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| 1.  | Reliance on buses taxis or other drivers and friends can be a burden on the elderly   | Mon, Aug<br>3, 2009<br>2:31 PM  |
| 2.  | Pickering st should be 1 way  | Mon, Aug<br>3, 2009<br>2:18 PM  |
| 3.  | Like Defazio but would be concerned if lots of parking would be lost  | Mon, Aug<br>3, 2009<br>2:12 PM  |
| 4.  | Parking is an intergral part of a Senior Center. Underground Parking is part of the cost no an "extra" lets do this right!  | Mon, Aug<br>3, 2009<br>2:03 PM  |
| 5.  | build parking below Senior Center   | Mon, Aug<br>3, 2009<br>2:00 PM  |
| 6.  | A mixed use community center with dedicated senior space is best option   | Mon, Aug<br>3, 2009<br>10:14 AM |
| 7.  | Thanks for tackling this issue, wish there was an obvious choice to eliminate the debate and wrangling to come  | Mon, Aug<br>3, 2009<br>10:12 AM |
| 8.  | No tax money should be used. Raise money for new senior center. NO OVERRIDE   | Mon, Aug<br>3, 2009<br>10:10 AM |
| 9.  | Aiming for more private funding. Thank you for seeking input from many in Needham. If Town wants to meet needs of seniors then more sidewalks, crosswalks needed sepcially where there are stores, hospitals, appointments, etc.. | Mon, Aug<br>3, 2009<br>10:03 AM |
| 10. | Rosemary Hill has public transportation and wont impact other sites and is close to a new pond trail  | Mon, Aug<br>3, 2009<br>9:58 AM  |
| 11. | Other Locations-St Mary Street, Old Elliot School Property- These are also on the Bus Line  | Mon, Aug<br>3, 2009<br>9:56 AM  |

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| 14. | Nothing in survey about cost? Effect on taxes? Source of funds?  | Sun, Aug 2, 2009 10:59 PM |
| 15. | No overrides   | Sun, Aug 2, 2009 10:56 PM |
| 16. | I think gardening or green space + space for quiet games, reading +/- or computer use is essential. Have you talked with churches in town to see if they have any ideas/space?   | Sun, Aug 2, 2009 10:54 PM |
| 17. | Do not want override for completion of project.  | Sun, Aug 2, 2009 10:47 PM |
| 18. | I am only 48 and I even would not want to drive out to Ridge Hill. Too remote, and a difficult drive in the dark.  | Sun, Aug 2, 2009 10:38 PM |
| 19. | Hope it happens somewhere before I get there.  | Sun, Aug 2, 2009 10:33 PM |
| 20. | A single or multi-level building is only important if there is no elevator.  | Sun, Aug 2, 2009 10:30 PM |
| 21. | have traffic offenders work with seniors/community service. Work with public schools (history, reading, etc.)  | Sun, Aug 2, 2009 10:28 PM |
| 22. | Let's give the seniors what they want + need. The young people making all the noise are the ones using it!   | Sun, Aug 2, 2009 10:27 PM |
| 23. | This is a very important initiative. I think the combination with a community center for intergenerational activities is important.  | Sun, Aug 2, 2009 10:25 PM |
| 24. | All other towns we've seen have senior community centers on the main street. easy access to all.   | Sun, Aug 2, 2009 10:21 PM |
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| 26. | Perhaps many more people would try to volunteer at a senior center that was close to Needham center. They could use multiple parking area choices and ubild some walking into their trips to the center.   | Sun, Aug 2, 2009 10:02 PM |
| 27. | Why not combine a future school construction project (2d middle school) with a senior center? Multigenerational campus that can serve the whole town. We will need more middle school space so let's plan it together as one big project. I feel like this solution has been a missed opportunity (high school project or middle school @ DeFazio instead of a 6th grade center.)  | Sun, Aug 2, 2009 9:57 PM  |

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| 28. | Triangle at Harris/Great Plain unused now. Excellent access roads. Location. NGC not using this land.   | Sun, Aug 2, 2009 9:54 PM   |
| 29. | To swim in Rosemary Pool and to look out over Rosemary Lake would be appealing I would think.   | Sun, Aug 2, 2009 9:50 PM   |
| 30. | Yes- would like the Senior Center to be a Community Center available to all and not strictly for seniors. In fact, really dislike spending the \$ on one age group no matter how large.   | Sun, Aug 2, 2009 9:47 PM   |
| 31. | Bag the whole idea and use the money for real estate tax abatements for senior citizens over age 65!  | Wed, Jul 29, 2009 10:42 PM |
| 32. | Utilize building construction plans of other senior centers to reduce design costs?   | Wed, Jul 29, 2009 10:38 PM |
| 33. | Utilize building construction plans of other senior centers to reduce design costs?   | Wed, Jul 29, 2009 10:38 PM |
| 34. | Please partner with the Y and build a multigenerational community center.   | Wed, Jul 29, 2009 10:34 PM |
| 35. | Follow through a must - too long delayed for years.   | Wed, Jul 29, 2009 10:33 PM |
| 36. | Must incorporate folks 50 & up - not just "retired"   | Wed, Jul 29, 2009 10:27 PM |
| 37. | It is important to select a site that allows for ample flexible/multi-use/adaptable program space to allow the most diverse set of programs and services.   | Wed, Jul 29, 2009 10:25 PM |
| 38. | Needham has a wonderful and active sr ctr. Other towns may have a great facility but it is not an active one. Let's keep cost in mind and build the best possible with the \$\$ available.  | Wed, Jul 29, 2009 10:21 PM |
| 39. | We are 78. Lived here 52 years. Have NO interest in building a senior center, do not expect the town to be our nanny!! Would ahve some interest in Needham Village aspect., like Beacon Hill Village programs that make it easier for elderly to stay in their homes. Instead of competing with other communities - best new school, best hospital make-over, best this and that - wouldn't it make more sense to actually look ahead and plan what will be most useful for the community instead of saying if we build it they will come? I see many church buildings offering meeting space. Long ago the idea of community schools was a not idea, using parts of school buildings while classes not in session. All this could help planning instead of rushing forward when most citizens are feeling very pinched and short of funds. | Wed, Jul 29, 2009 10:16 PM |
| 40. | Ballroom construction @ Town Hall not needed & fiscally irresponsible. at this time. Put this \$\$ towards senior center which is greatly needed!!!   | Sun, Jul 26, 2009 6:13 PM  |
| 41. | Thanks for your work  | Sun, Jul 26, 2009 6:04 PM  |
| 42. | need easier access to center.<br>need good natural light.<br>a garden on one side would be nice to sit in and eat lunch.  | Sun, Jul 26, 2009 6:00 PM  |
| 43. | Bring back the small movie theater!   | Sun, Jul                   |

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44.	Get going on this!	Sun, Jul 26, 2009 5:51 PM
45.	Do it right or don't do it! A penny saved is a pound foolish.	Sun, Jul 26, 2009 5:48 PM
46.	The corner of Dedham and South Street. Consider a joint project with Wellesley which is also dealing with this issue.	Sun, Jul 26, 2009 5:42 PM
47.	Thank you for allowing sufficient time to complete and submit. Compared to the "kangaroo event" we endured with regard to the survey about trash pickup and dump. (Yes, we have a very long memory!)	Sun, Jul 26, 2009 5:39 PM
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49.	I think a senior center that addresses the needs of seniors is extremely important and benefits the town in countless ways other than just seniors.	Sun, Jul 26, 2009 5:36 PM
50.	We want downtown.	Sun, Jul 26, 2009 5:34 PM
51.	Top priority building a senior center. this facility is in great need. Aggressive private donation campaign!	Sun, Jul 26, 2009 5:30 PM
52.	A new faicility could(&should be designed for all ages with senior's needs first.	Tue, Jul 21, 2009 11:52 AM
53.	We despertely need a new location.	Tue, Jul 21, 2009 11:18 AM
54.	most seniors do not want to chance location	Tue, Jul 21, 2009 11:06 AM
55.	design a building that can house other populations ie: teen center movie projection, autiotorium,	Sun, Jul 19, 2009 8:02 PM
56.	Location most important	Sun, Jul 19, 2009 7:54 PM
57.	Other site locations have too many negatives attributes by comparisions.	Sun, Jul 19, 2009 7:52 PM
58.	We should try to avoid dependence on separate public transportation just to get to a senior center.	Thu, Jul 16, 2009 1:26 PM
59.	Incomprehensible how town has treated seniors. People who built town have been neglected.	Thu, Jul 16, 2009 1:24 PM

