

Community Center Feedback From SOTT 9/30/2023 – Summary

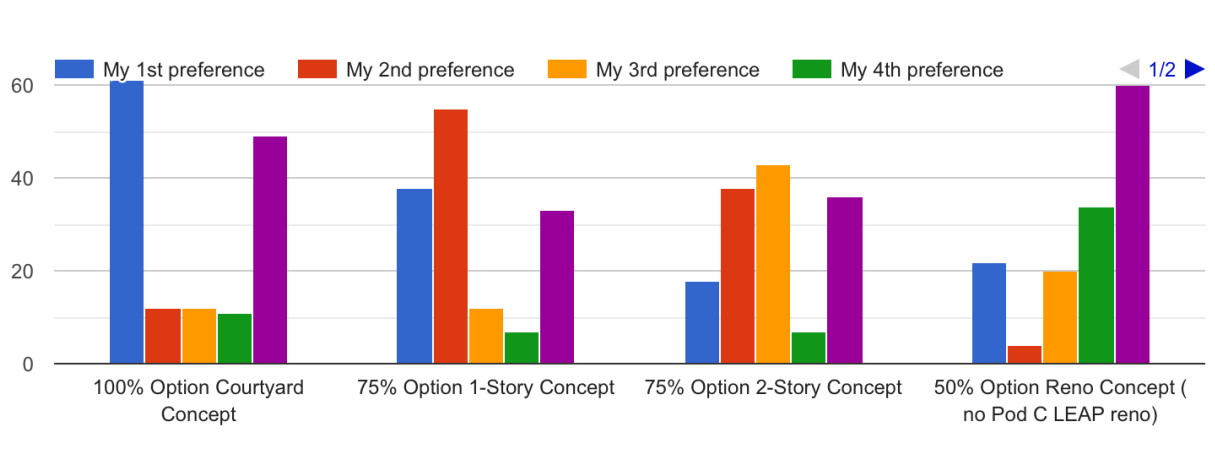
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This summary covers feedback forms submitted via paper form and online forms and received before 8:00pm on Tuesday, October 3.

of forms received: 155

of comments: 369

Graph represents all preferences, purple = 'I would not vote for this option'



The feedback forms describe sentiment about the concepts presented at SOTT. Subsequent alterations to concepts could change preferences.

Observations and Projections

- Which 75% Concept do respondents prefer?
 - Respondents preferred 1-story to 2-story; 1-story has more 1st preference and more 2nd preference rankings.
 - Of the 18 1st Preference responses for 2-story option, all but 3 indicated the 1-story was their 2nd Preference
- What does the data say about the 50% Concept?
 - Given that 41% of respondents indicated they 'Would not vote for this option', it would appear that the only way that this 50% Concept achieves 2/3 vote is if it's the only option.
 - 15 respondents (10%) who ranked 50% Concept as 1st Preference indicated they 'Would not vote for this option' for all other options.
 - 18 respondents (12%) mentioned LEAP needs to be renovated now / cheaper to do now than later
 - 19 respondents (12%) mentioned 50% Concept is not worth the investment / too small
- 11 respondents (7%) indicated 'I would not vote for this option' for every option

Projection

The projections below assume the feedback is a representative sample of likely voters at Special Town Meeting, which it may or may not be.

Projection 1: Maybe the 75% 2-story option is eliminated due to its lowest 1st Preference ratings. Therefore, forms with 1st Preference for 2-story Option are recounted by elevating it's 2nd Preference to 1st Preference (and 3rd Preference to 2nd Preference, etc.). The new distribution of 1st Preferences to the options would look like this:

- 100% Option - 46%
- 75% 1-story Option - 36%
- 50% Option - 18%
- None have achieved the 67% supermajority needed.

Projection 2: the **75% 1-story Option will have 102 1st Preferences for 65.8%, two votes short of a supermajority** if the 100% Option is removed

Comments for: Why did you rank the 100% Option Courtyard Concept the way you did?

It would be a terrific solution that I would like to enjoy when I retire.

Too big. Not sure space is needed

Let's get a CC that meets our needs

Because that was the only option available with my choices.

Unacceptable price

Too large and too expensive (see comment under 50% option re "courtyard)

It meets all of our needs and gives the town a great legacy building.

