zero building

Let's please be frugal / cost conscious; I also really question the premise of combining Parks & Rec with the Senior Center. This feels like a "nice to have", not a "requirement".

Even this survey does not include anything about using existing buildings. Bemis Hall and the Pierce House should be improved and used. I feel like the Town staff are driving for what they want, not what the community wants or can afford

In a time of great housing needs, is a community center our highest priority?

That what is wanted is a function of user age.

I would go if it in the town center, probably wouldn't go to the school.

I want this place to be a place where kids of all ages can gather, play basketball, board games, participate in scheduled activities, and have a wide variety of choices.

No more pie-in-the-sky, grandiose dreaming. More, "Keep It Simple Stupid." Meet basic needs of Senior Citizens. Give dream of mingling of the generations.

Stop spending tax \$ on things the Town doesn't need!! Bemis Hall is a GREAT "Community Center" & the other buildings in Town complement it

Lincoln property tax is already too high. Don't force people out of town!

It is critical that you keep the cost of building and maintaining this center as low as possible. If my taxes go any higher I will leave Lincoln after 45 years for something more affordable!

The CoA needs decent space for their programs. I am completely and totally uninterested in a town funded health club. My experience with parks and rec is that it is geared to kids. Given that I don't understand why they can't use the school facilities.

This is my second survey, for which I apologize. I did the first one before I read in the squirrel article and that there is talk of a cafe. Locating the Community Center at Ballfield Road because there is no other realistic option is something I can accept. Setting it up to compete with our already struggling commercial area in South Lincoln? No, no, a thousand times no. We need space for CoA. We do not need a social club. Please stick to what the town needs for town functions.

Cost concerns

go for something that can be expanded/altered/adjusted in the future to accomodate changing needs AND potentially defer some of the costs involved...we are all price sensitive with the new school, etc.

CC should have areas where people can just hang out, without taking part in a particular activity or program.

Compromise will be essential!

Walkable for kids from school would be nice unless the plan is to update the Pods and put in a senior center somewhere else. Pods definitely need some love. I dread going to them for all of our families' activities.

We are Lincoln's caretakers for future needs. Give adequate focus to the needs of tomorrow's residents.

The community Center should be in the commercial center of Lincoln, where stores and the Ryan Estate are...not tucked away on Ballfield Rd.

building needs to be net zero energy

Lincoln just passed a bylaw that all new construction be all electric with no fossil fuel hook ups,

To have good space for senior activities as well as traditional rec programs

Don't overbuild. The tax increase from new schools is hard for Seniors.

A net zero building, required by Lincoln's Energy Performance Standard, is a very important aspect of a new community center.

I do not believe enough people will use the community center to justify a 15-25 million dollar cost

A single space where all can gather for various events

We must focus on needs only (no aspirational stuff) and KEEP the COSTS DOWN

I'd like the new building to have a few small cozy spaces (fireplace?) which are not noisy. Hard surfaces can make it hard to hear conversations.

would love space for dance lessons/wooden floor needed

Keep Bemis, don't screw it up. Add an addition to the left and fix the parking and street speeds.

Adult fitness classes are not well served in Hartwell Pod or Bemis or Pierce House. A safe, climate controlled space with bathrooms available is necessary. I support a modest community center only if it continues to meet the afterschool and summer camp needs of children and provides an appropriate space for adult fitness classes. Adult fitness classes are the most important way to meet my neighbors regularly and make new friends of varying ages.

needed by the town, though understand its a desire.

Consider adding Pickleball as activity available to residents in adding a community center (striping/adding nets-adding courts) in the design/planning as many towns have built courts

At this point I cannot fully support moving ahead with the center without more detailed information about all aspects of its use, and its impact on my taxes, which is of primary importance to me.

I don't believe a community center is necessary to deliver good quality programming.

The highest priority for us is that the community center be cost conscious and effective

That this survey doesn't ask all the right questions. It needs to dive deeper into what role the center will occupy in the town. How much will it cost me in taxes, and admission fees to events or services? I really detest the term "Lincoln Values" which is inbred with subtle forms of major discrimination. Does everyone in Lincoln agree on Lincoln Values? From what I can see I certainly don't!

favor quality of facility + cost containment. Agnostic as to whether parks & rec facility should be under same roof as community center.

I fear that the cost will be too high for many in the community to absorb given other needs and recent tax increases for the school and assessments.

Need for space & expansion of COA and HS

Why is this survey based on pre-determined conclusions/assumptions?

I think that open mic meetings are a good idea, but I would like to suggest some meetings that had break sessions for small groups where people could grapple with issues in a constructive way.

The design of the building needs to reflect current and realistic future needs of programming, classes, and events, instead of the mentality of “if we build it, they will come.”

The building and its programs/classes/events should include equal opportunities outside of work and school hours (ie evenings and weekends).

spend based on need not want

This is an important project, but it needs to thread a needle of cost and function — we almost certainly will have to sacrifice some desired functions to make the cost acceptable. COA and youth, including after-school, programming should be prioritized in determining building function.

Optimize use of existing facilities and reduce property tax burden

I see no need for a community center. I feel elevating the taxes is an issue.

I appreciate K-8 students being able to walk directly to Parks & Rec extracurricular activities!

Have all COA&HS programs remain at the Community Center.

Have an open to visit anytime community space for coffee, reading the paper, gathering with friends, playing games, like a pub or community center!

It is time to move past the negativity and fulfill the wishes of a large majority of Lincoln residents. We want and need a Community Center, and we are willing to pay for this critical improvement to life in Lincoln..

You are asking me to judge programs AS IF they are currently available. I cannot judge what has not been built.

Keep cost under control. Should be nice but needn't be luxurious.

