

<u>Please provide your thoughts for other possible uses:</u>	<u>Please provide other comments related to this property.</u>
Nothing else at the moment	Thank you for the hard work!
Sell it to commercial company	Sell it
Feng Gao	None
Build a community swimming pool	None
Library classrooms	Na
Town event gathering area	Nice location
It seems a good idea to get the parking space.	What would be cost if the town want to hold it and if no good usage can be found?
Part for parking and rest for sell	No huge money investment on this property
There is a huge need for adults/students to rent music practice rooms	Event Venue - Town Run Inn with Barn for Small-Med Events
Put the IT dept in with school admin offices.	Keep colonial aspect !
None	I most want to see the parking added to town hall. Other than that, I am fairly neutral with a slight lean toward something that will generate at least some revenue to offset expenses (like meeting/education space that gets rented out), or as municipal offices that prevent us from needing to construct/rent some other space at a higher cost.
stay residential. The town overpaid for this property.	This should remain residential with a historical restriction and not become yet another town property.
The town should not be in the process of owning property like this. I would not be opposed to breaking the lot up if the town requires additional parking.	I would be extremely concerned with renovation costs and future maintenance on this building for any town uses. I don't believe we need another antique that we are in charge of throwing massive amounts of CPA funding into just because it was available. We have a massive building in Roudenbush that we could use for all of these purposes. Instead we lease it out for a significantly substandard lease (and rehabbed it to fit the needs of that tenant instead of planning for town offices.) For the record the town did do an RFP that only Roudenbush answered since it included their existing 3 buildings with a requirement to be a like business...
N/a	Get the much-needed parking, add a historical restriction, and sell
N/A	I have lived in Westford for 18 years and have NEVER had a parking problem in the center of town, the town hall, or the fire/police department. The home at 63 Main Street should remain a single resident home with historic restrictions in keeping with the center of town. The center of town has historic and scenic designation. Adding additional parking or making it a municipal building will change the aesthetic forever.  The new fire department design does not represent the historic nature or architectural construct of our town center. It is a shame as it is the gateway to our beautiful town center. I understand that the renovation of the old fire department will also not be in keeping with the historic character of our town center. Progress is not always progress especially with something so irreversible. Allowing another municipal building to be constructed with tax payer increases is driving families and seniors out of Westford.
I have none.	Parking is THE SINGLE most important issue. Maximize parking.
It is a beautiful historical property, and there are plenty of options to make this into a useful community space. We have plenty of housing available in other areas.	I haven't been inside so it's hard to know what the space looks like.
None	Not to the property, but do these other considerations questions need to be required fields? This is where people may not have input. I'd make them optional and not force answers (like this one!)
Municipal governmental use	Glad to preserve it