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60.	Greene's Field should not even be considered as a site for the senior center. There are too many negatives and no real improvement for seniors	Thu, Jul 16, 2009 1:20 PM
61.	Greene's Field as a site is totally inappropriate - no room for expansion and inadequate for current needs including parking.	Thu, Jul 16, 2009 12:24 PM
62.	I think we'd all be surprised at the numbers who would come to a first class facility (library?)	Thu, Jul 16, 2009 12:16 PM
63.	Having lived here 43 years & supported the schools always - It's our turn. The current Sr. Center is a disgrace to our Fine town	Thu, Jul 16, 2009 12:05 PM
64.	Community activities in a senior center would be a positive	Thu, Jul 16, 2009 12:02 PM
65.	Community activities in a senior center would be a positive	Thu, Jul 16, 2009 12:01 PM
66.	Town owned land off of Brookline St and James Ave. If it is large enough	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 8:04 AM
67.	This is long overdue I hope I live long enough to be a part of the New center!!	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 7:51 AM
68.	I don't agree with the selectmen's assessment that a Senior Center is important	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 7:44 AM
69.	I am 80 years old and doubt if I will ever see a new senior center. Let's for once take care of the seniors instead of the youth	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 7:38 AM
70.	the lack of space in survey instrument for option description gives different impression of possibilities and each pro/con than given in fuller hearing description. I think you'll get people my age and younger ---- negativity on giving up Green's field if they understood some field can be preserved and maybe room for small scale playground it might be different	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 7:34 AM
71.	this is a good survey. will data analysis and results be on the town website/	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 7:21 AM
72.	Suggestion of making some underground parking with an elevator system. And maybe shuttle buses for the seniors who cannot drive.	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 7:17 AM
73.	Would like to see more consideration of a multi-use, three story building with elevator at Linden?Chambers	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 7:07 AM
74.	building needs to be as large as we can afford. Lots of daylight; movable partitions to allow for multi-use rooms: dead space (maybe turn off heat and utilities) for future use	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 7:03 AM
75.	Don't talk about doing a Senior Center. Do IT and forget Ridge Hill	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 6:54 AM
76.	Do it right once. Of course offer elevators and ramps	Thu, Jul

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77.	I think a senior center/community center is a healthy alternative for all community members needs. An indoor pool is needed in town	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 6:43 AM
78.	If \$6 million,we see the senior much more as social, recreational "club-type" facility than a welfre-type office(e.g negotiating with federal,state, authorities on Medicare, Social Security problems0. Interaction for human contacts Socializing activities ought to be the goal	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 6:38 AM
79.	If \$6 million, we see the senior much more as a social, recreational "club-type" facility than a welfare-type office (e.g. negotiating with federal,state authorities on Medicare,Social Security problems). Interaction for human contact,socializing, activities ought to be the goal.	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 6:32 AM
80.	Confidentila space required for IRS/AARP tax help. Classrooms for mental stimulation	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 6:22 AM
81.	I think the Center should be annexed to one of the public schools so that seniors, teachers and children could interact if they wanted in some cross generatioal activities-good for all involved.	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 6:18 AM
82.	i was very pleased with the offerings of courses and multi-generational involvement as evidence in the "Compass'	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 6:07 AM
83.	How come only 1 survey per household? thanks for the survey. These seniors feel that it's high time their tax money goes to supporting their generation as well the town's children	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 6:01 AM
84.	how come only one survey per household? Thanks for taking the survey. Theses seniors feel that it's high time their tax money goes to supporting their generation as well as the town's children.	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 5:55 AM
85.	Should be one level. Perry would be a great spot also	Thu, Jul 9, 2009 5:43 AM
86.	Renovate the adminastation building and send administration up to the Highschool where there is plenty of room. Purchase old Victorian home in town and rantovate it.	Tue, Jul 7, 2009 10:17 PM
87.	Under ground garage? (elevator) automated door oprners, railings, no stainless steel sinks (see the restrooms in the library) extra weelchairs.	Tue, Jul 7, 2009 9:59 PM
88.	On question 2--- multilevel is also good providing that it is handicap accessible.	Tue, Jul 7, 2009 11:51 AM
89.	Am concerned for the expence of the van picking up people to go to Ridge Hill. Also traffic is heavy on Dedham Ave.	Tue, Jul 7, 2009 11:41 AM
90.	Space should be multi purpose. Should be able to schedule different activities in one space.	Tue, Jul 7, 2009 10:57 AM
91.	Space should be multipurpose. Should be able to schedule different activities in one space.	Tue, Jul 7, 2009 10:52 AM
92.	Thank you formowing forward with very imp't project-our seniors deserve it-it is long oversue.	Mon, Jul 6, 2009 7:21 PM

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93.	Most other places would not be as bad as Ridge Hill. It's too far and would lead to a shuttle or bus service not good also would need major repair work	Mon, Jul 6, 2009 7:15 PM
94.	Although Rosemary's the most exposure it offers the potential and has the highest probability of getting done. Include an indoor pool	Mon, Jul 6, 2009 6:27 PM
95.	If Ridge Hill ends up being the site, what about combining resources with Welesley and build it on town lines	Mon, Jul 6, 2009 5:46 PM
96.	If a senior gets sick or has a heart attack, they can be transported to the hospital, asap	Mon, Jul 6, 2009 4:54 PM
97.	Ridge Hill is too far away. I wouldn't go there. Many seniors don't drive. Would need shuttle bus from downtown. Expensive	Mon, Jul 6, 2009 3:27 PM
98.	I do think seniors need a new area. The one they now smell and needs a lot of renovation	Fri, Jul 3, 2009 6:42 PM
99.	I have a two year daughter and I still believe Greene's field would be the best place. If you can take down the Steph Palm Center and the playground, you should have plenty of room for building and parking.	Fri, Jul 3, 2009 6:38 PM
100.	Our preference would be not to build this center but rather reduce our taxes for seniors on a fixed income	Fri, Jul 3, 2009 6:32 PM
101.	Ridge on a nice day, seniors can go outside, play bocce, badminton, maybe a golf pitch and putt area	Fri, Jul 3, 2009 6:29 PM
102.	This senior center does not need to be 15-20000 sq ft, I would rather see extra money go toward repairing or building new schools. The senior population in 2010 is inconsequential and will probably decrease by the time the senior center is constructed	Fri, Jul 3, 2009 6:24 PM
103.	I am not very familiar with Senior Center Activity	Fri, Jul 3, 2009 6:16 PM
104.	This survey -great idea! Thank you	Thu, Jul 2, 2009 5:39 PM
105.	It is inexplicable to me why I do not gravitate to the senior center.	Thu, Jul 2, 2009 5:34 PM
106.	If we are going to build a new center, I think it should be a community center, not solely focused on seniors.	Thu, Jul 2, 2009 5:28 PM
107.	How many more years do seniors have to wait for a good senior center?	Thu, Jul 2, 2009 5:12 PM
108.	good luck	Thu, Jul 2, 2009 5:10 PM
109.	In this recession perhaps commercial space is cheap enough to be repurposed for a senior center	Thu, Jul 2, 2009

