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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

PRESENT: Kelly Mallozzi, Chairman, Tom Broderick, Vice Chairman, Jason Marsh Matt Dunn, Ann Sather

ABSENT: Brian Walsh, Christine El Eris, Alternate, Mike Buswell, Alternate

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Katske, Town Attorney Daniel Schopick and Community Facilities Building Committee Chairman Lori Hayes O'Brien, Megan Crawford of Sienna Institute

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DISCUSSION ITEM: Siena Research Institute Draft Senior & Community Center Survey Questionnaire

The Chair read a statement into the record from the Trumbull Commission on Aging which supports the Senior/Community Center project, (Statement attached).

It was confirmed the committee would work off the red-line version of the survey, (a red-line and a clean copy were distributed to the council before this meeting, (See attached).

The meeting discussed the Siena Research Institute development draft for a survey on a new Senior/Community Center in Trumbull.

Key points included, per Siena Institute's suggestion, removing questions number 6 & 7 about support and opposition to the center from the beginning of the survey to avoid having the respondent answer the remainder of the questions based on their answers to these. Siena Institute confirmed the rest of the questions will capture those concepts. The survey will field in early May, aiming for 400 responses within a week. Concerns were raised about ensuring geographic representation, particularly in District Six. The survey will include demographic questions and cost estimates, with results expected by Memorial Day.

The following was agreed upon by the committee:

- Finalize the survey wording (incorporate agreed edits and formatting clean-up) and send the near-final version to the survey contractor, (Siena Institute) as soon as possible.

- Siena Institute will field the survey during the first full week of May (beginning Monday, May 4), limit active calling to one week to avoid influencing responses, and continue calling beyond the week only if needed to reach the target sample of 400 responses.

- Siena Institute will provide topline results and crosstabs promptly after fielding completes, and later prepare a formal presentation for the full council (presentation timing to follow availability).

- It was agreed to remove questions #6 and #7 from the survey draft and instead include at most one optional open-ended question at the end if needed.

- Confirm whether address information will be attached to some sample records and review the sample's geographic distribution after initial responses to determine if weighting or follow-up is needed to ensure district representativeness

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Marsh, seconded by Broderick the Public Works Committee adjourned at 7:16 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni

Margaret D. Mastroni, Clerk

Trumbull, CT
Questionnaire – Draft

Hello, this is _____ from the Siena Research Institute. We're speaking confidentially today to people in your area. No one will try to sell you anything. We are interested in your opinions on an important local matter.

Screener 1

Part I- Screener

1. Are you 18 years of age or older?
    - Yes
    - No [Terminate]

Part II- Screener 2

Do you live in Trumbull, Connecticut?

- Yes
- No [Terminate]

2. How closely would you say you follow local, town issues …
    a. Very closely
    b. Somewhat closely
    c. Not very closely
    d. Not at all closely
    e. Don't know/Refused

Part II- Looking Back: what were you thinking?
Now I'd like to ask you about the recent discussion and November 2025 vote on a new Senior Community Center in Trumbull.

3. Over the past several years, there has been public discussion about the possible construction of a new Senior and Community Center in Trumbull. How closely have you followed the public discussion of a possible new Senior and Community Center in Trumbull?
    a. Very closely
    b. Somewhat closely
    c. Not very closely
    d. Not at all closely
    e. Don't know/Refused

4. In November 2025, there was a referendum on the ballot that would have bonded $27.1 million to build a new Senior and Community Center at Grace Church Property on Main Street. Were you in favor or opposed to this referendum to build a new Senior and Community Center?
    a. In favor
    b. Opposed
    c. Neither in favor nor opposed
    d. Refused

5. (if in favor) What would you say is the single most important reason for your support of the past referendum? [open ended]
    6. Wanted improved services for seniors
    7. Wanted a community space for all residents
    8. Needed for the community
    9. Old building doesn't serve the community
    10. Smarter to invest in a new facility
    11. Some other reason
    12. Don't know
    13. Refused

14. (if opposed) What would you say is the single most important reason for your opposition to the past referendum? [open ended]
    15. The project cost too much
    16. Concern about taxes increasing
    a. Concern about the location at Grace Church
    b. Did not feel the project was necessary
    c. Wanted improved services for seniors
    d. Wanted a community space for all residents
    e. Felt the proposal was not well planned
    f. Needed more information before deciding
    g. Some other reason
    h. Don't know
    i. Refused

Part III- Looking Forward: What do you want?
Now let's look ahead to understand your priorities moving forward.