Include existing facilities in programmatic plans for CC

I think this survey needs to be redone with more specifics to weigh in on. The questions on the first page are kind of throw aways. I suppose someone could not care about the building being energy efficient. E.g. I care less about outdoor spaces offered by the CC because there are so many spaces in this town already. But I think we all want the CC to serve Lincoln's space needs, Hartwell's needs, for it to be visually appealing, etc. I do think a survey is a great idea though, to get input. Perhaps when more specific choices for its use are known we could re-survey the town? Thanks.

This is not a necessity and I am opposed to spending money on a new facility. I am not opposed to repairs and improvements where necessary. Lincoln is too small to support this and taxes too high already.

that the community center be built with a strong consideration as to its total coast. It does not need all of the bells and whistles.

Think outside the box, perhaps put this project up for RFP for outside development with LincolnTown buy back over time, also Affordable housing on the upper floors. how about connecting to an expanded sewage plant at Lincoln Crossing?

Design a space for more than the 80 year olds.

I am against the new community center being built. Taxes are too high already! Repair or upgrade existing.

A Hartwell Pod needs to be rehabbed for afterschool, and the senior center needs an elevator. We don't need a big community center that will be expensive, underutilized, and push older adults out of town due to increased taxes.

Keep the budget low and don't provide things that can be accessed in nearby towns.

Lincoln is too small to make a community center viable. I support spending some money to replace the senior center at Bemis Hall

Lots of spaces and different rooms for after school clubs/meetings/activities. (Right now there are only 2 rooms so only about 35 kids can do after school activities. More rooms mean more kids can sign up! We think it's so important it stays at Ballfield Rd so kids can walk there after school.

Hopefully COVID will truly be over when this project is complete, but given what we now know about airborne illness and climate change's likelihood to increase pandemic frequency, having excellent air filtration and options for ventilation seems important

Please keep the cost as low as possible.

This is poorly designed survey.

the town needs gathering places where people get to discover and know each other..

Can we have a gym in the facility?

don't increase our taxes more
Pickleball

If it is economically efficient, I support gutting and renovating the existing pods. If more space is necessary, design an addition. For the roofs, pitch them like Hartwell's. Also, factor their maintenance into the cost. Right now, those buildings aren't even being properly cleaned. Broken light fixtures, missing ceiling tiles, tape and string hanging from the ceiling, dirty floors, mildew, filthy windows... I think the town should show that it can care for what it has before getting something new. I don't want to spend a lot of money on a big project again. The school is huge, unwelcoming, and overbuilt for the towns needs. Likewise, the renovated town offices are like a mausoleum inside. So fancy and so empty. Lincoln has to get back to basics.

this survey isn't very useful

Normally I'd say center should be able to support both younger and older/elderly populations, but given current climate with illness I worry about elderly population being exposed to the germs that come with sharing a space with younger children

I do not want the town to indulge in this expensive project.

Do not spend more than 50% of the recent cost est of the 2018 plan

Stop spending our tax money. We aren't weston. You are killing this town

Should be build near the shopping center / train station

Please keep the cost low and reasonable. If we continue increasing taxes, we're going to make the town even more unaffordable than it already is, making it hard for families to move in and forcing older adults to move out.

If a community center is put on campus, which is a good location, it MUST NOT evict LEAP, Magic Garden, or the PODS activities from campus.

Cost sensitivity is imperative

Having a facility that is usable by the community and supports after school activities is very important.

Make it accessible to all - physically but also from a cost-perspective.
No tax increases

Everything I have heard about expected costs makes me think that the people in charge of planning are not taking into account reality. I get that Bemis Hall is insufficient, but nothing I have seen makes me think that we need to build anything that even closely resembles the original plans we saw (including insane numbers of parking spots). We're a small community that already has a crazy high property tax rate. Maybe the town should have thought about how ridiculous it was to (re)build the elementary school the way it did before asking the town's residents to potentially fork out even more money. How can we trust the planners when we ended up with the incredibly expensive school that we did? Please - keep reality in mind!!!!

The building doesn't need to win an architecture award and it should be affordable.

indoor basketball over the summer :)

Don't be fancy. A modest building would work for a wide spectrum of people.

That I still don't understand why we're forcing this onto ballfield road, instead of using Pierce House as it was bequeathed, or investing in Lincoln Center

CC should only be built if Bemis is indeed inadequate or cost prohibitive to adapt for COA activities/services.

Cost is my biggest concern with this project. As it was for the school. That is why the vote a decade ago was so terrible.

Build a building that can be easily maintained. We have to live with it for 50 years or more.

My wife won't live to see the community center

I am not someone who sees myself needing the community center as a way to connect in Lincoln. I have my church. I continue to use my health club that I used when I was working - there are more classes, at better times of day, and, for me, it is a lot cheaper than paying both for the new building and the fees for classes.

November 2022 special town meeting ONLY approved two options of \$18 M or LESS. Please do NOT propose anything more expensive.

I do not believe that the South Lincoln (mall) area is appropriate location for Community Center is appropriate puate location for a Community Center

I am concerned about the lack of meeting space for organizations which are not formally connected to Parks and Rec and COA. Both large (like the space at Bemis) and small meeting space would be very helpful for organizations like the garden club.

We support the building of one central community center on the Hartwell campus.

Your survey is NOT neutral. I do not want a community center. Taxes are already forcing out the older population. Please stop spending. Please stop penalizing those with bigger houses for projects not wanted. Projects should cost each person/household equally.

Some concern over increase in traffic on school campus, a lot of children at play in area identified for community center. Need to keep them safe. Also, please don't reduce outdoor space kids have at LEAP and magic garden.

