



Senior Center Building Project



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To the Residents of Wilmington,

On November 30th, the Senior Center Building Committee made progress on the site selection process. The Board of Selectmen asked the Senior Center Building Committee to look at additional solutions including, combining the new Senior Center and new Town Hall proposals at the Glen Road field and existing Town

Senior Center Building Committee reaffirms St. Dorothy's site for new Senior Center

Hall site. After the presentation from Dietz

and Company Architects, the Committee voted to eliminate this option mainly due to congestion. The Committee noted that the site has too much going on at once, and losing two baseball diamonds would be detrimental to the athletic program.



The Glen Rd site rendering featuring both the Senior Center and Town Hall/ School Administration buildings

The Committee then closely examined the former Swain Green site. After debating the three options and listening to public testimony, Selectman Greg Bendel made a motion to remove the Swain Green site from consideration. This site just didn't work with

the layout of the Center and the existing needs for student parking and public access to town wide events.

The Committee was left with a single use - Glen Rd. Site (Town Hall relocated), or Main Street adjacent to St. Dorothy's. There was considerable debate on whether the Town Hall needed to be demolished prior to construction. The OPM and Designers believe a new Center and old Town Hall could co-exist for a short period. A majority of the Committee thought it would put the Senior Center years behind the Town Hall and would make the project dependent on the Town Hall project.

After another lengthy round of debate, including many comments from the public, nearly all pushing for the parcel next to St. Dorothy's, the Committee voted to design the proposed Senior Center at the parcel adjacent St. Dorothy's on Main Street. On a motion by Diane Allan, the vote was 5-2.



The St. Dorothy's site featuring an example of a possible building configuration

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