Best layout, proportions of dedicated space and imagined aesthetic of courtyard(s) feature.

I like that is new construction and can accommodate all our needs. I like the courtyards.

Meets all needs

For cost containment reasons

Over the top on spending. Too much emphasis on premier space.

Too expensive. Too big. Design of a long thin building is a poor choice for a community center

It's too big. It's too expensive. I don't need courtyards.

High cost to me. Also I think that due to cost it is least likely to be approved at Town Meeting

It's a beautiful design that provides full programming space and a nice new space for leap.

Love the courtyard access for both the COA and fitness/leap. Being able to combine the multipurpose rooms and the community gathering space has benefits.

Largest space for community gathering. Tax impact is affordable for us. New construction for LEAP.

Most space, multipurpose rooms, entrances and exits, and access for most people

Cost is too high

Seems excessive for the needs, while logistically complex, sharing spaces seems more cost and energy efficient.

Best long term investment. Mostly meets needs. Consider \$ for staff room instead of 2nd courtyard?

Cost

None of them!

50% higher than 75% option but a lot nicer

Having taken care of seniors in town for 10 years, I know how isolated they are. Access outflow(??) is key. The senior population in town is growing and it is time to address it with an appropriate building.

I don't think Lincoln has the population to support this option.

Taxes too high

cost

Too expensive.

Overcapacity. Extravagant. Over reach. The sky is not unlimited.

I'm hoping that money from this will come from other sources to offset costs. Also hope the bonds will be long enough to lessen the tax burden. Publishing these will help get town-wide support.

Lexus. Not worth the additional cost just to have increased maximum capacity

I like the space and courtyard — inviting. Unique drop offs. I like 100% new construction.

This would meet (tood??) needs. If we can spend 93 million on schools and then don't save money and spend 63 million extra, we can afford this.

Great thoughtful design. I think with all the research you have done this is the best option .

Thank you for all your work.

Best for expanded services in the future.

It seems too expensive.

We need this space. Activities and people will flock to site if built. Strongly prefer.

We need to fix pods and need COA. Time to pay up for 10 years of deferrals. Great example of delaying building is never less expensive! Deferred maintenance has a cost.

This meets the needs best. Please try to expand tax relief option for those who need it.

Will greatly improve live in Lincoln. Modest cost for huge return.

I am in awe of what COAHS does EVERY DAY. With better access and more modern amenities they could do even more. Knowing how essential it is to cross-pollinate for healthy growth, our seniors should NOT be kept from our young townspeople and activities. Our children are so well-scaffolded by this centralized campus - through the good planning and innovation of a caring community. Seniors could and should have this same opportunity and support. The "energy" generated by the school renovation etc. in this beautiful space is a joy. If you build it, they will come. COA and PRC are jewels in our crown - so to speak - other groups (Boys and Girl Scouts, Magic Garden, etc.) all deserve deep consideration and space, safe access and modern amenities.

Courtyard, space, and graciousness of the plan.

Prefer on story. "Nice to have"

Excessive, sprawling, inefficient footprint.

Too expensive

Do it right + all the first time

Too expensive. Would be underutilized.

A wonderful new asset for a great town.

This is an opportunity for Lincoln to centralize resources and community

Concerned about town debt & tax rate

I'm ok with the cost, but would rather this not be @ Hartwell. Build a separate senior center near town hall and renovate Parks & Rec @ Hartwell. I also really dislike the dropoff loop. Keep the playground space instead

Best option for long term.

Design

Close, might prefer this one.

Greatest long-term use of capital. Greatest impact on social determinants of health.

too expensive

I am not convinced that the town should have a senior center at all. Many other ways to gather and provide essential services.

Way too expensive

Too expensive. Potential for wasted unused space

Cost

Too expensive

"Too large

Too expensive

Should study other locations in town as was stated in Nov. 22 S.T.M. vote."

I worry about the most elderly with mobility issues in the 2-story plan (even with elevator & also considering elev costs)

Do NOT like that the front doors are on the opposite side of parking lot — is this ADA okay?