Please dont make the parking lot too big! Consider pollinator gardens for any landscaping needs!

The 7pm Apr 4, 2023 meeting began with an enthusiasm-killing slow handouts summary, as if we couldn't read the titles ourselves. This slow crawl was probably for the zoom participants, but they could have been informed about the handouts as they signed in.

the community center needs to be shared use across all town activites

I would prefer a Senior Community Center at or near the Mall, AND much improved facilities for Rec Department and LEAP on Ballfield Campus

I am in favor of a new building on Hartwell campus. I am not in favor of development at Lincoln Station - traffic , entering and exiting as well as train stops could cause further challenges particularly for seniors. I would like to see Bemis continues to be used. Love the upstairs room for lectures, concerts, Tai Chi, etc. Realize the restrooms need upgrading. Pierce use is a perfect place for outdoor gatherings.

The utterly hypothetical notion for a community center, hatched by a minority of townspeople MANY years ago has suddenly re-emerged as a done deal. It is an unfortunate power play, and, ironically, the antithesis of a "community" project. And the survey is blatantly written to preclude any legitimate disagreement. Who would disagree with, "A community center building design is both visually appealing and welcoming"? This is stacking the deck and it feels manipulative and coercive, and frankly depressing.

Safety and support for the children on campus is my main priority.

Before we move forward we need an assessment of usage of present programs and space already available in town. I do not support a multi million dollar building when other spaces are not already used. I do not support a commercial kitchen when we have several already available. I need there should be more care taken to listen to what the COA really needs and how existing programs are attended.

Thus survey was written assuming there would be a center on Ballfield Road. That bothered me a lot. I think supporters of yhe center need to be MORE sensitive to finances and what will happen to the existing spaces in town. I don't feel what they are saying is more than filler!

Need to make it affordable! School was massively over-built, let's not make that mistake again

We haven't even tapped all the possible things that could happen in a new community center. It truly can/ will be for all residents

Spend what's needed to get a knock-out facility, as we did with the school; vocal opponents don't represent all taxpayers, including those who expect a high-cost community to have top facilities.

Bemis Hall is just fine. Taxes are outrageous in Lincoln. Please minimize tax impact.

The CC should reflect the needs of the broadest range of Lincoln residents as possible.
Derek J Fitzgerald

Do not assume seniors and young people want to hang out in a shared space.

Minimize impact on open space

Don't overbuild based on a misguided belief about who will use such a center. Our taxes are way too high already.

While appeal and aesthetics are important, cost should be key variable.
Be cost conscious

We hope to raise our nascent family in Lincoln and respectfully hold concern that these large capital projects will end up pricing us out via the tax rate. Please keep the tax hikes to a minimum when planning this project.

Community center should utilize what is already here. No need to build something new that will not be used by enough people to make it meaningful, cost-effective. Not sure what a community center is or does.

I wish Sudbury had a pool option that was warm enough for children, seniors, and recreational swimming.

Enough with these wasteful projects!!! Use Bemis Hall and other Town properties. Enough is enough!

Consider using a combination of existing buildings before burdening residents with increased taxes.

Lincoln should stop spending money on unnecessary things and start fixing and maintaining critical infrastructure incl roads and water systems. Plenty of space already exists to accommodate community activities in the meantime!

After tax jumping from the school board, I don't like the idea of additional spending.

You have never asked if the town wants the community sent it built. I for one would never use the community center. Those who want the community center should pay for it. Those who don't want the community center shouldn't pay for it. You're actually forcing out some of the population, i.e the older population, from the town. The very population you trying to serve. This is a logical and counterproductive.

Please consider the residents of North Lincoln, I appreciate the location of the CC on the Hartwell campus.

I want to see that ICON is studying existing buildings in town and determining what it would cost for them to meet the needs that are not being met by current facilities. I understand that Hartwell needs some upgrades to meet the need of PRD, but do not see a need for Hartwell to meet the needs of COA or any other groups. I would like to know what it would cost to upgrade Bemis and Pierce House and maybe other spaces to meet COA's need. I don't want to hear that this has already been studied. Ask ICON to tell us what they see as the opportunities, not just the problems. Without serious attention to this issue, you won't get the votes you need at Town Meeting.

I would like the center to foster inter generational fun!

This project started as an answer to needs of the elderly in Lincoln. As the proposed location was the Hartwell Campus, the Recreation Commission was added to the mix. Finally the idea of a Community Center took hold. The first two elements are clear for me, what they seek to do and how they accomplish their tasks. The third is not so clear. Please present clear explanations of each element and how the facility in which they operate will be shared.

the cost of living in lincoln is already too high

A community center should not cost \$15 million. Ideally it would cost less than 1 or the same price as building a modest suburban home.

my number one priority is minimizing cost. this survey does not feel well designed to find out priorities

I can understand that the ideal scenario is to have all services etc in one building. However is that really environmentally or fiscally responsible? What services might be housed in existing buildings in town (including Bemis or even empty retail space around Lincoln Station). The Hartwell buildings are past their reasonable life and new construction should replace them but does this new building need to do everything for everyone?? How else can we use our resources??? Can we think of Hubs around town -- all within the center but perhaps not all in a single building?

Cost should be a major factor as Lincoln taxes are already extreme.

Flexibility for this space is so important (e.g., ability to host events ranging from small classes and workshops to physical activities, concerts, art showings, large format meetings, etc.

We should also be thinking of outdoor shade structures on center field to tie campus together

The cost of the new center is so high, we should guarantee that it is designed for maximum usage. It should have space for COA to host activities throughout the day, while also having space for Parks & Rec AND LEAP to be on site. It would be wonderful to have evening classes and events like other towns provide as well. The space must be utilized efficiently and to the benefit of all ages.