17. Which of the following would you prefer: [ROTATE]
    a. A new Senior Center that would primarily benefit older residents of the Town of Trumbull.
    b. A new Community Center that would be used by all members of the community for meetings, events and recreation.
    c. Neither
    d. Don't know

e. Refused

18. How important is it to you to have a new facility that meets the needs of the residents and the Town?
    19. Very important
    20. Somewhat important
    21. Not very important
    22. Not important at all
    a. Don't know
    23. Refused

19. In general, are you in favor or opposed to spending $27 to $30 million dollars for a new facility?
    a. In favor
    b. Opposed
    c. Need more information
    d. Refused

20. Town officials say that the current Senior Center, which is 100-years old, is nearing the end of its useful life and if it continues, it would need repairs and updates to many of its systems. Which of the following three options do you prefer: [ROTATE]
    a. Continue to fix structural issues and mechanical systems like heat, air conditioning, elevators
    b. Do a full renovation of the existing Senior center not only fixing the systems but also enlarging it and adding more parking at an estimated cost of 20 million or more dollars
    c. Build a new Senior Center that would provide not only seniors with full services but have sufficient space to accommodate community meetings at a cost of approximately 27-30 million dollars
    d. Not sure/need more information
    e. Don't know
    f. Refused

21. I'm going to read you a list of possible locations for a new Senior Center. Please keep in mind that each location may affect the overall cost of the project, and all options would require further study and review before any final decisions are made. With that in mind, which of the following would you prefer? [ROTATE a through d]
    a. Priscilla Place, the location of the current Senior Center
    b. The Grace Church property on Main Street by Town Hall
    c. Hardy Lane, the property off Church Hill Road
    d. Tashua Knolls, the location of the golf course and pool
    e. Don't know/Refused

22. Town officials have indicated that if some of these Town-owned properties are not used for a Senior or Community Center or similar public purpose, they may be considered for sale or other

development. Does knowing this change your preference on location, or does it remain the same?

23. I'm going to read you a list of possible amenities for a new facility. Keep in mind that each additional amenity may increase the overall cost of the project. For each one, tell me how important it would be to you. Would it be very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all? [ROTATE a through f]
    a. Large community room that could be divided into smaller rooms for meeting spaces
    b. Indoor recreation space that would include pickleball and/or basketball courts
    c. An exercise or gym space
    d. An indoor pool at an increased building cost
    e. Senior programming space
    f. Youth activity space

24. I'm going to read you some statements that have been made about the plans to build a new facility. For each tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree? [ROTATE a through i]
    a. The current Senior Center building is outdated.
    b. We need a new facility that will better serve the community.
    c. Our town cannot afford a new multi million dollar facility.
    d. A new facility will benefit the entire community.
    e. I don't want to bond for a building that I will pay for over the next 20 years.
    f. Construction of a new facility would negatively impact traffic in the surrounding area..
    g. A new facility would not only benefit local seniors but the entire community of Trumbull.
    h. The Town of Trumbull needs a safe place for youth to play indoors.
    i. A new facility should have an indoor pool at an increased cost

25. How much would you be willing to pay in additional property taxes per year to fund a new facility? (open-ended)
    a. Nothing
    b. Up to $100 per year
    c. Up to $150 per year
    d. Up to $200 per year or more

26. For each of the following, tell me if this would make you more likely to support a future proposal for a new facility, less likely to support it, or would it make no difference to your support for a future proposal?
    a. A lower overall project cost
        a. More likely to support
        b. Less likely to support
        c. No difference

    d. Don’t know/Refused
b. A different location, somewhere other than the Grace Church property
c. A smaller building with fewer amenities
d. Having more information about the tax impact
e. The facility is designed with energy efficient systems, reducing its environmental footprint and long-term operating costs
f. A traffic study confirms a new facility would not significantly increase traffic in the surrounding area
g. More community input into the design

Part IV: Demographics and classification questions…

Do you own your home or rent?

a. Own
b. Rent
c. Something else
d. Refused

How long have you lived in Trumbull?

a. Less than five years
b. 5 to 10 years
c. 10 to 20 years
d. More than 20 years
e. Refused

In what year were you born?

