

**Trumbull Community Facilities Building Committee**  
**Senior/Community Center**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

(Updated October 2025)

*The purpose of this document is to give consolidated answers to questions that have been frequently brought up regarding the Senior/Community Center project. For more detailed information please refer to the meeting minutes. All meetings can also be viewed on TCTV and are open to the public.*

**What is the charge of the Community Facilities Building Committee from the Town Council?**

“The Community Facilities Building Committee is hereby formed to develop options to create up-to-date, useful, and cost-effective spaces for a Senior and Community Center to better serve the community. The committee shall consider the use of potential new construction and Town-owned properties as locations for said Senior and Community Center.”

**Why is this facility called a Senior/Community Center as opposed to just a Senior Center?**

There is a significant need in town for flexible meeting and gathering spaces, as well as centralized access to social services and the Town’s food pantry. Opening the Senior Center for broader community use—both after regular hours and during times when space is available—will benefit residents by providing a location for meetings of town boards, commissions, various community groups and recreation programs. The facility is fully designed as a modern Senior Center, with all features and spaces tailored to serve older adults. Community use will maximize the value of the building. Even without additional community use, the footprint and design of the facility would remain the same.

**Why replace the Senior Center at Priscilla Place, and what happens to that property if a new facility is built?**

The existing facility at Priscilla Place is more than 100 years old and has exceeded its functional life expectancy. It is not centrally located and is not on a bus line. Extending its useful life would require extensive capital investment and expansion at significant cost, likely necessitating another community referendum.

Currently any discussion about the future use of this property is premature. If the referendum is approved, discussions will follow and the Town will determine the future use of the property.

## **What amenities will the proposed Senior/Community Center have?**

The facility will feature flexible, multi-purpose rooms that adapt to different programs and group sizes. The building will include activity/classroom space, a multipurpose room that can be divided into smaller rooms for flexibility, a kitchen, Social Services department offices, an exercise/gym space, the food pantry, and more.

## **How were community members' concerns about this proposed project addressed by the Community Facilities Building Committee, the architect for this project, and the Town?**

The Town, members of the building committee, and the architects met with community members multiple times to address their concerns. There is an extensive list of changes and adjustments, which can be found on the town website at [www.trumbull-ct.gov/referendum](http://www.trumbull-ct.gov/referendum). The following are examples of community feedback that has been incorporated:

- Made the building narrower
- Relocated building back from road
- Reduced size of gym and activity room to prevent large events and tournaments
- Modified design to minimize rock blasting
- Eliminated and/or reduced height of pole lighting
- Modified the buffers
- Concealed mechanical equipment and acoustically screened generator
- Reduced size of rear patio
- Added sidewalks
- Modified size of the parking area

## **What sites were researched for a Senior/Community Center location?**

The following town-owned properties were vetted and scored on their suitability for this project: Wagner Tree Farm (Trumbull Nature & Arts Center property), Long Hill Administration Building, Upper Church Hill Road, Indian Ledge Park, Priscilla Place/Senior Center, 1445 Huntington Turnpike, Hardy Lane, Island Brook Park, Unity Park, Twin Brooks Park, Old Mine Park, and Tashua Knolls Recreation Area. When the town purchased the Grace Church property at 5958 Main Street the committee was asked to explore its feasibility.

## **Why did the town purchase the Grace Church property?**

The town became aware that the site was being considered by a major developer who wanted to build multi-unit housing on that property. The town purchased the property in 2024 to control the future use of the property.

**Why was 5958 Main Street selected as the location for a new Senior/Community Center?**

There are a number of factors that make 5958 Main Street an ideal location for the new Senior/Community Center. The site is centrally located, easily accessible by public transportation, and within walking distance of senior housing, the Town Hall campus, and nearby shopping. It also offers sufficient acreage to provide convenient and adequate parking for residents and visitors.

**If the Senior/Community center is not built at 5958 Main Street what will be done with the property?**

If the Senior/Community Center is not built on the Grace Church property, the site will be considered for other uses.

**What is the environmental impact of the proposed facility on the river and the watershed as well as on the Valley and Trail? Are there wetlands concerns? What plans are there for water containment?**

The proposed facility will actually have a positive environmental impact as it will present an opportunity to clean up the property as well as capture and treat any storm and surface water that would run into the watershed and beyond. There are laws in place to protect areas such as the Valley that are being stringently followed. Much attention is being given to any environmental concerns by the architects and site engineers. The next phase of the project will identify the best method for water catchment. The Inland Wetland Agent in the Town's Engineering Department reviewed the project and confirmed that no proposed activity falls within 100 feet of wetlands, which is the regulated area.

**What improvements did the Traffic Study recommend? When in the process is state approval and recommendations sought out?**

A professionally conducted Traffic Study was conducted by Tighe & Bond in January 2025. Based on the results of the analysis, it is the professional opinion of Tighe & Bond that the additional traffic expected to be generated by the potential Trumbull Senior/Community Center at 5958 Main Street is not expected to have a significant impact on traffic operations within the study area. The results of the traffic study were presented to the committee at its meeting on February 12, 2025, as well as the Police Commission, which is the town's traffic

authority, at its meeting on February 18, 2025. Approvals from the Office of the State Traffic Administration (OSTA) will be sought during the construction document phase.

**What is the plan for parking? Will there be sufficient spaces for Senior Center use and Community Center use?**

The current plan shows approximately 100 hard fixed parking spaces with potential overflow options for approximately 40-50 more cars. These numbers will be fine-tuned as design plans progress. The fixed spaces will more than accommodate daily use, as current usage and projected usage falls below that number. The overflow spaces will only be used for rare high-capacity events.

**What efficiencies are being considered to help with conserving energy costs?**

The building is intended as a beacon of sustainability. The envelope of the building and the roof will be well insulated, the windows will be high performing, the skin will be very durable, and the mechanical systems will be highly efficient. Just meeting code meets U.S. Green Building LEED Silver standards with many of the proposed efficiencies edging towards Gold standards. Alternative sources of energy will more than likely be used where possible.

**Who will manage the Senior/Community Center day-to-day operations, maintenance, and activity coordination?**

The Priscilla Place facility will be replaced by the proposed Main Street facility. The Director of Human Services and her staff will oversee the complete operational requirements of the Senior Center just as is done today. The Parks and Recreation staff will have a small office at the center and will oversee recreational programming. The office of the First Selectman will coordinate other community activity.

**Who decides whether the Senior/Community Center will be built at 5958 Main Street?**

The voters of Trumbull will decide, via the referendum, at the November 4th municipal election. If the voters approve the referendum, then the project would move forward to construction. The Town has had initial conversations about federal and state grants to offset a portion of this project, but such opportunities cannot move forward unless the referendum is approved.

**What is the estimated cost and what is the tax impact for Trumbull residents?**

The estimated cost of the 27,500 square-foot building is \$27,115,000. Bonds will be issued to finance this project and the repayment will be spread over a 20-year term. The Town issues bonds only for the actual costs of approved projects, which cannot exceed the authorized amount. The amount may be lower if the Town is awarded state and federal grants that would offset a portion of the cost.

The projected tax impact of building the new center will average \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed home value per year. For a home in Trumbull with a market value of \$500,000 (assessed value of \$350,000), this would result in an average of approximately \$105 of additional property tax per year.

Residents can find their home's assessed value online at Vision Government Solutions. <https://gis.vgsi.com/trumbullct/Search.aspx>