You guys are doing a great job 👍

Be cost conservative and look at the trends and demographics of community centers across the area. The center should enable flexibility but not too much growth. Err on the side of reducing cost.

Work for the town so my answers are based on that role rather than a resident's.

Not sure how much money should be invested in new community center building with huge cost of new school facilities

Keep it for seniors ..we have the right for our own senior site

I have not used the community center yet; I have no idea about its condition but I hope there is a good playground for kids in Lincoln

It is imperative that we carefully consider the potential benefits of incorporating the needs of the LEAP program into the proposed community center. By consolidating all activities under one roof, we can maximize the utilization of resources and enhance the overall value of the community center for all members. However, the current plan, which maintains the separate pods and does not integrate the community center with other space needs and green space in the area, represents a missed opportunity to effectively allocate taxpayer dollars for the greater good.

Needs of the Town are best served by a central location. Spreading out services at a variety of locations would not meet the Town's needs.

The space really needs to meet the needs of the youth so they have more to do than hang out in front of Donelan's.

The Town of Lincoln is a wonderful place. I look forward to having a beautiful new Community Building!
THE COST!!

Is this needed? We have a brand new school with plenty of space. We rebuilt town center for a steep price that few town people actually use. We are better off investing in community services than a structure. Any new construction should be modest.

My hope is that the community center meets the needs of seniors first and other generations second.

Cednter is not needed. Town has enough other underutilized properties. Town is already under immense debt load. We need to learn to use what we have

Strive for a building the community can be proud of and which can be used as statement of pride when talking about our town. If people from outside Lincoln are jealous of our new CC, that will be a good measure of success.

I see the Hartwell Pods as reaching the end of their lifespan. Ideally, a solution to their replacement will also help serve a wider range of Lincoln's community and allow for more intergenerational overlap.

Build new

No increase in tax with Community Center. Most COA programs participation are not great, do we really need a new building? Can we use current town facilities to cover it.

While by definition, a community center should serve all in the communities. However, the new school already have excellent indoor and outdoor spaces can be open to the Lincoln Community. I vote for a community center that complements what Lincoln already has.

What are some existing community centers that Lincoln can use as a model for ours. In thinking less the building and more the services/programs.

Please build sooner rather than later.

I think you all are approaching this in a way that is going to result in a suboptimal outcome. If you try to please everyone we will just end up with a building. What we need is a center that draws people, and you can't do that with just a building. I think there should be some focus, like sports for kids, and then build around that. I encourage you to check out the Medfield center which has tennis and basketball, etc, and then they build a center around that that has huge attendance. My fear is that you will try to please everyone and in the end you will end up pleasing no one for \$20mm which is a criminal use of money. Thanks for listening.

That my taxes don't increase with the build out of the community center. I'm on a fixed budget and can't afford anymore large increases for some thing that truly isn't needed.

keep the cost down, and provide open space for activities for all ages

The construction of a community center must NOT displace or kick out Parks & Recreation, LEAP, or Magic Garden. One of the best things about Lincoln is that all these services are on the same campus, which is a HUGE advantage to families.

This center must support all generations to help create a stronger sense of community and a high quality of life for all Lincoln citizens.

There needs to be some scale to make it worth it. To me, the worst option would be to split the difference and build a small center that few people use.

Need to build space that will facilitate cross-generational interactions

Keep up the good work!

I think it's incredibly important to have all facilities under one roof

I feel it is important to have the Community Center on the Ballfield RD area. The Kids programs coordinate with the school wonderfully being on campus.

Indoor basketball accessible in the winter would be great

Thank you for your hard work!

Please strongly consider offering additional gathering places and spaces for “the community” around town, for ex, near Donelan’s/main Post Office or in other bldgs. The “community” often gathers at these places wherein other tasks can be taken care of and there is natural mixed age use of the spaces and services. A “drive up” community center destination is much less appealing to me than multiple places wherein community events or offerings can take place.

No gay banners or racism stuff , I’ve had it up to my eye balls w that stuff

The items/qualities on the survey are all wonderful to imagine, but will be expensive, making them likely contentious- but the people who have waited for this center, supporting the school building along the way, particularly the COA, deserve the town to come through with this. It is important to find an affordable and quick way to get this center built. The needs of older residents should come first in the planning.

Social, health and community-building services need safe and accessible facilities

To not increase taxes on the people trying to stay in Lincoln Or a community center means nothing if we cant stay.

If the community center does not bring the one feature that is missing in our town it would be a shame as it will bring about the vision of intergenerational use and intermingling for years to come. A large communal kitchen and seating area.

people on fixed incomes can't afford higher taxes

I wish people would realize hartwell campus best place for community center.

Many children in Lincoln Public Schools spend about 1/3 of their day every day in LEAP or other rec programs. So for them, using those facilities is not a once-a-week thing. The current facilities are very in need of repair, especially for those students.

Manage the construction  costs by having public tender

would love RESERVABLE indoor basketball and tennis courts

a community center needs to be comfortable, safe and welcoming for everyone.

LincFam would love a place to gather, as a family we would also love a more hospitable environment for music classes.

I hope you were right size. Enter for Lincoln. We are not Weston, Lexington, Sudbury, Wayland.
No increased taxes.

It would be great to have this on the school campus so that it is accessible to all

A community center should not divide townfolk. All ages should be able to participate during open hours. Limiting hours for children, teens and the elderly does not make a COMMUNITY CENTER. This is not a COA center only.

Multiple designs will drag out the process like the school and the price tag will only go up. Best to pick a path and move quickly.