Are there children under the age of 18 living in your household?

a. Yes
b. No
c. Refused

Have you used or visited the Senior Center in Trumbull located at 23 Priscilla Place within the last 12 months?

a. Yes
b. No
c. Don’t know/Refused

Are you registered to vote?

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5. American Indian or Alaska Native
6. Middle Eastern or North African
7. Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
8. Some other race (specify)
9. Refused

What is your household income, before taxes?

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2. $50,000 to $100,000
3. $100,000 to $150,000
4. $150,000 to $200,000
5. $200,000 or more
6. Refused

What is your gender?

1. Male
2. Female
3. Other (specify)
4. Refused

Red-line Version

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Commented [1]: @mcrawford@siena.edu - will these be separated? There was an interest in understanding the difference between don't know v. refused.

5. In November 2025, there was a referendum on the ballot that would have bonded $27.1 million to build a new Senior and Community Center at Grace Church Property on Main Street. Were you in favor or opposed to this referendum to build a new Senior and Community Center?
    a. In favor
    b. Opposed
    c. Neither in favor nor opposed
    d. Refused

FOR QUESTIONS 6 & 7 - what's the rationale for open ended v. ranking?

6. (if in favor) What would you say is the single most important reason for your support of the past referendum? [open ended]
    a. Wanted improved services for seniors
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7. (if opposed) What would you say is the single most important reason for your opposition to the past referendum? [open ended]
    a. The project cost too much
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8. Which of the following would you prefer: [ROTATE]
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    c. Neither

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~~8.~~9. How important is it to you to have a new~~modern, up-to-date~~ facility~~Senior Center~~ that meets the needs of the residents and the Town?

a. Very important
b. Somewhat important
c. Not very important
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QUESTION 10 - General concern over using dollar amounts since they are outdated and will change depending on people's preferences - i.e. if people want a pool, that is more expensive. If they want smaller, it will be less expensive. Should we remove the specific dollar amount and just make sure we have questions related to cost as sub answers for other questions.

~~9.~~10. In general, are you in favor or opposed to spending $27 to $30 million dollars for a new facility?

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~~10.~~11. Town officials say that the current Senior Center, which is 100-years old, is nearing the end of its useful life and if it continues, it would need repairs and updates to many of its systems. Which of the following three options do you prefer: [ROTATE]

a. Continue to fix structural issues and mechanical systems like heat, air conditioning, elevators, ~~at the current 100-year-old Senior Center~~
b. Do a full renovation of the existing Senior center not only fixing the systems but also enlarging it and adding more parking at an estimated cost of 20 million or more dollars
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further study and review before any final decisions are made. With that in mind, which of the following would you prefer?

~~11.~~13. ~~If a new project is proposed by the Town, which of the following Town-owned properties would you prefer such a facility be located~~? [ROTATE a through d]

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e. I ~~simply~~ don't want to bond for a building that I will pay for over the next 20 years.
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~~14. For each statement, please tell me whether it would make you more likely to support, less likely to support, or would not affect your opinion about building a new Senior Center.~~
    ~~a. The estimated tax impact as a result of the bonding, could be about $30 per $100,000 of assessed home value. That means, for the average home, the tax increase would be less than $150 as of November 2025.~~
    ~~b. A traffic study finds that additional traffic would not have a significant impact on the surrounding area.~~
    ~~c. A new Senior Center will be built with energy efficient heating and cooling thereby reducing environmental impact and operating costs.~~
    ~~d. If a Senior Center is not built on the Grace Church or Hardy Lane properties, the sites will be considered for other uses.~~
    ~~e. The facility could provide flexible space for meetings and community activities.~~

~~15.~~17. For each of the following, tell me if this would make you more likely to support a future proposal for a new facility~~Senior Center~~, less likely to support it, or would it make no difference to your support for a future proposal?
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