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110.	Consider use of Salamone building and lot on Chestnut which has been vacant for years	Thu, Jul 2, 2009 4:57 PM
111.	Thank you for your time and effort. This is a much needed center!	Thu, Jul 2, 2009 4:46 PM
112.	Explore taking part of the Walgreen's lot by eminent domain, and building a 2-story parking lot for residents and seniors.	Thu, Jul 2, 2009 4:35 PM
113.	You should probably focus on what the senior population wants! (But thanks foe asking.)	Thu, Jul 2, 2009 4:30 PM
114.	Make the facility large enough, possibly combining with a community center	Thu, Jul 2, 2009 4:25 PM
115.	While a senior center is needed that iis not a reason to disadvantage others (children). Also open space is limited in town.	Tue, Jun 30, 2009 8:45 PM
116.	Keep it small and useful.	Tue, Jun 30, 2009 8:26 PM
117.	There are endless expenses for schools and recreation for children. Seniors are relagated to Steven Palmer bsaement-- AWFUL!!!	Tue, Jun 30, 2009 8:22 PM
118.	We have neglected our seniors in favor of all other trown prioroties. A respectable S. C. is long over due.	Tue, Jun 30, 2009 8:16 PM
119.	Do we participants get feedback from this survey? I hope so.	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 6:32 PM
120.	I feel we elderly do not NOT need a senior center. Why should the community pay for "adult" day care for us. It is selfish and outrageous of our generation-if anything is needed a multi age community center.	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 6:19 PM
121.	Very important undertaking!!!	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 6:13 PM
122.	I would like to see a gated community built for over 55year olds at any of the above mentioned places or some site at the Industrial Center.	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 6:03 PM
123.	Build so no expansion needed; sign contract with zero override permitted and late fees attached.	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 5:56 PM
124.	Would not favor building on any open land near center (Greene's Field) DeFazio may be too busy during seasons for socces/baseball etc-lots of traffic to maneuver through	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 5:51 PM
125.	Putting the senior center at Ridge Hill will kill it. Drive out there sometime, it's dangerous.	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 5:46 PM

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126.	Open space at Greene's Field is important for everyone else in town.	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 4:52 PM
127.	Pembroke Senior Center is an excellent example.	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 4:47 PM
128.	There would be room for anysize of facility that is needed - and for expansion. It is already owned by town.	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 4:45 PM
129.	Ridge hill offers the most options for wide variety of uses but would require regular bus service to Needham Center, especially at night.	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 4:41 PM
130.	Is there extra space to rent at the "Pottery" building on Thorpe? What about where Needham Appliance was by eminent domain or Mills Field - where all the trees are by Gould unusable as playing field b/c trees	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 4:26 PM
131.	A remote site is most impractical. Seniors need more community connection	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 4:14 PM
132.	Seniors need proximity to town - part of community	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 4:14 PM
133.	YMCA building could become senior center and the town could build a "rec" center at Rodge Hill for everyone else.	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 4:11 PM
134.	Ideal would be building serving seniors on one side, youth on other side. kitchen, recreation shared	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 4:07 PM
135.	Accessibility to public transportation is another consideration as well as accessibility to them for visitors and volunteers	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 4:03 PM
136.	Ridge hill is ridiculous	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 12:12 PM
137.	late afternoon and evening programming for non-retired seniors-Please!	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 12:06 PM
138.	Needham definitely needs a new senior center. The present site is very inadequate	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 11:48 AM
139.	i am a senior now and look forward to joining the group activities at the Senior Center	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 11:41 AM
140.	take a look at Medfield delightful place	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 11:31 AM
141.	we're always participating in overrides for schools-would be great to do something for seniors	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 11:14 AM
142.	multi level dwelling needs and elevator	Mon, Jun 22, 2009

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143.	The McCracken Farm would have made a great Senior Center.	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 11:02 AM
144.	there are many "tot lots", but only one senior cednter. Move the tot lot	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 10:52 AM
145.	glad this project is being considered; would/will make a difference to my participation	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 10:49 AM
146.	Any site mentioned is issue of parking-only Ridge Hill has parking but no senior wants to be "----" out of town!!	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 10:43 AM
147.	Wish this could be combined with community/teen center- multi-generational would be great and lively and so much missing here	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 10:33 AM
148.	i am 75 years old-lived in town 45 years. Do not currently use Sr.Center-other towns have better functioning cienters with more activities and pleasant surroundings	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 10:28 AM
149.	We hope a shuttle bus service would be considered to reduce parking, traffic, emissions and for seniors who don't drive	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 10:22 AM
150.	We hope a shuttle bus would be considered to reduce parking, traffic, emissions and Seniors who don't drive	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 10:19 AM
151.	Could have parking under structure as in Wellesley library building? seniors don't seem to use outdoor activity structures except garden perhaps	Mon, Jun 22, 2009 10:13 AM
152.	People could come & go easily - build on Greene's Field - then when Palmer bldg is available again - expand	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 5:44 PM
153.	Pickering St does not have enough room for an aequate size bldg that could be added to as necessary. Parking impossible with school, Verizon, trucks, playground traffic	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 5:40 PM
154.	seniors need to be heard by selectmen, town administrator. I question whether we are.	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 5:32 PM
155.	Greene"s Field is the best location	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 5:24 PM
156.	Facility should function in off hours use by other town groups and town functions.	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 4:46 PM
157.	Are any senior places open 7 days a week if not why not.	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 4:31 PM
158.	Please stress rooms and needs for "elderly handicapped" they should have priority over children's equipment	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 4:28 PM

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159.	Parking problems could be solved with an underground structure.	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 4:22 PM
160.	More exercise classes "lectures on elderly living.	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 4:20 PM
161.	Shortage of space at present location and stairs and ramp make Needham look miserly.	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 4:17 PM
162.	For needhamites, Ridge Hill is on the outside of town - away from everything else. it may be the easiest site, but doesn't address real needs of populations.	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 1:27 PM
163.	There will be more and more elders and we should accommodate them.	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 1:23 PM
164.	Would should the senior center do financial and medical counseling? These are things that should be done privately with private funding. This should be more of a social/educational place. Personally, I find it scary that Needham is approaching 25% seniors -- they don't want to pay taxes, they don't support our schools, and they have been bitching about their senior center for ever. Enough already.	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 1:21 PM
165.	Our elderly neighbor claims nothing makes her happier than being near children & watching them play.	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 1:17 PM
166.	Tot lot is unsafe in front of pavilion, no trees, danger from older kids playing.	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 1:13 PM
167.	Ridge Hill is too small and too far out of town. Some space needed for different events.	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 1:08 PM
168.	Wellesley is going through the same exercise - why not a joint center?	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 1:02 PM
169.	Senior center is very important and should be given precedence over community garden/farm.	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 12:55 PM
170.	DeFazio - neg - if a senior center is built there, parking could be a problem at certain times of the year when fields are heavily used (i.e. Little League opening day)	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 12:51 PM
171.	A few other random thoughts: I would really like to keep as much green space as possible downtown and would hate to see any of Greene's Field used for a senior center. I don't think having seniors, kids, and crazed soccer moms all driving around DeFazio is a good idea at all. My grandmother taught me some amazing skills but died before I could fully learn many of the things she could've taught me. I would love to be able to take classes with seniors on such things as making braided rugs, making baskets, refinishing furniture, caning chairs, reupholstering furniture, home canning and preserve making, gardening, cooking ,sewing, etc. I know some of these are sometimes offered through community ed, but maybe they could be offered at the senior center too.	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 12:46 PM
172.	If you went to the Golf Club, and ancillary benefit would be to put to rest, once and for all, the complaints that the NGC is an exclusive club using public land.	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 12:36 PM
173.	In the future through re-integration with the Stephen Palmer building and it is probably the best level building site.	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 9:27 AM

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174.	Need private area for blood pressure and health exams. Portable partitions give no privacy ...conversation can be heard	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 9:23 AM
175.	Many seniors wither go to retire elsewhere, or pass away!Also most seniors don't go to the center until they are in their late seventies and close to 80 years old. There are not many men either	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 9:17 AM
176.	Each of these 4 locations has significant problems for consturction. Proximity to bus route is a must, I believe.	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 9:12 AM
177.	there is no easy solution but the committee is doing an excellent job and seeking senior input is to be commended...thank you	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 9:08 AM
178.	In winter the drive to Ridge Hill is too long and too difficult for most seniors. Also walking on black ice is impossible. SENIORS SHOULD NOT BE ISOLATED	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 9:02 AM
179.	Parking space under building and Greene's field	Sun, Jun 21, 2009 8:56 AM
180.	A building that is practical, not too fancy.	Sat, Jun 20, 2009 6:55 PM
181.	A simple place to enjoy people and interests...not luxurious setting with a separate room for every emotion. Does anyone remember SIMPLE?	Sat, Jun 20, 2009 6:51 PM
182.	Build small additional building where basketball court is at Greene's Field.	Sat, Jun 20, 2009 6:45 PM
183.	DeFazio Park has the location for everyone in Needham to get to	Sat, Jun 20, 2009 6:41 PM
184.	Stop beating a dead horse and get on with senior center. How you treat seniors reflects on how you treat your citizens.	Sat, Jun 20, 2009 6:38 PM
185.	Greene's field---spectacular because right in town and next to Y...but parking is bad and a shame to take over park right in town. DeFazio seems the answer by Default, not too far from the center of town, place for sufficient parking, interaction with youth and outdoor sports and room for expansion.	Sat, Jun 20, 2009 6:29 PM
186.	THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME FOR MY SUGGESTION	Sat, Jun 20, 2009 6:17 PM
187.	Space should be multi purpose. Should be able to walk to schedule different activities in one space.	Fri, Jun 19, 2009 2:42 PM
188.	We need a new Senior Cemter. that is convient for elderly people to travel to.	Fri, Jun 19, 2009 2:37 PM
189.	Now 60 i am closer to my senior yearsI think of my years as a parent of young children.	Fri, Jun 19, 2009 2:33 PM
190.	Its llong long overdue!!	Fri, Jun