We cannot afford to live in Lincoln if there will be more tax increases. Not everyone in Lincoln is swimming in extra money to spend on luxuries. We are hard working people whose taxes have more than doubled in <15 years in town. We as a town could have built a school with state funding in 2009 or 2010 but a good proposal was rejected, only to spend triple the amount or more for a new school. We need time for some breathing room before another tax increase please.

I can't make this print more than half a line. We should make use of current space as that reflects the character of the town.

it has to have outdoor area, that would serve as a park or such.. benches.. few trees/bushes. it doesn't have to be anything big. Also please make a restroom available at all seasons and till reasonable hours of the day. For those who use playground, sport fields, etc.. Thank you.

In positioning need please present why alternatives from previous study efforts were not found preferable

My Prop taxes have increased from 9K to 14K over the past 2 years. Enough spending.

I would love to see a better space for fitness

Property taxes are too high. We need to stop spending.

we have to stick to a modest budget. our taxes went way up due to the new school. A new comm center would be nice but its not totally required. cost has to be a top factor to respect. a functional building is good, not top of the line building. lincoln is not a flashy town, lets stay modest.

We can demonstrate with data the capacity need for this and that LEAP space is either kept/maintained or that they maintain independent identity in new space. Not just leap and MG and LPS, in classrooms and hallways.

We do not need a community center

Public spaces should make people feel welcome

If we are raising taxes to build this, it needs to be for EVERYONE, not just a particular demographic.

Allow children in town to practice independence

Boston Resident

Cost effective and energy efficient building

None of your questions asked why a center is needed. It would be good to understand this better.

Renovate what we have please -

Community centers enhance the entire town and make it more livable for residents, new and old. I am envious of towns that have them. They are places to enhance physical fitness and mental well being.

Whatever we do, it needs to be funded within the levy limit. The schools project created an extraordinary increase on all of our taxes, so this can't be funded through another debt exclusion.

The value stated in #1 above should include being all-electric and at least pre-wired for fast EV chargers;

The ability to make the pods smaller or larger was very helpful during activities I have participated in in those spaces.

Affordability is crucial

Keeping the cost down is one of the most important factors in getting the majority of the town on board with this project. The current economy does not support an extravagant building cost/ town tax increase.

Have you done the demographics for the numbers of seniors in this town who will use this? The idea of the center seems so insular and extravagantly expensive for so few.

Having Community Center share access with the school and sharing a parking lot with LEAP, and Magic Garden seems like a very bad idea. I separate entrance and parking area or a different location make more sense.

This center needs to be cost effective. As a senior on a fixed income, I've seen my taxes go up to the point that I have to strongly consider moving from Lincoln where I have lived for more than 30 years. The town taxes amount to a big chunk of my income and this is not sustainable for me.

Community space for lots of different groups

I Am not sure Lincoln needs “aCommunityCenter””

We have a lot of great resources already that DO NOT need to be replaced by this project; please don't fail at replacing what is broken (the pods) by aiming too high. And of you propose the coffee shop with huge windows looking over a meadow I will campaign against the assenine expense.

Would prioritize thinking through traffic flow/parking/safety/etc in an area with schoolchildren

Prefer to restore historic buildings in town, utilize extra space in new school, seriously consider donation of 2600 sq. ft historic greenhouse offer to the Garden Club.

We need to address all needs in 1 building - both the use of the current Pods (we should have a town bonfire to dispose of them!) and the senior center. We're not fancy so should not be over the top AND it should be useful for all ages in our town.

The cost
welcoming to all

I don't share the vision of location the community center at the Ballgield Campus. community center on

I support a center in South Lincoln, near the current shopping area. I regret that this option is not being discussed.

My husband and I are very strong supporters of the Community Center and look forward to taking advantage of its programming! Thanks for all your work on the project!

Please strongly consider the roadway and parking plans for the Hartwell Campus focusing on the impact to the children especially, who use this campus.

Keep it low cost and basic. Also major concern about more people driving on the campus. We have already had a few children who have been hit by cars.

Voting on options by ballot rather than at a town meeting, or both would get the most collective town participation.

It should not result in tax increase

I am not convinced that Lincoln needs a community center, especially an expensive one

I am not in support of building a new community center to supplement the many community gathering places we already have in Lincoln.

We'd like to see a sustainable, energy efficient and affordable option.

Please pay attention to the cost issue. And make good use of the spaces that already exist. We have a very expensive school with decreasing enrollment - let's not do that again.

This survey really seems to accomplish nothing.

I'm fine with the community center being at Ballfield but I really think it should be at Lincoln Station.

Taxes are TOO HIGH already!

I think a community center is extremely important to bring people together of all ages, to meet other members of the town you may not know.

I would prefer my money to go to revamping infrastructure such as our water supply rather than to a costly new community center

I would want a broader range of programs that are inclusive of seniors
Keep the costs low

Sustainability / Energy-Efficiency needs to include limits to wifi technology, (i.e. no 5G, ethernet hardwiring as much as possible, turn off wifi at night etc). EMF and excessive electroni use is a health crisis that carries real health risks to all ages, all people eveywhere.

This poorly conceived survey has confirmed my disappointment and complete loss of faith in the current committee assembled to shepherd the Community Center forward towards realization. Given the history of biased studies that have brought us to this point, I will most likely vote to defeat any further spending on this project if it continues to progress in this manner. Sad.

I am strongly opposed to proceeding further until there is clarity on the cost and the impact on taxes in the town!

Given the current economic climate moving forward with anything that impacts taxes in any real way is inequitable to many residents who already feel unwelcome or not often considered in town

A Community Center Building can't be realized without devoting taxes to it.

Do NOT want to spend one more penny on a wasteful project such as this. Tired of the endless demands on the taxpayer to satisfy the whims of a few. The school project was grossly mismanaged and costly...not more. Will not support a community center project under any circumstances whatsoever.