Cost - afraid it would get voted down, and nothing happens! Otherwise looks good!
Too much debt!
"Best provides for needs of various groups using space-relationships between interior and exterior spaces
Remain concerned about cost to town-maintaining and attracting economic diversity."
Sr. currently using COA. Not enough room for classes.
This is a need that is vital for MOST of the town- young & old — we should invest in doing it right
I want all the space needed for all programs desired. Happy to pay more taxes.
Too expensive
Ridiculous Cost
For either option I'd vote. At least we could see this happen for all of us. We need this resource for our younger people AND out seniors. Let's figure out a way!
"Seems most fit for purpose.
Extra expense will be worth it in the longterm usability."
Too expensive. Leap facility shall be excluded — separate(??) problem to solve
Too much for our ACTUAL needs!
Far too expensive given future capital needs in town.
While you are doing something you might as well do it right. Give COA the space they need
Generational compact.
Not sure
Cost, more space than needed
If built / glad to have more space / like room for fitness
Too expensive
We need to support our community members with adequate facilities
Taxes
Too expensive; adds only incrementally to 75% option at a much higher cost.
As lovely as it is, I don't believe the town support this price tag \$\$\$
As below, add a second story for housing.
All or nothing
Go for broke.
This does all we want + need
The generational compact
Too sprawling. Compression can produce better design. This one is like a cushy American car that's inefficient, if comfortable
The first two options depend on 1) Private funding 2) Willingness to tax below (lag??) limit
Room for growth
Too big/too expensive
Permeable asphalt - please include it!
Too sprawling
More square footage
"Too big, duplicated other locations (Bemis, Pierce House)
We still need to maintain, update etc. Bemis, Pierce House. We are adding capacity and still need to pay for what we already have.
It comes closer to meeting programming needs than other options. We should not build a facility that we already know doesn't meet town needs. *LEAP + Magic Garden are school-related programs + the cost of including them in the CC project needs to be made clear + separated out from overall cost of CC building for COA + Rec Depts. It's the right think to do to include them, but this has added to the budget + town deserves to the budget + town deserves to know this. Vote accordingly.
"I prefer some renovation
\$\$ too much"
Gets us what we want and need
Too expensive. Too big.

Prefer options that provide options for 1) growth in all programs (PRD, COA&HS, LEAP), 2) minimize disruption to LEAP, and 3) maximize safety for all constituents

Integration of ages and increased efficiency. Only a marginal increase in taxes.

I think we need the space for the present and for the future -- "Build it and they will come"

"Most programming space - build it while we can!"

All new construction

Too expensive

Too expensive

Too expensive

"I believe this is more space and more expensive than Lincoln needs.

Most importantly, I have not been convinced that COA and PRD (and LEAP) should share the same facilities.

I would prefer a senior center at a different location.

Too much money for the number of people and activities. This is not a community center, it is 3 unrelated town entities trying to get new facilities and maybe there will be some space some days for some community programs to be held there too.

Lincoln does not need a Community Center! Bemis & Pierce are fine.

This is an insane building for a town of this size.

Comments for: Why did you rank 75% 1-Story Concept the way you did?

I prefer 100%, but this is good too. Would prefer a bit more for my tax \$.

Would be most viable

Too expensive

Because of larger community gathering space and all being on one floor.

See below

I like that one story matched the school

Better allocation of kitchen, multipurpose and community gathering spaces than 2-story option

I liked the larger spaces of the 1 story option.

Don't like 2 storey

Think 1 floor is easier to manage for seniors and staff. Should be less with no elevator, both initial cost and maintenance.

Does not really compromise features versus budget. Regardless of why past choices were made, we really need to stop adding to the tax baseline. Below median households are financially stressed. Leave \$\$ for other town needs

Too expensive. Design is the best but much too big. Need to look at a smaller version of this

It's too big. It's too expensive. I don't need courtyards.

"It seems to cover needs at significantly less cost than 100 percent option

Ranked it at number 2 because the program space was reduced. Do like having the COA spaces adjacent to each other and single story architecture. Guessing that The renovated building for Leap would not be as energy efficient as a new construction.

It's the next best option.

More accessible than 75% 2- story option

This cost is also too high but may work if LEAP goes in the new school building, like other surrounding towns do. That would shave probably 2.5 million off this cost

1 story fits niceley

Cost

I don't think Lincoln has the population to support this option.

