

A New Millis Senior Center

The Senior Center provides cultural and educational programs, State and Federal assistance and a setting for seniors to congregate, socialize, exercise, learn, and enjoy the company of others. Also, the Senior Center houses our town-wide social worker who helps all residents (regardless of age) connect to social programs. Town Meeting approved funding for a Senior Center Feasibility Study by the Permanent Building Committee (PBC) in 2019. Working with Abacus Architects and the Council on Aging (CoA), three options have been proposed for a new Senior Center that can also be used as a Community Center outside of Senior Hours.

The Current Senior Center

The current Senior Center is housed in the basement of VMB. It has outgrown its space and is unable to accommodate large groups for meals. With only one multi-purpose room that can be used for functions or meals, the Center is limited to one program at a time. The space is uninviting and lacks storage. Meals on Wheels, which operates out of the small kitchen in the Center, provides nearly 8,000 meals yearly to seniors in Millis. Given that 30% of the population of Millis is 60 years or older and is expected to increase by 47% by 2030, the Senior Center needs a bigger space now and for the future.

Three Options

There are three proposed options for consideration: A renovation and addition to one end of the Veterans Memorial Building (VMB); A new build at Cassidy Farm; And a new build at Cassidy Farm which also includes a gymnasium. A rendering of each option with cost information and an average tax impact follows.

Option 1: VMB Reno/Add

OPTION 1 - VMB - 2 STORY PARTIAL RENOVATION & ADDITION



Cost: \$15,500,000

Cost for an average home of \$462,618 over 30 years is \$355 decreasing to \$162

Option 2: Cassidy Farm New Build

OPTION 2 - CASSIDY FARM - NEW CONSTRUCTION



Cost: \$16,000,000

Cost for an average home of \$462,618 over 30 years is \$366 decreasing to \$166

Option 2A: Cassidy Farm New Build + Gym

OPTION 2A - CASSIDY FARM W/ GYM - NEW CONSTRUCTION



Cost: \$21,000,000

Cost for an average home of \$462,618 over 30 years is \$479 decreasing to \$220

Focus Groups

The PBC has scheduled four Focus Groups to offer details about the three options, costs, and the tax impact for residents of Millis. All Millis residents are welcome to attend, ask questions, and give us feedback. Be part of the process and participate in a Focus Group!

May 12th, 2022 at 2:00 PM
VMB CoA Room 18

May 24th, 2022 at 7:00 PM
VMB CoA Room 18

June 7th, 2022 at 2:00 PM
Millis Housing 310 Exchange St

June 22nd, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Millis Library Roche Bros Room

Please come to a Focus Group!