Do not overbuild nor overspend

That a community center is going to be a colossal waste of taxpayer money, especially after the amount spent on the new school. We have MANY churches and synagogues providing the same of similar services either in Lincoln or very nearby.

As an architect...the design may connect inside and outside spaces

Keep COA at Bemis

Cost is paramount. The tax burden in Lincoln is about at its max for me.

town taxes are through the roof

Don't defund Bemis Hall, and don't build a cheap, tasteless new center to save a few bucks.

Listen to concerns of residents

I am opposed to any changes to existing configuration

I would like the new center built with excellent ventilation and air filters for the health of all

A place for group meetings

I do not want to pay for a community center when we already have areas to use. I do not support adding more burden to our taxes.

Taxes in Lincoln are very high, and it feels unreasonable to allocate so much money to the older generation who already have a foothold in this community at the expense of the younger generation who already has to deal with the environmental and economic problems caused by the older generation. The community center is being designed to meet the desires of a demographic that will have limited time to enjoy it, while Lincoln must transition to a new generation who have very different desires and needs. A community center is a poor allocation of resources when the town has terribly transportation infrastructure (bad bike lanes, very bad MBTA service, no bike path to the city, no trash service).

we need a senior center similar to Wayland

The CCBC has not established a compelling need for an expensive new building. Maintain and modernize the buildings we have.

It would be nice if the community center was separate from the school campus for both security and for ease of access/traffic/parking. Everything in one driveway makes no sense.

Not adding to the already massively high tax burden is the most important factor in a community building at this time.

The Community center is cost prohibitive

The eventual design should respect the simple Modern architecture of the Ballfield Road campus.

Don't push for something expensive to be used by small minority of our community.

I believe a community center is unnecessary. Use what we have.

We NEED a community center.

I disagree with the idea of a community center for Lincoln and left the poorly run town meeting after three hours without being able to vote as we had to get up early for work in the morning. There are multiple other centers within a short drive - a town of our size does not need a new facility.

Should be cost effective

Do NOT want a new community center.

I do not think this center will be used enough to justify its cost. The town is too small, with too many introverted people. It's a very small group that wants a very high cost item. It does not in any way compare to a public school. Improve existing spaces. Taxes are exorbitant given the services we use/find available in this town.

I think we need a financially modest solution on ballfield road

"Hiding" it by Hartwell, thus taking it "off the beaten path", makes it practically useless and is a slap in the face to elders who most need services provided. It should be near groceries, p.o., bank... Should be filling in gaps not addressed elsewhere (like schools and churches), and not forcing interaction of vulnerable seniors by unavoidable proximity to "disease vector" kids, the air they breathe, and the things they touch. Has the Pandemic taught us nothing?

As a retired person who lives in an aging community, I really appreciate the chance to be with people of all ages, so a community center that meets the needs of ALL age groups is very important to me.

Traffic and parking are already congested. How will there be enough with more activities on the school campus?

do we actually need to build a new facility. The school was extraordinarily expensive and it does not seem prudent to build another expensive building at this time.

I would like the committee to be mindful of tax concerns and balance that with the needs of our seniors and families.

I worry that this project will be over built and too expensive. Our taxes are very high and I think for the most part present facilities are underused. If the project goes forward it needs to be cost effective and look for outside funding. A Donor perhaps ?

This new community center is desperately needed in Lincoln where current facilities are lacking

I do not think the town needs a community center. There are much more innovative and interesting solutions to pursue. Not sure what this survey is trying to get at but it's asking questions that almost anyone would agree with whether they support a community center or not.

Community center priority should be on current and future needs of rec department and COA, but not try to do EVERYTHING

I am unclear about how the survey answers the key questions that were posed at town meeting. It does not ask how I view the need for a community center and the budget that I would be willing allocate for it beyond the current need for the renovation of Hartwell pods which will be required.

Important to support current Ballfield Road programs for Schools (including their LEAP and other after-school programs), Parks & Rec and Magic Garden

A community center should be for the whole community, but our new school should be able to accommodate many community events as well. So isn't the whole campus a community center?

Having been a part of the school building conversation for years, I want you to know that I support the years of thoughtful research, discussion and planning that has already been invested in this project. I remember from the years of the school dialogue that the "start from the beginning" approach might support a certain population, yet it doesn't necessarily respect or value the meaningful work that's come before the present moment. Al Schmertler (sp?) once said in Town Meeting that it's not an either/or scenario but an effectively both scenario and the value is best placed on the common good! I'll never forget that moment and I so appreciate his sentiment and wish to add that I believe that applies here as well. The battle to preserve the previous investment of time and energy and talent towards the building of a community center is invaluable in representing all the people of Lincoln. Many thanks for all the work you are doing!

I understand and appreciate the need for upgraded spaces for COA, Parks & Rec and after school programs and I'd still like to take advantage of existing town facilities, including the spaces in our beautiful new school and Bemis.ograms

I am not yet convinced that we need a new building for a community center. I'd like to see more renovation of current buildings.

We are on a fixed income, and it would be very challenging for us to pay for a large tax increase. I have enjoyed virtual Tai Chi classes. It would be important to me that the facility is very very well ventilated, with windows that open, in order to provide a safe environment for elders.

Please consider options other than the Hartwell campus, e.g.vacant spaces and the possibility of newly-built space at Lincoln Station. Hartwell is not a good location for a community center, particularly for COA&HS activities.

The town has made some big expenditures in recent years, and it is important that the Community Center is a financially responsible design. We are a small town and do not need a huge building with all of the bells and whistles. Let's be practical, prudent.