**5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

		19, 2009 11:23 AM
191.	We don't have to break the bank if we get creative! Get the house and go from there. Any building volunteers?	Fri, Jun 19, 2009 11:08 AM
192.	Location probably downtown but am not oposed to another location	Fri, Jun 19, 2009 10:58 AM
193.	Location probably downtown but am not oposed to another location	Fri, Jun 19, 2009 10:53 AM
194.	An Under-building park garage or attractive parking garage could be incorporated at Greene's Field development.	Fri, Jun 19, 2009 6:55 AM
195.	I think you should reconfigure Greene's Field and make a community center for teens and seniors...two levels.	Fri, Jun 19, 2009 6:51 AM
196.	does Needham have a downtown? We've got the land. Use it.	Fri, Jun 19, 2009 6:37 AM
197.	Letter to the editor in Needham Times by Sam Bass Warner makes some good points. Thanks for your work on behalf of seniors.	Fri, Jun 19, 2009 6:34 AM
198.	If you put it in a periphery location, you increase traffic as it will imply a specific trip just for SC. I would like to see an approach to minimize total energy over the life of the building, including trips to it made by members.	Fri, Jun 19, 2009 5:57 AM
199.	Ridge Hill is also too isolated. The Senior Center should be in a CENTRAL location.	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 5:50 PM
200.	Senior center is important and should recieve greater priorty in town. Seniors built this town and deserve more respect.	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 5:47 PM
201.	Explore the possibility whether there is ANY way to get out of the long-term lease for the Stephen Palmer Apartments. That site would be ideal for the senior center. Even if the town would have to pay some compensation to rescind the lease, it might be cost-effective compared to the task of erecting another building at a different site.	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 5:46 PM
202.	In your consideration of the Golf Club, was though given to making it a Par 3 course--a compormise to free up some land.	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 5:38 PM
203.	Central location allows for joint programs with other town sponsored events.	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 5:33 PM
204.	Availability of senior bus . Visit Brookline Center for ideas	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 5:22 PM
205.	We can raise the "extra" money that the Rosemary Hill location "may" require.	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 4:46 PM
206.	I believe the Sr. Cnt is important as a "drop-in" place, for non structured socializing, casual meetings and a smile form the receptionists. They're wonderful!	Thu, Jun 18, 2009

**5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

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207.	Plan yourself to death. When will a decision be made and construction started so present day seniors can finally have a center. Make a Needham center for all ages	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 11:01 AM
208.	Committees should be at least 60% intellectually competent seniors-65-100	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 10:52 AM
209.	1. Seniors need easy access 2. Don't overbuild 3. Have good lights to make it easy to see.	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 10:43 AM
210.	Needed badly	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 8:04 AM
211.	Husband and wife filled out survey.	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 7:57 AM
212.	Keep up the effort	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 7:40 AM
213.	any place chosen should have the capacity for expansion.	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 7:35 AM
214.	When seniors have lived this long they should be entitled to excellent services.	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 7:32 AM
215.	should really consider opportunities for multi-generational programs	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 7:23 AM
216.	Can Senior Center host community events to try to bring different ages together? GOOD LUCK THANKS FOR ASKING FOR COMMUNITY INPUT. IT'S IMPORTANT.	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 7:17 AM
217.	Based on data on facing page, looks like only about 15 people/day eat lunch at sr.cent. seems like relatively small numbers of seniors use the center; the majority of seniors arrive by vehicle, then they can take vehicle to anywhere in town. Also, arriving by vehicle is not the same as needing to park---are they getting dropped off and picked up?	Thu, Jun 18, 2009 7:11 AM
218.	none	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 9:27 PM
219.	DeFazio is good 2nd choice but school department will never make a decision regarding it/middle school.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 7:11 PM
220.	Lease available empty space, now while real estate is relatively inexpensive.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 7:06 PM
221.	Just do it! Thank you!	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 6:49 PM
222.	Take a long term view look out 25-50 years	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 6:33 PM

**5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

223.	I say, get rid of the golf course and put the new schools, senior center (expandable), community center and walking trails there for everyone in town to enjoy not just a spoiled, select group.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 6:20 PM
224.	I assume Rosemary Hill site is near the lake. It would have been better to give more information about this site.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 6:15 PM
225.	As for Question 1, most of these activities can take place at different times in the same space. Hopefully you are not planning a separate space for each activity.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 6:13 PM
226.	Please remember how many "babyboomers" are coming into their senior years. Senior centers on the verge of becoming something totally new;different.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 6:06 PM
227.	Concerns about Ridge Hill being "isolated" are itigated bu its abundance of other activities and beauty and the liklihood that other features (hairdressing, mini-bank, sundry gift shop, ice cream stand or diner) could be added.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 5:57 PM
228.	Consider taking over Stephen Palmer. The most desireable location.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 5:51 PM
229.	What do they polan to do for parking. I love Ridge Hill but can understand that it is too far away.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 5:48 PM
230.	Just get us a nice Sr Center pd taxes her for 42 years ans supported schools its our turn	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 5:44 PM
231.	No Tax Overrides!!!!	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 5:37 PM
232.	our ssenior center is a disgrace compared to other town. I am not spending my later year in a cellar	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 5:36 PM
233.	What's happening to the old dump and Nike base?	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 5:33 PM
234.	numbers of activities, trips and classes should be increased	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 5:32 PM
235.	Should look at co-developing with Wellesley, save cost-both capital and operating. Promote more use.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 5:27 PM
236.	I would rather see a community center. Any consideration given to uniting w/another town such as Dover or Wellesley.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 5:23 PM
237.	i use our cacility weekly	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 5:20 PM
238.	the farther away from center, more requests for senior van how could 1-2 or 3 vans pick up and where would they pick up seniors	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 5:17 PM
239.	How long till completion?	Wed, Jun 17, 2009

**5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

		5:10 PM
240.	emphasize community center	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 5:09 PM
241.	Playgroud adjacent to current senior center is a haxzard to kids-parents complain splintered wood etc. this is an ideal spot for the senior center	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 5:02 PM
242.	Town owns Ridge Hill beautiful property going to waste and transportation will be arranged Less than 1/2 mi for Dump.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 4:43 PM
243.	Playground structure must be removed Sugges Women's club build new one at Avery Playground	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 4:26 PM
244.	Have never been tp present center so comments are not based on experience	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 4:21 PM
245.	No Overrides Sr's have a very limited income Do a "field of Dreams" type of project for Fundraising.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 4:09 PM
246.	Induatrial Ctr= use/convert available space and itis easy. No overrides!!!	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 4:04 PM
247.	How about calling it an intergenerational cenmter open to others than seniors. We will all be there one day, if we are fortunate to loive long enough. Might generate more funds toward a new location if made availabel to younger age group & not just seniors. All ages could use our services	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 3:54 PM
248.	Give seniors a little respect they deserve it.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 3:45 PM
249.	Must be room for bridge, pool tables etc.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 3:42 PM
250.	Why is it taking so long? Senoiors are being treated shabily.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 3:36 PM

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251.	How long do seniors have to wait, they built this town	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 3:17 PM
252.	thank you for the oppotunity to voice my opinion on this matter. As a mother of three teenagers, I have volunteered with every stage of their development. Simutaneously, I have volunteered with our senior citizen population by providing rides to and from the senior center and traveling meals through the Board of Health I believe Needham would be better seved by a facility labeled for instance, " The Living Well Social Center" as just an example. With limited space and resources in this town and in the budget, I think our facility should encompass a broader vision for our town. I don't thing we should just copycat other towns and label our new huge facility exclusively a Senior Center. My children have all volunteered with the...van program and their	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 8:03 AM

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volunteer experiences have included the senior center and Wingate as well as Avery. As nice as the program was, it was a limited summer program. If the facility was in the center of town and from its very inception was named a living well social center, it would be very inclusive in its nature. I do believe this facility should be geared in design to the older population. However, labeling it as such will only limit its use and purpose for the town and general population.