I'd vote for a 65% option — cut back by 2-3k sf with LEAP

Better accessibility for seniors - no elevator

Modified to reduce in size some of the larger spaces.

Too costly.

Prefer 2- story over 1-story assuming that it leaves more green space, and stairway is inviting and not just a dreary, functional emergency stairwell.

I'd vote for this with a caveat - reduce size of some spaces, 1-2000 sf lower.

Before voting for this i would request 50% option re-fashioned for less than the \$6M increase

One story is a must.

OK

Matches the style of school building. I like the courtyard (East Porch)

I like indoor/outdoor space and inclusion of LEAP.

Better circulation than 2 story

Easier and more efficient for energy use and movement thru building

Easier to move about within the building compared to 2 story option

Lower profile of building more accessible

Inefficient use of site.

Just right for programs

This feels like a huge compromise

Waste of space. Build 2 stories to save playground and \$

Sq ft accessibility

No wasted atrium space. 2nd floor entrance seems costly and unwieldy.

Too expensive

Too expensive

"Gives LEAP new space

Meets programming needs/desires."

Same as above

Seems most inclusive and practical

Best!!

Connection to LEAP.

Better design

Also too expensive

Preference for a 2-story but wouldn't support option

I would only support this if 100% option was going to fail! Significant size decrease seems problematic

Same prices as two story option but more pleasant concept - separating COA fro other "depts" better

Very hesitantly, if we are going to spend this money, this feels like the best space for the money.

Far too expensive given future capital needs in town.

1 floor is the way to go — Importantly takes care of LEAP. Seniors waiting for the elevator or taking stairs is not ideal. Fitness space upstairs is inconvenient for toddlers + winter months

Like keeping current basic site design.

"Balance of cost/functionality

1 story - avoid elevator backlog, seniors using stairs, staff on one level."

"More opportunity for different groups to potentially mix - good community building

No need for elevators"

Taxes

Easier for elderly to navigate. Expansion option very feasible.

Consider adding a second story with housing, need based - accessible financially and one story. Also, reconsider a curb cut on Lincoln Rd to avoid the traffic cross over issues of the larger community and kids.

"Compromise

Acceptable + more efficient than 2 story

The first two options depend on 1) Private funding 2) Willingness to tax below (lag??) limit

60% - Only if building size were reduced by 2-3,000 sq. ft

Meets all requirements

Less expensive to maintain (no elevator, ducts?)
We still need to maintain, update etc. Bemis, Pierce House. We are adding capacity and still need to pay for what we already have.
Secondary thought: consider relocating LEAP + Magic Garden to appropriate permanent space in our too-large new school
Prefer community gathering space, more square shape AND attached to outdoor porch space.
Parking is a big issue.
Good circulation pull activity away from COA
Hard to distinguish between these two
I am concerned that there will not be enough room for current programs as well as future programs.
Preferable to 2-story option because no square footage lost to elevator and stairs and less topographical regrading.
Seems reasonable
Best overall option for space needs at a reasonable cost
Too expensive
I have not been convinced that COA and PRD (and LEAP) should share the same facilities.
I would prefer a senior center at a different location.
too much money
Lincoln does not need a Community Center! Bemis & Pierce are fine.
This might seem like a compromise, but it is somehow a mix of high cost AND low value to the town.

Comments for: Why did you rank the 75% 2-Story Concept the way you did?

Why spend the effort going up and down stairs to get to and fro. Stairs seem like a hazard for older people, and elevators in short buildings always seem very slow. Forget it. Besides, didn't residents reject a 2-story school building for \$29 million in 2012? This town likes sprawling buildings.
Elevator not sufficient for COA. Stairs are tough and a fitness room on the 2nd floor. Lots of dirty wet shoes walking to get there in the winter
Too expensive
Because of smaller community gathering space
I do not understand why a rectangular building of two stories would be the same cost as a one story much larger footprint building Construction-wise this is way off.
Same reasons as choice 2
It is better than the 50 percent option. Meets needs including LEAP but the rooms don't look as spacious as the 1 story option.
Last option
Think 1 floor is easier for seniors as well as staff.
See other 75% comment
Too expensive. Do not like design. 2 stories does not work
A two-story building is inherently more energy efficient. I don't like the layout of the interior. For example, there's no toilets on the first floor. I don't really like this concept so it's definitely low on my list.
I like the compactness of the footprint and retention of the most green space while looking as though it covers needs of the project.
Ranked third I prefer a one story building on the site and the two floors divides the COA spaces. Also a renovated pod c is (I'm guessing) not going to be as energy efficient as a new build.
2-story loses space for rooms so rooms are too small. Gains green space but we have enough of that. Outdoor ramp dangerous in the winter ice and snow.