Listen to the community in making decisions about what is appropriate for the Ballfield Campus and elsewhere in Lincoln.

I don't think everyone wants this. Nothing in this form offers the option not to build

The cost must not overburden the town finances. We should cost effective options like the historic greenhouse which has been offered to the town.

Please keep all senior programs under one roof.

I do not support building a community center, and this is a question that should have been asked.

I find the questions to be vary vague and am not sure how you would use this information to develop a community center. I feel that this town continues to build expensive community buildings, which raise the taxes. There is no interest in developing the commercial area to build a business tax base which could offset the taxes of the residents. The residents talk about being inclusive and diverse but the increases of the taxes will continue people to limit who can actually afford to live here and this town will never be a financially diverse town which would allow lower income residents to move here

Will you keep your November 2022 promise that this will cost no more than \$18 million? Please state this overtly at your meetings. If not, why should we trust you?

People are questioning whether we need a new building at all

Important to focus not on the total cost but on the marginal cost of options that do more than the minimum that will have to be spent no matter what. We have some basic upgrades that must be done and designs that meet additional needs may not really at that much more to individual tax bills. This seems poorly understood.

Consider including outdoor or indoor pickle ball courts!

Please focus on maximizing ease of presenting activities while minimizing their costs for the purpose of keeping tax rates as low as possible..

I think we need to be realistic about the scope of what can be offered under one roof. My concern is if we build in too long a wish list that we might lose track of the core services that are essential to maintain. I would also add a cautionary note that while it is tempting to utilizing other spaces in town for some activities, that that has the potential to lose the important core function of bringing people together. Ideally it should be both a place that people come to for specific programs, but it should also be a gathering place where people can come and hang out, have a cup of coffee and visit with friends. If we decentralize programming, we lose that important feature which, I believe is especially important for our seniors, but also important for others.

That I strongly support creating a community center, with emphasis on both "community" and "center." This survey does not concrete details, and I was unable to attend the "open mike" and don't know where else to offer my thoughts. So I will add that I think it is best to build the center on the planned Hartwell site. Those buildings are obviously past prime and probably past useful life. Bemis is a wonderful building, but it is not appropriate for all the COA&HS activities. Even if the second floor could be made useable all year, parking is a major issue. I don't think the town should need to rely on the church for parking. It can be unsafe for some of us to cross the street, especially in winter. Even the space in front of Bemis can be dangerous to back out of. Perhaps some activities could be held at existing sites around town, but I think Lincoln deserves a centralized space for the bulk of activities of Parks and Red and COA&HS even if it doesn't have all possible "bells & whistles." I think flexible gathering spaces and a good exercise facility (with a mirror wall, proper floor, and outdoor views) are particularly important. I would like to see a building with the "warm" ambience of places like Bemis and the Library but with modern amenities.

We are a small town and a community center must reflect this . We must not compare our needs and desires in light of neighboring larger towns facilities. We will not be able to satisfy everyone and should be realistic about our expectations.

Fitness center? Cafe?

Concern: Senior drivers on school campus. Comments on Questions: #6 - Use school facilities for some P&R afterschool programs? #7 - Keep spaces for preschool (eg Magic Garden) and afterschool program (eg LEAP) on school campus but not part of CC. #8 & #9 Prioritize P&R and COA program needs #14 Very limited in past, unlikely in future - why not question on anticipated use? Finally, will Town be responsible for (at what cost?) spaces currently used by COA and P&R but not needed after CC is built?

Try to be sensitive to the site and natural landscape

First set of questions are skewed by presumptions of community-wide support for the project. Please don't use the results of this to attempt to demonstrate community-wide support for the project.

It is important to have a shuttle service for seniors to the community center.

It would be nice to have something that functioned like a coffee house, a place to go, sit, possibly interact with others. Internet available, maybe copies of paper newspapers. The statistics show there are so many older people in Lincoln, but it doesn't seem all that easy to meet people one doesn't already know. I hardly dare say this, but it would be nice to have a chance to meet members of the opposite sex. COA has a men's coffee, I guess as way to encourage older men to come to the COA. This makes me think that older men see older women as some sort of predatory creature. Many of us are well-educated, financially-independent, not looking for someone to take care of us as much as others to care about us, to be curious about us. Oops, this was supposed to be brief!

Would be great if this could be at Lincoln Station.

The architecture should resonate with the community and the other buildings in the complex. I think something like the design of the relatively new Walden Pond Visitor Center would work well to create a sense of integration between the outdoor and indoor areas.

I am strongly opposed to the building of a community center, too expensive & not needed. You will tax me out of town & I've been here 40 years.

Please continue seeking ideas and feedback from town residents!

I would like you to use the options already available : Pierce House, Bemis Hall, First Parish of Lincoln House, Town offices, Library, and finally the incredibly overpriced new school.

A cost-conscious solution is imperative, with property taxes having risen so high in recent years

A flexible floor plan with modest caterer's kitchen facility,

This project is an unnecessary extravagance. The town has just completed an overly expensive school. Enough building and upping the taxes!!

Might be worth considering building town spaces that are flexible and can be reorganized, repaired incrementally, and organically expanded over time so we don't end up in this situation 50 years from now.

The Town has a responsibility to create a senior center for our aging population, a group that graciously deferred to the new school project and we should honor this commitment without watering down facilities and programs that make participating more difficult for these residents. The fall Special Town Meeting, held on a week night after dark and in poor weather, illustrates how insensitive Town residents have been to this group's needs. It's shameful that a Town as wealthy as Lincoln is scrimping on this project when so much has been spent on the new school, and continues to be. We need to value our senior citizens more and worry less about taxes. We relinquished \$30 m of potential state funding for the new school and are now worried about a \$25 m community center price tag.....really???