I understand it was mentioned that the possibility exists to allow a playground area for the very young to play, thereby allowing this age interaction/observation to occur. However, having the possibility to include our young adults is a vision that I believe will get more attention in the future when people realize how important this connection really is. It would be wonderful if Needham could be aware of this now, rather than in hindsight.

253.	If needed for appropriate building, seek override for portion of cost such as site, requisition or to meet minimum program desired.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 7:49 AM
254.	I think the seniors deserve their space. So many have contributed to schools etc. let's recognize them!	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 7:41 AM
255.	The traffic on Central Ave which leads to Ridge Hill is worse than any of the other sites.	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 7:37 AM
256.	The single level/multi-use issue above could be eliminated with the use of an elevator. Wouldn't that be required by the ADA anyway?	Wed, Jun 17, 2009 7:29 AM
257.	In slippery cold weather Ridge Hill would be inaccessible for older drivers. Waiting for a bus ditto	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 10:13 PM
258.	I probably won't be here when it is ready. I am 81 yrs. old.	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 10:08 PM
259.	Wherever the center is located I will support it.	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 10:03 PM
260.	How much longer will it take?	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 9:53 PM

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261.	Rosemary Ridge is far too remote. The senior woub great risk being outdoors. The population is huge and ticks abound. Tere many people in Needham that have gotten Lyme's Disease-Health hazard.	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 9:49 PM
262.	need more transportation facilities and taxi coupons	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 9:41 PM
263.	make it happen Make it intergenerational	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 9:38 PM
264.	It is important to make the senior a permanent structure.	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 9:02 PM
265.	I watched with great interest the many tear -downs and rebuilt/re-designed buildings in Needham, especially those done by Micheal Tedoldi(Fuller Brook) His work is very creative. How about enlisting his participation in the thinking, and planning and design? The old CINEMA space would be a crackerjack place for a senior center thank you for conouling the town residents. This survey is long overdue. Nancy Kummer 44 pleasant St.	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 8:50 PM
266.	Thank-you for all your work on this project.	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 6:45 PM
267.	I am ashamed at how the senios in this town are treaed. It is a disgrace!!	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 6:37 PM
268.	If Greene's Field is used , have parking garage under bld, like Wellesley library	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 5:18 PM
269.	It is time the seniors got a decent space	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 5:12 PM
270.	Most seniors drive - place can be anywhere with parking. Concern about use of Ridge Hill House.	Tue, Jun 16, 2009

5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:

		3:17 PM
271.	Needham needs a high quality senior center for its high quality seniors.	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 3:09 PM
272.	Must have elevator is multi-level bldg.	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 3:07 PM
273.	I've been here over 40 years now and I find it very troubling that it's taken so long to even get the proposition really studied. It certainly indicates that seniors rated last. When the town can spend 61M for the H.S. and 14M for library it could have added 5M for a new senior center at the same time. This new Senior Cte is long overdue. Instead of "Its for the children" all the time, make it now "its for seniors"	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 2:59 PM
274.	Build it right the first time & other seniors from out of town will frequent the shops in town.	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 2:44 PM
275.	Build a community center	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 2:39 PM
276.	room (s) for entertainment/performers; piano, dance, etc.	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 2:37 PM
277.	Should have Outdoor sitting in the good weather	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 2:30 PM
278.	I don't go to senior center ofen because it is gloomy I serve lunch at the Stephen Palmer---dreary!	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 12:05 PM
279.	financial, legal, shine, can share the same space.	Tue, Jun 16, 2009 11:53 AM
280.	The committee looks like a 'get it done' group!	Mon,

5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:

		Jun 15, 2009 5:53 PM
281.	You are doing a thorough, thoughtful job. Survey a good idea	Mon, Jun 15, 2009 5:49 PM
282.	Ridge Hill has dangerous road for winter access. Building should be multi-level...3 levels if town permits. Upper level then may be used as rentable facility on weekends or as a possible public restaurant.	Mon, Jun 15, 2009 5:45 PM
283.	It's time to make seniors a priority. Youth can lose one field! How about selling it as mulit-use especially in evenings for other activities?	Mon, Jun 15, 2009 5:37 PM
284.	thank you to the committee for your work on this! Thank you for the opportunity to learn from and participate in this study.	Mon, Jun 15, 2009 5:33 PM
285.	COST	Mon, Jun 15, 2009 7:55 AM
286.	Transportation a problem away from center of town.	Mon, Jun 15, 2009 7:48 AM
287.	Purchase land along Greendale and 128 across from 875 Greendale.	Mon, Jun 15, 2009 7:46 AM
288.	On Greene's field since parking is an issue, could it be built 2 or 3 stories with parking underneath--AN ELEVATOR OF COURSE.	Mon, Jun 15, 2009 7:39 AM
289.	Let's get going	Mon, Jun 15, 2009 7:28

**5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

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290.	DO NOT USE THE ARCHITECTURAL FIRM THAT DID THE HIGH SCHOOL WHICH IS ATROCIOUS.	Mon, Jun 15, 2009 7:25 AM
291.	How about Cricket Field? I would suggest using the Y buildin, expanding that parking lot, fitting in swimming pool. Giving Y land near 128.	Mon, Jun 15, 2009 7:16 AM
292.	Rosemary would make nice sie for senior center & community center	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 10:30 PM
293.	I can't see dismanteling things such as the tot lot and stephen palmer playground structure	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 10:29 PM
294.	This decision should not be dragged out for years	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 10:25 PM
295.	It makes sense that Greenes field is the ideal location of this site	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 10:24 PM
296.	Plenty of space for parking admin offices could be on second floor. Greene Field is only viable alternative. We pay taxes & have heard that new center in works for at least 10 years. Now is the time!	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 10:22 PM
297.	This is the BEST location in terms of multitasking for elders & feeling involved in middle of town.,	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 10:19 PM
298.	Walkability + being downtown is important. can't senior/young people ineractive be done at schools?	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 10:15 PM
299.	Will mobilize against any plan at Green's Field!!! Will help a plan at Rosemary combined with pool. Get YMCA to help fund it.	Sun, Jun

**5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

		14, 2009 10:06 PM
300.	Avery for the child play structure	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 9:58 PM
301.	Avery for the child play structure	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 9:57 PM
302.	We definitely need a larger room for exercising! We all need to keep active	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 9:57 PM
303.	Downtown location will also benefit downtown businesses by some seniors daily us as well or Town Hall being closely available for help and information	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 9:54 PM
304.	Greens field would be fine but parking is a problem	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 9:47 PM
305.	Our children the number in town, is increasing every day. What not use the condemned wing of the school admin bldg for senior center. There is parking and its downtown	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 9:42 PM
306.	Perry par would be my second choice. It does not have traffic and would be an easy place to park	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 9:38 PM
307.	Has Claxton Field been considered? Town land at Harris & GPA?	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 8:41 PM
308.	Good for you for taking the time with this thory issue--I can imagine it is a huge stuggle. Much Luck!!	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 8:23 PM