I like this concept from keeping footprint small, but the kitchen is very small for this option, which is why it gets the lower vote.

less accessible than option 2

This cost is also too high but may work if LEAP goes in the new school building, like other surrounding towns do. That would shave probably 2.5 million off this cost. The two story option is likely more cost efficient energy wise with less surface area for heat loss.

Cost

I like the energy efficiency of the 2 stories.

I don't think Lincoln has the population to support this option.

I'd vote for a 65% option — cut back by 2-3k sf with LEAP

More square feet, but will need elevator.

2 stories is difficult because offices are disconnected.

Too costly.

Don't think we should have multiple floors. Same limitation as at BEmis.

OK

If nothing else

Cost of elevator not best use of funds

Cost is attractive but two story is negative

Meets needs. 2- story buildings have lower footprints and are more efficient.

Looks good but I prefer keeping it on one floor

I could live with this if we need to bring \$ down

COA access

Too expensive

Too expensive

More green space

"Gives LEAP new space

More open space

hate the complex sidewalks

more energy efficient?

PS I do not currently use either COA or PRC offerings and don't really see them playing a role in my life for many years. The assumption here is that everyone wants this. I'm willing to support for others."

Like more green space. Could rooms be smaller?

Same as above

I would prefer this over 100% plan except for mobility issues for most elderly & cost of elevator maintenance for 2-story

Sloped walks for seniors?!? Ugly - bad flow

Energy efficient. I could go with either 75%.

One story is more accessible — a better layout

Also too expensive

Sloped entrance seems HIGHLY problematic for anyone with mobility issues, esp given our climate.

More "efficient" / compact design but doesn't save much money. Also 2-story COA facility seems counter productive

Don't like the box

Far too expensive given future capital needs in town.

Do not like two floors as designed. DK w/ 2 floors in general but fitness + COA should be on the ground floor.

Don't like 2 stories

"Elevator backlog

Staff split between levels"

Like the idea of open space, small footprint.

I prefer to be able to have a building where an additional programming is an option in the CC Building

Taxes

Less ideal than 75% single story option.

I like 2

Elevator expense.

Acceptable, but less efficient than 1 story

Makes sense to build up sensibly and save some green space. (Accessible paths to Hartwell seem confusing in plan.)

2 stories maybe more energy efficient but functionally bad.

More green space

Conservation of space + energy together with a reduced price

60% - Only if building size were reduced by 2-3,000 sq. ft

Budget, friendlier and includes renovations that will be needed anyway

We still need to maintain, update etc. Bemis, Pierce House. We are adding capacity and still need to pay for what we already have.

Don't like 2 stories

Compact footprint

Parking is a big issue.

Prefer options that provide options for 1) growth in all programs (PRD, COA&HS, LEAP), 2) minimize disruption to LEAP, and 3) maximize safety for all constituents

Hard to distinguish between these two

"Only if necessary. Too much regrading,

Rest of school campus in one-story

Less road area for solar."

Stairs and elevator are a waste of space and money

The two-floor option is less conducive to cross-community interactions

Too expensive

Most importantly, I have not been convinced that COA and PRD (and LEAP) should share the same facilities.

I would prefer a senior center at a different location.

too much money

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Comments for: Why did you rank the 50% No Pod C LEAP Reno Concept the way you did?

I would only vote for this if it was the last resort, and not because I like it. I don't like it. Too small. Kicks LEAP reno down the road. We'll end up spending the same money as 75% when Pod C is reno'd. But if it's the only solution left before costs go up more, I'll support it. The 2012 vote still irks me, \$70 million dollars later. I think the people who rallied opposition to the MSRB project should donate to a fund to offset \$12 million of this project — equal to the \$ escalation between 2018's project cost estimate and ICON's cost estimate for the same project in 2023.