Will the center become the focal and attractor for all serv

I do not want a Community Center.

It feels important for Lincoln to have one unified Community Center that programmatically addresses the functional needs of many Lincoln organizations, as opposed to trying to host community-based programs disparately in existing Town buildings all over town.

This survey is very poorly designed. The way it is written one cannot but put 5s on everything.

The community center should be for the full community not just one demographics. It also shouldnt be just a series of open rooms.

Design space for the entire town

In order to keep the cost down and and to make good use of the town's current spaces, I want the town to look into all options for spaces whether it be multiple spaces buying with a new building or just simply using the space available now

, I will support whatever the town wants, even if it is not my vision

Don't be swayed to the LOUD & ANGRY minority. Many have been involved in this for years. We can't continue to isolate young families and say they don't matter until they go to the schools, and we can't isolate the elderly saying they don't matter because they don't have school aged children. Parks and recs kids deserve to be safe getting to the community building. Young families and the elderly deserve a place to safely gather. There is SO MUCH EXCITEMENT about the community center

We have young children, so the parks & recreation department programs are of most interest to us at this time in a future community center. The Pod buildings are in horrible condition & frankly don't seem that safe or clean, but we sign up for classes since our kids love the instructors & it's a great way to be connected to the community. The idea of building a center that houses parks & rec after school programs away from the school campus doesn't make sense to us! Love the idea of having a redesigned central part of the town at Lincoln center but it just doesn't seem reasonable to send young children a mile down the road for after school programs, and I imagine these programs account for a significant portion of the community center purpose as a whole.

The kids and seniors should not have to share space at the same time. Seniors in town need their own quiet designated space or we will continue to drive them out of Lincoln.

Should be a multipurpose building catering to all groups

Community center could be a true social town center

I think that the talk I hear about a community center with an industrial kitchen is a waste of resources - as someone who professionally worked as a service to the hospitality and food industry I would advise against the initial and ongoing expense of such a luxury - there are better option for a town this size.

I don't want my taxes to go up. I don't think my family will use the community center.

We moved to Lincoln because we hope this is our "forever home" (as it was for the family we bought our house from). We anticipate using this center for both LEAP/child activities and hopefully adult/senior activities - but want to be balanced in terms future proofing and the cost to us as taxpayers. MANY versions of this center would be a large improvement over current facilities, and serve our needs well, if not perfectly.

Can a community center meet everyone's needs and still be low-cost?

Like the greenhouse incorporated

Don't add more parking. Make it accessible by foot and bike.

Convenient transportation to center will increase usage and participation

Can not afford tax increase. Will be forced to leave town.

While I think that it would be great to have a community center, the costs that were discussed earlier were untenable.

I am concerned that the cost of this project might be too high. I would only support the new center if the cost was less than \$15M

Successful community centers support social engagement of various groups...a platform to encourage a sense of community.

My wife has to drive all the way to west concord for fitness classes. If there were more classes here in town it would both foster community and make living more convenient, not to mention help the environment

I hope the Community Center will have space available for Girl Scouts to meet after school. They have been utilizing the very substandard Hartwell buildings for year. Walking-distance is essential for participation of the broadest demographic of kids, including those from METCO. (I was a GS leader for 13 years, and a GS Mom for even more.)

Not convinced we need this.

I am still not sure this center really meets the needs of the town and is not being driven by a smaller subset of the population who will not use it to the extent of the school, for example.

I would use a community center most regularly if it had a good gym and exercise classes. I believe building a community center is essential for the future of Lincoln. This is a major gap in our current services.

I don't see a clear need for a community center

Costs and increase in taxes again?

We should not spend money creating more space for community activities than is needed, especially if existing space can serve the same purposes

We need a cost-effective, cost conscious solution to the un-met space needs of all generations in our town

I am not completely "sold" on the idea of building a community center.

This project as currently articulated is too large and expansive for town needs. It ignores the possibility of adaptive reuse of existing facilities. I do not support the project as currently envisioned.

Lived here for 37 years. We need this community center!!

I don't think we should build a community center in Lincoln.

Being on fixed income, we do not see higher real estate taxes, especially as we have just funded a large tax increase for the new school system.

We are new(ish) in town and don't know where to find more information about the community center. Interested to get involved!

The town needs a community center. Since funding is a major issue, please explore a phased approach to developing what is needed. Plan now for what aspects we can postpone.. Go for near zero. Do NOT spend the significantly extra to get to net-zero.

Spend the money necessary to build the right building for the next few generations.

I think it is important to include the whole community, but the senior in our household is more concerned with the impact of this project on our taxes.

We want a space to have opportunities for intergenerational learning and convening opportunities and that is why the ballfeild campus works and is the best place. Kitchen and eating commons would be splendid.

Community center should meet needs of many community organizations, be within walking distance of schools and have adequate parking

We need this center - let's find a way to just do it!

Please make the center a place to socialize or to simply be near other people -- hang out, make friends, play games. Food, drink, comfortable seating, wifi/streaming, activities/services that draw in different age groups (be sure to poll the children/teens).

Please recognize that we cannot afford to fund yet another high-cost project at this time. Our tax situation is out of control. An unsustainable and insensitive plan which ignores the plight of fixed-income seniors and lower-income families.

The need for a community center is now and I would like to see it all at Hartwell and not spread around town.

Fix the office problem so PRD and COAHS have good, co-located office space

People aged 60+ have different needs and interests. Trying to accommodate everyone will satisfy no one.

Good luck with finding a solution that is well received by the majority of residents.

Now, after pandemic changes to daily commuter needs, is there a logical space for the community center at the commuter lot behind donelans. It is a compelling idea.