**5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

309.	Good luck and please balance the needs of all age groups. We seniors will already be cyphoning every health care \$ in this country.	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 8:13 PM
310.	Thank you.	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 7:23 AM
311.	The survey as structured is dreadfully unbalanced, obviously seeking favorable responses.	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 7:20 AM
312.	It should be a multi-purpose center for all ages.	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 7:17 AM
313.	Mother was able to go to the COA because of the wonderful limosine and dear drivers. She couldn't have managed otherwise.	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 7:09 AM
314.	I think the town could do so much more with the buildings at Ridge Hill---but they are not going to do so---then change it to be useful.	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 6:26 AM
315.	I think it is important not to isolate senior center from activities and events open to all generations.	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 6:19 AM
316.	It seems that the Greene's Field playing fields could be moved. Isolated playing fields are ok.	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 6:10 AM
317.	Want to drive in quiet, familiar areas---not scary/busy roads. 4. and they want to be able to do a few errands at once. Proximity of Rosemary to library and grocery is great. 5. Expansion will be important with forecasted aging population in the area, per US census and other institutions. 6. I rank the volunteer space lower because they will manage I imagine. 7. In today's and future economy WORK for seniors will be crucial so services for that will be important.	Sun, Jun 14, 2009 6:07 AM
318.	I think facilities should include activities for younger people. ( they will become seniors )	Sun, Jun 14, 2009

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		5:52 AM
319.	Important for socialization social services information helps seniors make good decisions.	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 7:33 PM
320.	The tenants will need a place that is in close walking distance to stores , give them the best we can, they deserve it.	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 7:26 PM
321.	if built in a smaller land space then a 2 story building would be more needed and desirable	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 7:12 PM
322.	I HAVE LIVED IN NEEDHAM FOR OVER 50 YEARS AND IN ALL THAT TIME TOWN HALL HAS BEEN BLOWING SMOKE ABOUT BUILDING A SENIOR CENTER. STOP TALKING AND TAKE THE SENIOR CENTER OUT OF THE CELLAR.	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 7:07 PM
323.	Seniors do not like to drive on icy roads or drive too far or walk too far. Seniors do like to be isolated. (want ) too be near market and library. ps. thanks so much for all your efforts on behalf of seniors. this is a very helpful and informative booklet.	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 7:03 PM
324.	KNOCK DOWN PALMER AND REBUILD	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 6:55 PM
325.	Ridge Hill too far. Rosemary too tight Girls' Cricket not downtown. DeFazio---heavy fast traffic.	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 6:49 PM
326.	Rosemary Hill is easily accessible from downtown and close to the library and stores.	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 6:44 PM
327.	DeFasio--possible future school, not connected with town and not easy walking to town from there.	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 6:35 PM
328.	Suggest purchase of building on Chestnut Street (Health Fit/Locke Lumber site)and add a second floor.	Sat,

**5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

		Jun 13, 2009 6:22 PM
329.	Put parking for the seniors ( though they can walk ) not near the St joseph School because that area has become a hazard. move parking for the play area.	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 6:17 PM
330.	Think committee is doing an excellent job---let's get it done!	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 6:12 PM
331.	for drivers to sr. center parking is a major problem	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 5:20 PM
332.	Shame on Us. I go to Sr. Centers in Falmouth, Mashpee, Norwood and Franklin. They are all bright Airy fabulous and well attended.	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 5:16 PM
333.	this well done and shows thoughtful attention to details	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 4:59 PM
334.	important to involve the senior citizens in the decision making process	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 4:54 PM
335.	tear down Stephen Palmer Bldg Pave playground & use that area for outdoor activities	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 4:42 PM
336.	If you build it they will come! We do not live in a perfect world.	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 4:19 PM
337.	Future programs such as a day program could be considered. Expand meals to include traveling meals program. What do current uses of COA think.	Sat, Jun 13, 2009 8:12

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338.	Green's Field is well sited but lacks sufficient parking and expansion possibilities.	Fri, Jun 12, 2009 7:51 PM
339.	I'm 71 Need a new senior center will it be buildt before I die.	Fri, Jun 12, 2009 5:13 PM
340.	thank God!!! we are truly planning a senior center.	Fri, Jun 12, 2009 5:06 PM
341.	The time is now to provide for seniors everyone well get old. The old farm on Nehoiden St. would have been a good choice.	Fri, Jun 12, 2009 4:53 PM
342.	Yuo state NO override, so you will propably get the\$4 million from other departments. At soom time these deptments will require an override.	Fri, Jun 12, 2009 4:48 PM
343.	We need to plan now for an ever growing senior population.	Fri, Jun 12, 2009 4:38 PM
344.	More than one level needto have an elevator.	Fri, Jun 12, 2009 4:26 PM
345.	Ahigh priority should be placed on the construction of a new senior center for Needham.	Fri, Jun 12, 2009 4:12 PM
346.	Rosemary area is best location and close to outdoor activities and town. Overall it would be a great investment in our town to keep seniors in Needham.	Fri, Jun 12, 2009 4:06 PM
347.	Thanks for you work.	Fri, Jun

5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:

		12, 2009 12:47 PM
348.	we have visited many senior centers, litterally all over the world. Needham ranks as the poorest! Let's change that!!!	Fri, Jun 12, 2009 12:15 PM
349.	we have visited many senior centers, litterally all over the world. Needham ranks as the poorest! Let's change that!!!	Fri, Jun 12, 2009 12:15 PM
350.	I only weighed in on location because I think the seniors have a better sense of what they do/don't need in a center. I just ask that it be win-win solution - that whatever location is decided upon doesn't negatively impact another segment of the population.	Fri, Jun 12, 2009 11:26 AM
351.	Please don't build on Greene's Field!	Fri, Jun 12, 2009 9:30 AM
352.	Godh, wouldn't the YMCA spot be great?I wish they could move! Are you thinking about space for exercise and classes? Hope so.	Fri, Jun 12, 2009 8:00 AM
353.	Yes, Consider a community center for maximum flexibility.	Fri, Jun 12, 2009 7:51 AM
354.	I think the best is to expand to Greene's Field	Fri, Jun 12, 2009 7:48 AM
355.	Rather than dickering over the poss. locations, the town should just build a great new community center (w/pool) for the entire community. (teens too) AT THE GOLF COURSE PROPERTY	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:47 PM
356.	We seniors have given long years in tax money to this town - deserve to be considered.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:46 PM

**5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

357.	we need to know the menu of services at the senior center before this questionnaire.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:43 PM
358.	Please do not tie in with override.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:41 PM
359.	Rosemary Hill - great but way too much cost & multi use conflicts with senior activities.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:39 PM
360.	Each location has its positives and negatives, as does each place specified. It will be difficult to please everyone but the outcome should be positive for all, especially seniors.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:36 PM
361.	Finally, the people who will be using the facility are allowed a voice in this matter - is anyone out there listening? We are 25% of this population.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:31 PM
362.	Expense of the project for fixed income. We are being taxed out of Needham with not much services to show for it.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:30 PM
363.	I think the seniors in this town have waited long enough!	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:25 PM
364.	I appreciate the opportunity to voice my opinions. I hope once the decision is made it is beneficial to all seniors.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:24 PM
365.	Rosemary has access to Mem. Field and High School. (Shared resources.)	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:21 PM
366.	These evaluations and studies seem to be never-ending. Please do something ASAP and then plan a teen/youth center.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009

**5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

		8:19 PM
367.	While children playard area at Greene's Field is very important and very favored, it should be retained for small children, but downsized to permit an expanded Senior Center. Elderly should have more voice in town as 25% of population and long time taxpayers!!!	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:17 PM
368.	Please do something for the Seniors at Greenes Field!	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:17 PM
369.	The children's playground can be relocated from Greene's Fields to Ridge Hill or DeFazio Park.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:11 PM
370.	Our current circumstances do not require all services listed in Q1, but are considered important to users of the Center.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:02 PM
371.	Greenes Field - no parking; do not want to sacrifice any open space; town is hamstrung until we get rid of Stephen Palmer lease(thank you Board of selectmen circa 1975) Concern: How we can fit this project within the 3% debt limit of fundraise.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:00 PM
372.	Do this for the seniors and for the town of Needham	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 7:59 PM
373.	So glad you are working on this	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 7:57 PM
374.	It is hard to explain what a need a good senior center is. Really those people who work with older adults know the incredible benefits of a place---the lonliness of older age is invisible and so easy to ignore. Also needs of their children to know how to help them. Exposure to things that will continue to help them survive and enhance their lives are essential.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 5:48 PM
375.	Greene's Field is a poor choice because it is impossible to park there and there is no room for expansion	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 5:39 PM
376.	Do not build a new center.	Thu,

5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:

		Jun 11, 2009 5:32 PM
377.	center is part of a vibrant community	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 5:29 PM
378.	...Library, etx for Rosemary hill will be important.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 10:32 AM
379.	buy one of the many large houses that come for asle near center; renovate or raze and use land for SR. Center.DO NOT USE OPENland any more!	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 10:06 AM
380.	I spent years going to Medway SRCenter. Good programs/good building/good parking and friendly people. Multi-use? I am 87 years old.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:43 AM
381.	Not just for senior. We have used the COA services for help and advice when needing services for our elder parents in NY.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:38 AM
382.	How about acquiring some store fronts or the theater on Great Plain Ave?This is not to be a residential facility. Do we really need a new building?	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:34 AM
383.	don't isolate the senior center	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:23 AM
384.	Good luck! Tall order! But way overdue!	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:13 AM
385.	future programs: day care program for adults.Expand meals to include traveling meals.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:09

**5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

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386.	Follow COA recommendations	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:05 AM
387.	multi-level is ok if elevators are provided	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 6:24 AM
388.	It should be visabli to the town.	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 6:19 AM
389.	design/size---smaller rooms for 'confidential', learning, creative volunteers, counseling. larger for 'creative' interaction between generations, networking and exercise	Thu, Jun 11, 2009 6:15 AM
390.	I'm only 55 and have an 11 yr. old. Don't want to see playgroud, ballfield or Rosemary pool area compromised. If attendance will increase, area with sufficient parking is crucial. rosemary pool area does not have sufficient parking when pol is open, how would that impact parking. it's also not very good for seniors with mobility issues.	Wed, Jun 10, 2009 9:13 PM
391.	Should be walking distance to center of town.	Wed, Jun 10, 2009 8:57 PM
392.	Ridge Hill will cause hundreds of cas accidents at Central Ave. and Charles River St.	Wed, Jun 10, 2009 8:49 PM
393.	coffe breake area, coputors, lounge for vedio and reading	Wed, Jun 10, 2009 8:19 PM
394.	I think a senior center is important and it should have been started before the DPW site.However, it can't be an override.	Wed, Jun 10, 2009 5:47 PM
395.	Differant age groups of senors require different needs and abilites.	Wed, Jun

**5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

		10, 2009 5:42 PM
396.	Thank you for asking!	Wed, Jun 10, 2009 1:43 PM
397.	many many thanks for your hard work this is necessary and important.	Wed, Jun 10, 2009 1:16 PM
398.	Defazio is already a zoo now. Green's Field playground is the only one near town, heavily used do not take it away.	Wed, Jun 10, 2009 1:11 PM
399.	Idelly, senior center should be part of a larger community center.	Wed, Jun 10, 2009 12:15 PM
400.	Acknowledging that every site under constuction has obstacles to overcome, I believe Ridge Hill has the least for Needham Looking forward to the new center center.	Wed, Jun 10, 2009 11:42 AM
401.	I'd support a swap of the movie lot for the Green's field lot if and only if it were developed into a playground w/ an imagination statation similar to what's there; then you could build on the lot next to Palmer. the Y can fend for itself	Wed, Jun 10, 2009 7:11 AM
402.	Seniors need access to stay in touch. Proximity to downtown is key. The Senior Center must be a "formidable" organization striving to keep seniors interest. Must be extremely energy efficient with green building materials. Find funding-set an example be a leader	Wed, Jun 10, 2009 6:58 AM
403.	Important to be within walking distance for those seniors that are still able to walk	Wed, Jun 10, 2009 6:52 AM
404.	Senior services are very underfunded and underaddressed in this school and young-family focused town	Wed, Jun 10, 2009 6:33 AM

**5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

405.	We, husband and wife, concur on the above responses	Wed, Jun 10, 2009 5:53 AM
406.	It is possible to preserve playground and have senior center at Greene's field. As for Little League sports: send them to ridge Hill.	Wed, Jun 10, 2009 5:48 AM
407.	Build a senior center very soon and no hemming and hawing about it, just build it.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 11:29 PM
408.	I think that Ridge Hill is too far out of town. Rosemary Pool is a dump-seniors and kids could use a new pool at Ridge Hill	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 11:23 PM
409.	Bus/Van available for seniors around town and central parking. (at least). Rosemary Hill should be used for walking trails around the lake.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 11:06 PM
410.	Have a senior, handicap accessible bus/van.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 10:59 PM
411.	The lot would allow for seniors housing as well as a center.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 10:38 PM
412.	central so no one has a long commute	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 10:18 PM
413.	The building should be a multi purpose and also serve as a place for teens to meet.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 10:06 PM
414.	should be a community center with multi use.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 10:02 PM
415.	Seniors are part of the community and need to be able to move easily in and out of the senior center.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 9:53 PM

**5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

416.	Consider joining with Wellesley in building one senior center	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:56 PM
417.	The statistic re Marshfield, Duxbury and milford is meaningless. Increase in attendance relative to what? why did you even include statistics? How does that statistic answer the question: what happens now at the S.C.?	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:51 PM
418.	Hope a better architect than the library one does the job. They have had a summary problems with the floor tiles - slate stairs - bathrooms, etc.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:48 PM
419.	Pollard uses De Fazio for the mile in the spring	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:48 PM
420.	The Presbyterian Church may be considering selling their building	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:45 PM
421.	thank you and good luck	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:44 PM
422.	Year round w/ no other conflicts as the other sites pose except cost due to wetlands.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:42 PM
423.	Proximity to downtown	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:41 PM
424.	Space for job counseling can be the same for financial, legal, material counseling.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:41 PM
425.	Believe \$2 million could be raised from business' and philanthropists.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:40 PM
426.	Keep our Social workers busy La Tanya and Barbara great Women	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:40 PM

**5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

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| 427. | Are there plans for Pickering site after this?  | Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:39 PM |
| 428. | Senior Center is priority. Present one is a disgrace to Needham. Greene's Field is right place.   | Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:39 PM |
| 429. | Do not over build or get greedy- just a decent facility   | Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:38 PM |
| 430. | Indoor social activity room. I have visited the Brookline Senior Center and was impressed with the offerings, facility, and the staffing. It was worth looking at to respond to this survey.  | Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:36 PM |
| 431. | Losing Greenes field would be a loss to our community. It is playground used by the entire town   | Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:36 PM |
| 432. | Green's field most desirable, Ridge hill least desire. Ridgehill Where is this?   | Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:36 PM |
| 433. | At age 64 I do not presently use the Senior Center. I am retired and very active. When I think of taking advantage of senior center programs, I think of them as indoor activities or outings to other places. I think of attending a program at the senior center as part of my day when I'm still mobile and doing other things as well. That is why having the center in the middle of town is my first choice. I wish that Ridge Hill could be developed as a nature center for all generations and that the senior center could provide transportation to Ridge Hill for bird walks, hikes, and other outdoor activities. I will be interested to see the feasibility study. If senior center is built on greenes field and if stephen palmer continues as housing for 55+, it will continue to provide much needed services for them. The needs of seniors may change in the future. I don't think that we can expect the past to be a predictor of what the future holds. That makes our current decisions quite challenging. Thank you for reaching out to the public and helping all of use to think about these issues. | Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:31 PM |
| 434. | A big community room, smaller craft rooms, the opportunity to socialize (not in a basement) would be wonderful  | Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:30 PM |
| 435. | it istime theTown gave more attention to seniors, especially since so many have lived and paid taxes for years  | Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:29 PM |
| 436. | Let's keep costs under control - only sme seniors will regularly use facility.  | Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:28 PM |
| 437. | Enlarge space already used for senior center by using the parking lot   | Tue, Jun 9,              |

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		2009 8:28 PM
438.	All others too far away from town and "don't wait any longer"	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:26 PM
439.	The Needhm Times on 4/16 - What do Senior's Want? All the activities - quite exciting.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:24 PM
440.	Give greater weight to senior (60+) survey responders	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:21 PM
441.	build a gym with center at Defazio field community to use on non senior hours	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:21 PM
442.	Give greater weight to senior (60+) survey responders	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:21 PM
443.	I hope a Senior Center will have a really good,tiered perhaps, movie viewing room. We need a movie theater and the SC could be used in the evenings for all ages for movies.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:21 PM
444.	Thank you for conducting a town-wide survey	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:18 PM
445.	Think creatively about parking. Can the stephen palmer side of may street be used for senior parking only. Build more parking on the field	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:18 PM
446.	Spend what is needed to do it right	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:18 PM
447.	Spend what is needed to do it right	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:17 PM
448.	do not think moving off to country setting (Ridge Hill) is favaarable --relagated to old age neighrhood is not inspring.	Tue, Jun 9,