Not worth it at all

Best available choice for the town's fiscal health

Community gathering space is too small and your whole premise is ignoring the reasonable option of having LEAP in the new school space, especially when the new school is designed for 1000 students and only has 550 currently with a declining enrollment. Perhaps more simply, Leap should be included in the new school space, and the cost of LEAP should be subtracted from any of these options. LEAP should be included in the school space because there is room for it, A, and B, it is an educational program, therefore it belongs in the school space, not in the community center.

Not including LEAP (Reno or inclusion) in the cost of this option skews the survey. It would be a reasonable option if LEAP were at the new school building(where most people feel it should be) Given the fact that the new school technically was built to educate 1,000 students and LEAP serves the school population AND is essentially an educational program, it's clearly where it should be housed.

Also if the courtyard (in any plan) is completely outdoors and useable space is at a premium, this is crazy with Massachusetts weather! How it is configured isn't clear. IF it's a "greenhouse" or has a retractable wall and/ or ceiling, it would be great. "

Very costly approach for little change/benefit

It doesn't meet our minimum needs and does not do anything for the LEAP space.

Last

Think this is sufficient space. Like court yard. Think LEAP can be accommodated in the school by alternatives, such as rolling dividers to make the existing large school space into smaller, needed "rooms." I believe kids would feel more comfortable in the physical school environment vs the CC environment and have access to gym and playgrounds as needed.

Least cost of the choices and still expensive. We are a clever town. Seniors will get good service with even these features

Cost is ok , deign is terrible, best design is a smaller size 75% one story, must include leap renovation as well

I believe this is enough money to provide what you need. I think the interior layout could definitely be better. I believe the Rooms shown in the Wayland building are what's needed and nothing more. I believe the renovation for Leap should be a separate Motion. The charge to the committee did not include renovating pod C. Doing it at the same time is more cost effective, but it muddys the water on how much money can be spent on a new community center.

Loss of Activity Room compared to other options. Delaying what I understand will ultimately be need to address LEAP facilities.

While it's way better than our current facilities, this plan doesn't meet the program needs of COA or Parks & Rec. no activity room. Leap remains unrenovated and would be a future cost. Totally inadequate. LEAP needs at least a renovation. A town like Lincoln needs a good after-school program. This will attract families to Lincoln. We need to invest in LEAP.

I don't think we should spend this much money to have a building that provides less services. Insufficient space, least variety of space, will not meets what town wants, needs

This cost is way more palatable and with LEAP in the new school, this may work. This planning should be about what we need not what we want. Surrounding towns have plenty of facilities, like pools (concord), arts and innovation center (Weston), etc. that are open to Lincoln use. We should look at renting space at the Lincoln Mall for drop-in for seniors. The hartwell campus is an island.

Including LEAP Reno makes it no much less than the 75% option.

Waste of \$

Add LEAP renov - needed by children.

Silly not to renovate LEAP space.

Less space, poor flow.

Reno Pod B & C later in a few years

The spaces are so small and we'd be looking to add more space to the center in the future.

Doesn't meet current needs.

Concerned if LEAP is not considered, what will cost for their needs be.

Would only vote for this if nothing else passes. Small center is better than current situation, but leads to competition and frustration. Those who doubt this should confer with tours like stow which settled for a small center (although lovely) and competition for space is constant.

NO LEAP. We'll need \$5 million for LEAP next year? Why are there so many 'school related' items? Why not addressed in \$100M project?

Ridiculous! Penny wise and pound foolish. Why bother!

Not acceptable.

Cramped

Not sure I'd vote for this, seems inadequate.

Too stripped down

Least impact on tax increase

Not enough program for expense

I really think this is a waste of time. Thank you for your presentation -- really well done! Clear & factual.

Doesn't address community needs only administrative space, and does not solve the problem of the pods

Not worth the cost

Limited space

Maybe this one. Design needs work. How much more to add activity room? Adaptive re-use of pods A&B

Don't like this option, but if this it he only choice would vote for it. May vote in March to NOT choose any designs above. It's all about costs, costs & costs. Need more data! *Important note - I am all for a community center, but NOT at this expense. I am a senior too.

