
Community Center Building Committee

Selectboard Update

June 23, 2025

Bill Olsen, Chair



Community Center Building Committee Project Goal

The Selectboard seeks to construct a multi-generational Community Center that will provide recreational and gathering space for all citizens of the Town of York.

It is anticipated this will mean the construction of a new municipal building located on one of the three proposed town-owned sites. Such a building will be a significant addition to recreational and available useable space within town.

Some of the key factors which should be taken into consideration:

- Space, amenities, and funding
- Historic appropriateness
- Energy efficiency
- Design

Source: [CCBC Charter](#)



CCBC Members

The CCBC formed four sub-committees based on the backgrounds and expertise of our committee members:

Funding

Financing, fundraising/donations, grants, and impact on the taxpayer

- Bill Olsen, CCBC, Chair and Parks & Recreation Board, Vice Chair
- Adam Gould, Budget Committee representative

Construction

Site surveys & evaluation, engineering tests to determine the buildability of preferred site, and evaluation of current design relative to the needs of the community

- Richard Raimondi, Vice Chair
- Greg Fyfe, Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Operations

Benchmarking other communities, developing proposed operating budget

- David Cohen
- Peter Murray, Director of Parks & Recreation - ex-officio (non-voting) member

Marketing

Regular communications, website, social media, in-person tabling

- Greg Schwab, Secretary
- Brianna Scott
- Jacquelyn Crafts, alternate

In addition, Selectboard member Robert Palmer sits on the CCBC as an ex-officio (non-voting) member.



Activity Summary

February

- First CCBC Meeting
- Review previously completed community center research, including needs assessment, survey and feasibility results

April

- Center for Active Living tour
- ★ Village Elementary School (VES) site walk-through

June

- York School Committee (YSC) Building Reorganization Planning Advisory Committee shared its two recommendations with the School Committee; both include vacating VES.
- Begin deliberating how to create spaces within the existing VES building - the priority items and the 'nice to haves'

March

- ★ 32 Long Sands site walk-through
- Operations sub-committee begins interviewing various local community center directors

May

- ★ Coastal Ridge Elementary School (CRES) site walk-through
- Ongoing debate weighing the pros and cons of the three properties that were visited
- Launched monthly public communication updates & form for public comment
- The residents of York voted and passed Article 50 in the May 2025 Town of York Budget Referendum, a budget of \$50K for professional services.
- Representatives from the CCBC met with representatives from the YSC Building Reorganization Planning Advisory Committee to collaborate and discuss shared options and visions for the town.



Current Evaluation

After the CCBC’s assessment, we recommend **Village Elementary School** as the site of our town’s future Community Center.

VES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large footprint• Desirable location• Structure (open-concept and locations of load-bearing wall) allow for flexibility in design• Anticipated to be less expensive to renovate compared to CRES• Ability for a multi-phase project (i.e.: converting existing spaces with limited renovations for most activities and services and a new gym and/or pool and then in a second phase and/or third phase adding in the remaining facilities)

CRES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires further study (site plans and cost estimate) beyond the feasibility report as CRES was not included• Less adaptable floor plan• Lack of AC
32 Long Sands
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited space for the footprint and no options for future expansion• Concerns about the relative levelness of the site and apparent ledge• Need for boring study from previous proposals for the site• Need for clarification on the easement shown on the survey drawing



Next Steps

June – November 2025

Continued sub-committee discovery & work in preparation for Project Proposal, including:

- Estimates on preliminary cost scenarios
- Use of VES space
- Continued collaboration with the YSC Building Reorganization Planning Advisory Committee

November 2025

Presentation of Project Proposal to Selectboard