**5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

		2009 8:16 PM
449.	You may have done this, but if not, consult with successful centers in other towns.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:15 PM
450.	Rosemary Area is the closest location to the train - which could be convenient for workers at Center	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:15 PM
451.	senior center should be light and welcoming/cozy. Not a made-over structure	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:13 PM
452.	Combination senior center and community center; possible library off spot; possible town pre-school at the site? garden on grounds (vegetable.)	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:10 PM
453.	Thank you for all your hard work on this. Finding the right location is difficult	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:07 PM
454.	seniors do not like to drive at night on winding roads central location/one floor very important	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:06 PM
455.	Lets get it done w/o prop 2 1/2	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:06 PM
456.	Multi level adds costs (elevators, ramps (etc)	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:05 PM
457.	Multi level adds costs (elevators, ramps (etc)	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:04 PM
458.	Conisder taking over more space Steven Palmer renovate Renovate maitanence building memorial park Move school admin to other site, renovate Purchase rioncile (sp?) adjacent to Newman Close part of oakland between kindsbury and May Buy property lot existing property front on pikering Sale former health fit and rug co on chestnut street	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 8:01 PM

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459.	I feel very sstrongly that the senior center should be multi functional billed as a community center to attract the most benefit to the entire town.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 7:59 PM
460.	No one understands Medicare- Many seniors see 3-4-5 doctors per week on a medical basis. Obviously confidentially and on medical are most imprtant	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 7:58 PM
461.	I would be very happy at Pickering St.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 7:57 PM
462.	About time seniors got attention- We do pay TAXES	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 7:51 PM
463.	Defazio (considering the above) best (1) activity (2) moderate walking distance to town center (3) must be considerate with volunteers	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 7:50 PM
464.	We must not let this opportunity pass. No matter Newman or whatever else this must be done.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 7:49 PM
465.	Have Walgreens change their location. Ideal land, parking etc for the elderly. Do Do they own or rent that land?	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 7:48 PM
466.	Some of your spaces can have more than one use.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 7:48 PM
467.	Proximity to town. Ridge Hill is a transportation expense	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 7:43 PM
468.	We definitely are crowded at senior center	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 7:42 PM
469.	We only need a basic facility. Space is important not decorative features. FUNCTIONALITY	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 7:41 PM

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470.	Please keep Green Field and provide adequate parking. the library parking is non existing.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 7:41 PM
471.	make believe that this issue is critical to the town- unlike the Town hall 3ed floor How many auditoriums do we need	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 7:39 PM
472.	Town needs around town bus to cut down on car use and should include senior center on route	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 7:33 PM
473.	Good survey. There should not have to be fundrasing for the center. Town found 6MM for DPW building it can find it for the center, Schools, Library, did not have to fund raise, should be encouraged to apply for grants or use fundraising for programs.	Tue, Jun 9, 2009 7:27 PM
474.	Rent Mason Hall. Rebuild house next door to Masons. Short term situation but better than dropping millions @ Greene's.	Mon, Jun 8, 2009 11:20 AM
475.	I have never before lived in a town where taxpayer money goes to building a senior center. I'm not sure why seniors can't join private facilities for their needs.	Fri, Jun 5, 2009 3:29 PM
476.	Why not have the Senior Center include the town's Preschool? or a NICE indoor town pool...	Fri, Jun 5, 2009 6:11 AM
477.	We should not lose field space or a playground	Thu, Jun 4, 2009 9:03 PM
478.	look at other possible sites close to needham center	Thu, Jun 4, 2009 7:13 PM
479.	we'd rather see a new playground at greenes field!	Thu, Jun 4, 2009 2:40 PM
480.	I hope that Needham and the committee to build a new senior center will approach this project thinking forward. I also hope that we incorporate space for community gatherings so we can take advantage of building a town that builds off the strengths of multi generations. We need to think outside the box and build a structure will be equipped to handle future demand and technologies. It's important to build for tomorrow as well as today and sometimes I think we miss this point in Needham.	Thu, Jun 4, 2009 2:40 PM

**5. Any other comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

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| 481. | Families with young children want our senior to have a new center, perhaps paired with a broad-based community center. Not at the expense of valuable resources for our children. Greene's field should be renovated as a playground and playing field, not a senior center. Such a decision would be sacrificing the well being of the community as a whole.   | Thu,<br>Jun 4,<br>2009<br>12:11<br>PM    |
| 482. | I would love to see a multi-use community building-eg. combine an early childhood center and the senior center for synergy!   | Thu,<br>May<br>7,<br>2009<br>11:20<br>AM |
| 483. | I truly feel that Rosemary Hill could be a beautiful, convenient spot for a senior center. The library offers many lectures and meetings that would be attractive to seniors and the convenience of having these buildings so close would be wonderful. Rosemary pond is the most underutilized asset in Needham--we should make more use of the water views. If the proposed wheelchair accessible path around the pond ever gets done, it would be a huge draw for the senior center to be located there.   | Mon,<br>May<br>4,<br>2009<br>4:39<br>PM  |
| 484. | <p>I see from your newsletter that you have usurped many of the senior services traditionally provided the religious institutions in town. There is no way they can compete with you because you are supported by our tax dollars. I encourage you to work with the Senior Ministries teams of Needham's religious institutions to leverage tax dollars with their resources....to support combined programming so they are seen as a viable resource for seniors and so seniors recognize some self interest in supporting them through financial contributions.</p> <p>As tax-payer-supported programs such as yours overwhelm the religious organizations, you reduce the incentive for older members to belong and contribute. As the religious institutions fail, community organizations of the town will lose the use of those buildings as they are turned into offices, residents or just torn down. That will be a great loss to the town of Needham.</p> | Mon,<br>May<br>4,<br>2009<br>1:44<br>PM  |
| 485. | The Committee is doing a good and thorough job.   | Mon,<br>May<br>4,<br>2009<br>11:34<br>AM |
| 486. | NO SENIOR CENTER -- THE TOWN CANNOT AFFORD ONE. PLEASE, NO MORE TAXES, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO CHANGE THE NAME FROM NEEDHAM TO TAXHAM!  | Mon,<br>May<br>4,<br>2009<br>8:59<br>AM  |
| 487. | Downtown is too congested. The Senior Center needs adequate space and parking. We need to keep open space (Greene's Field) open in downtown and use space outside of the downtown area for the Senior Center.   | Sun,<br>May<br>3,<br>2009<br>10:36<br>PM |
| 488. | This should be a combined community/senior center.  | Fri,<br>May<br>1,<br>2009<br>8:26<br>PM  |
| 489. | Ridge Hill is too remote  | Fri,<br>May<br>1,<br>2009<br>4:22<br>PM  |

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490.	Would love to see the senior center actually be reconceived as a community center from the outset	Fri, May 1, 2009 3:56 PM
491.	I cannot stress my safety concerns above enough.	Fri, May 1, 2009 9:17 AM
492.	I truly believe a community center is most beneficial to all residents, I don't think there would be a big overlap for seniors that don't want to engage with younger people, but would facilitate it..	Fri, May 1, 2009 8:21 AM
493.	The building should be planned for varied usage and age groups, and ideally will be a community center for the youth too.	Fri, May 1, 2009 4:12 AM
494.	we are only going to be getting larger in numbers over next 20 yrs so I would imagine this will become VERY important dynamic to Needham..I'm 44 and love the idea of being 75 there and enjoying nice amenities...	Thu, Apr 30, 2009 10:02 PM
495.	Please give us feedback on the survey.	Thu, Apr 30, 2009 8:50 PM
496.	what about combining a town hall with a senior center. Or use the land of the house on Nehoiden Street. That is still close to town.	Thu, Apr 30, 2009 2:58 PM
497.	Regarding questions 1 and 2 - I can only guess at what needs/desires I will have in 20 years. I hope these are weighted heavily towards the opinion of anyone over the age of 60. It's almost silly to even ask me...	Thu, Apr 30, 2009 1:03 PM