LEAP program can and should move into the school building

"Doesn't meet needs

LEAP is not addressed. Parents need and deserve good after school programming."

No activity room. No reno of LEAP

Still too expensive

I don't care for this option

No renovations to Leap!

Waste of investment - likely to quickly feel cramped.

I believe that the people & programming — true intergenerational engagement — is what's most important. Having space co-located is a phenomenal start. I tend to emphasize people & programming & learning over size of the space. Thank you.

Not really an option

One could maybe expand this option with an additional outside small storage building

"Only affordable option

Sad to notice any consideration of renovation of Bemis or Pierce."

NO! Penny wise & pound foolish!

This should NOT be an option. LEAP must have an option. Small rooms and no storage seems unusable!

Seems too small but has positive of not renovating / rebuilding LEAP facility, which is a separate problem to solve. Shall pay for itself.

Almost feel I might NOT vote for this... good money for nothing.

Least expensive and seems sized appropriately.

Not even worth considering. LEAP / Pod C needs renovations - this prevents renovations in the future

Not sure.

Will not meet needs - more costs down the road.

This is my only choice. Money is very much an issue and I believe that this option can satisfy the needs we are looking for. I also believe that the kitchen should only be for a warming kitchen with food brought in, warmed in a warming oven — and of course providing dishwashing ability as well as a coffee maker. I believe that involving solutions for LEAP is a red herring and should not be part of these discussions

Short-sighted

Waste of money

Taxes

Waste of funds. Does not meet stated needs, will require more \$\$/work soon in future.

Space is much too limited/too small to accommodate all programming.

Lots of \$ without lots of long term benefit.

Cheaper

Why bother

Does not meet even current needs.

This is the first choice if it added a LEAP renovation.

Renovation of pods seems foolish — like dressing up some mobile homes.

We have to do Pod C later. Do it now.

If the project moves forward, Must take care of LEAP NOW!

Not enough sq. ft.

Cost, still too much

We still need to maintain, update etc. Bemis, Pierce House. We are adding capacity and still need to pay for what we already have.

Delays LEAP renovation which will just cost more later and needs to be done.

Don't like space planning design."

It's not enough

No LEAP Reno is short-sighted.

No LEAP renovation; shortsighted as town/taxpayer will soon need to fund. Cheaper to do at same time

LEAP deserves better space

Insufficient program space, no activity room.

While this vote / 1st preference is for 75% option I would liked to note how the 50% option actually has better vehicular circulation and parking layout — distinctive drop off zones / loop / Magic Gardetn / arranged along a simple perimeter roadway.

This just kicks a Pod C renovation down the road

Spaces seem too cramped

I can live with this cost, even though I don't like the fact it pod see remains as.is, and I'm unclear what that will be used for

I would vote neither of the above. I believe we are looking at the wrong location and cannot achieve what we plan for the seniors. I cannot agree with a separate new location for the after school program either.

The build out is larger than the needs of the component needs of its part. We didnt vote to have LEAP as part of this project. I believed we could satisfy the needs of the COA and the PRD in a smaller space, keeping admin offices to a smaller scale.

Most importantly, I have not been convinced that COA and PRD (and LEAP) should share the same facilities.

I would prefer a senior center at a different location."

I might accept this, but probably not until we get real/raw data about how many people are attending CoA programs. Until we do there is no reason for us to believe the numbers we have been given; they were selected and presented to appear as if there is more participation, total and unique users, than there actually was day to day, week to week. How about telling us what the numbers were over the summer?

"Lincoln does not need a Community Center! Bemis & Pierce are fine.

Taxes are already TOO HIGH. Stop the irresponsible spending!"

Not renovating the LEAP building is a non-starter. Please provide an option that renovates all pods in place to provide LEAP space, as well as space for essential services. The idea that this small town needs a brand new building to house a likely-rarely-used community center (certainly one that will not live up to its promise as being an inter-generational meeting space) is incorrect. LEAP and essential offices should be the priority, as well as minimizing cost, as raising property taxes even further will hurt the makeup of this town more than a community center would ever help it. Anything that seems frivolous will fail a 2/3 vote, meaning essential renovations will go down with that same vote.