Please keep historical integrity	Please do not make this a parking lot
The town could use more meeting space.	I honestly think the best use of the space is as WPS administrative offices. They've been moved around and been housed in less-than-ideal spaces long enough.
I think this survey adequately covers several possible uses that would benefit the community.	I think given it's location between Roudenbush and Town Hall, a municipal building (such as School Administration) that maintains the historic beauty of the structures makes a lot of sense. Given the size of the property, the ability to add parking in the back without really affecting the curb appearance is a huge plus, and much needed. If this building were to be sold as residential, I feel strongly that the only possibility is a single occupancy with a historic restriction.
None	None
Community center for the town	Knock down and build a beautiful state of the art community center. Not everything has to be old.
The property should be sold with historic district restrictions. The Town of Westford should not have purchased this property and should not continue to put money in this property.	See above.
Sell it as a single family with historic restrictions so as to maintain the character of the town center.	Sell it as a single family with with historical restrictions so as to maintain the character of the town center.
Thanks	Thanks
Reference/archive space for JV Fletcher combined with meeting space, helping address library's space challenges	Maximizing parking while maintaining the look of the facility is excellent.
Before agreeing to any use, I would like a sense of the needs of the town. Where is the greatest need for space - school admin, other dept., meeting space????	Please consider the entire center of when when thinking about what will occur at this property - the library expansion, new town center building, etc. Parking in the center is a nightmare for large events currently. Without more parking, it will get worse as more people are trying to access the center for whatever happens at this building, new center building, library...
School Administration	Not willing to throw more money at it. Town needs to learn to operate within budget.
Having parking connect town offices to town hall and to police makes sense to me. no other uses	Swing it the way it looks now is tragic. School offices are in a temporary building now and it would be nice to have schools and town management in closer proximity, which could hopefully help them to work together in the future. This should be sold off.
How about moving the rec department into this space, and adding an enclosed pool (with a removeable bubble). It's sad that our state champ swim team doesn't have their own pool. The main floor of the building could mostly be the pool house, or perhaps the carriage house could be turned into the pool house.	Glad to see the town moving forward to do something with this property.
Community rec center and pool	Make it a usable space that is unlike something else we already have in the town center.
A community teen/wellness center	Great options!
Cut off some parking and then sell the property	Town uses will increase the budget. Things are already tight with not enough funds
Art would be great. So good for people to get away from screens.	Please take care of the land.
None	Please do not allow any parking in front of building and get rid of circular driveway. Please change to straight driveway leading to parking lot located behind structures. The homeowners across the street should not have to look at parked cars. These homeowners keep up their own historical houses at their own cost because they love it and it benefits the town. We should appreciate what they do by not allowing parking in front of the building if it is used for anything other than residential use.
Public meeting space/room rentals	Take the parking and sell from 1.5 acres as single family,

sell it for a single home and move on	how did the town acquire 3 acres of prime land in the center of town for 700k and nobody else bid....fishy
See below	Please make it a community place, with coffee, place to gather and SEE each other and DO things together. NOT offices or housing.
Free meeting space for town groups and programs	
Library Annex for events & activities	Must be fully accessible to all members of the community!
	I feel strongly that this once-beautiful, historic property should be lovingly restored. I also feel strongly that it should complete the municipal center that encompasses Town Hall, the Library, the Police Station, and the Roudenbush. It makes sense for this building to become the home of the School Administration and any other municipal departments that fit.
	I'm not a fan of turning the house into classrooms, or similar, where there would be a lot of people coming and going on a regular basis. That strip of Main st. is already busy with traffic for Roudenbush at Frost & the Community center. Additionally, the architecture of that house is truly beautiful; I would hate to have it altered too much from it's original state.
	Wondering why town purchased property with no use in mind? Really add additional taxes ?
A historic home for a homeowner!	Carve out a piece of land from the back for as many parking spots as possible for the center while leaving a buffer towards the house. Sell the house to anyone who wants it. The only value in that property is for parking for the common. I did not agree with the purchase and we paid WAY to much. Westford needs to stop being in the real estate business! Although I do see the future need for a school administration office. Perhaps we should just buy new trailers and keep their offices behind Abbot.
	Willingness for the Town of Westford to assume the financial impact related to the use of this property - Within reason
Single family no restrictions	Too damaged. Stop trying to salvage.
	The home is too beautiful to be turned into another set of Condos. The modifications needed for elderly occupancy would be too extensive and I'd like to see it used in a way that's more accessible to the whole town while preserving it's beauty and historic significance.. I love the Farmer's market idea, it would take some of the congestion away from the town green. Thank you for taking this on!
	Sometimes, buildings aren't worth saving & this is the case in this situation. At minimum, tear down the barn, use as much as possible for parking, and sell the remain "house" into PRIVATE hands. At least the Town can get permanent benefit of parking & recoup the funds spent to date.
Small business space for residents.	NA
Therapeutic community center (ie. early intervention or counseling center for residents of the town.)	Community center to be modeled after Arlington youth consultation center in Arlington
Whether this property or not, the school admin offices need a permanent space.	
Center for Special Studies - provide a location for tutoring programs that want to augment Westford children's education (as in school reading services are cut and pre first is cut this could help families find a way to find tutors to augment those lost services)	Another alternative is to use the buildings to house a pre-first. If the town can't pay for the program - offer the facility to a private program.
	This town does whatever they want so this is s waste of time

