

CCBC General Contractor Budget and Funding

The Community Center Building Committee (CCBC) wishes to provide an important update on our project and the construction bidding process that has recently concluded.

Over the past year, we have worked diligently to advance the conceptual plans presented at Town Meeting 2024 to be ready to begin construction this coming summer. Throughout this process we have focused on exploring design modifications and value-engineering opportunities to deliver the best possible facility within our approved budget—and without compromising programmatic functionality, safety, or energy efficiency.

Despite these extensive efforts, we must report that the bids we have received for General Contractor have come in over our current budget. While this outcome is disappointing, it reflects the broader construction market conditions that are impacting projects across the country.

As such, at Lincoln's Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, we will be seeking approval from the community to utilize some of existing town reserves to augment our current budget. This additional allocation will allow us to deliver the community center that Lincoln residents have been anticipating in the most fiscally responsible manner. You will hear more about this in the coming days.

Public Forum

We understand that you have questions, and we invite you all to join us for a public forum where we will present detailed information about our work over the past year, discuss the bidding results, and outline our path forward. This will be an opportunity for residents to ask questions, provide input, and better understand both the challenges we are facing and the solutions we are implementing. Our current forum date is below, but more will be added as necessary:

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Format: Hybrid (Donaldson Room, Town Hall; and via Zoom—link to be provided on the town website)

The CCBC remains committed to transparency throughout this process and to delivering a community center that will serve as a cornerstone of Lincoln's civic life. We appreciate the community's continued support and patience as we navigate these challenges. We look forward to seeing you at the public forum and answering any questions you may have.