Historical classes for the town and surrounding communities, and anchestory programs.	After school programs for the missing practical classes missing in our public schools programs, such as sewing, woodworking, cooking, (home economics), arts etc.
Please dont make it a useless historic or community space only enjoyed by a certain number/type of people. We have enough of those	Putting the school Administration there ONLY if it can upgraded inside to state if the art technology.
	Would be lovely if the public had access to this gorgeous, historical building
Childrens library	
There is an urgent need for low income senior housing. 5+ year waiting list is too long for a Senior to wait.	Municipal offices (incl school) plus meeting spaces is also a good use and near town hall.
Sell this property. It should not have been purchased in the first place. Our taxes are high enough!	
Weddings, private events and small historical educational classes	This could be a space like Parker Village school. I am afraid if there is too much traffic -people and cars, the space will be ruined quickly. It should be limited in use. The interior is beautiful craftsmanship so it should be highlighted. Not used as a parking lot just because it's prime location
Any use which provides space to bring people together would be wonderful opportunity given the location	
Very low income for our oldest demographic is in dire need of help We should be helping them. Think of the pen-pal opportunities between these potential residents and the students at Roudenbush @ Frost School. Having centrally located housing would be helpful in order to frequent the library and town hall. It could be used for municipal meeting spaces, both during the day and in the evening. Not a good place at all for farmers market. Parking and traffic are the same issues here. Better location at Abbott parking lot for farmers market.	It shouldn't be demolished - that is for sure. I don't think it should be used for a new place for the Historic Society. They have the cottage, next to the Museum.
	One key benefit in owning this property is that you can use the back for more PUBLIC PARKING. This is a serious problem. One issue with anything along this road is that entering and exiting the driveways will create a traffic headache during peak volume times. If this were to become inevitable, perhaps using a single access point (and exit point) for a driveway which were to access all of the town properties, maybe you could manage the traffic flow better. It's already hard to take a left from Main St to Depot to get to the library or anywhere. Imagine more programming between Frost, Roudenbush, 63 Main,... it would be really frustrating to other residents coming and going along this road.
low income affordable housing for seniors, central office for School Dept.,	
I would like to see the property used as affordable housing for seniors with the farmers market on the front lawn possibly.	
	I would like to think that there is money avaiable for the town other than property tax increases to be able to restore and preserve this beautiful and historic home and property
	I think what I'm most concerned about is that the historic integrity of the residential home is maintained. I, like many who have grown up in Westford, and have returned to raise our kids, adore this lovely yellow house.
Donate to trustees of reservations to run as an historic home	PLEASE KEEP IT AS A HOUSE. Preferably historic open to the public. We have such beautiful old homes but we never get to see the inside as they are privately owned. Why not preserve this a a historic home museum and fill it with antiques.
	we have an empty municipal building- vacated fire house- to provide office space for many different uses/departments. This town has no reasonable spaces (outside of places of worship) for large functions for private citizens and this space could provide a revenue stream to help pay for its upkeep. (Reference Billerica Hoar Library)

	Do not want this property to be used in a way that would increase:use our tax money. Would much rather our tax money go to more sidewalks in town.
Wedding venue that generated revenues ☐♀☐	
In the area parking was being considered, put a town pool	
I would love to see the focus of the function of the building To remain historical.	
	Keep it looking like it did before the fire
Some type of community building for the townspeople to enjoy. Maybe sell coffee & snacks, books/magazines, and provide outdoor seating/benches, etc.. for people to meet friends or sit and read a book.	I would like to see it be a welcoming center for westford to enjoy both inside and outside.
YMCA	
	This is the only parcel where we can provide the additional parking we desperately need for all of the townwide activities we love to conduct in our beautiful town center such as parades, festivals, farmers' markets, prom photos, etc. Locating the school admin office here would encourage interdepartmental communication and cooperation, provide a convenient location for parents to interact with the school administration and send a message about how important our schools are to the community.
	Without additional parking, this property should be sold with a historical deed restriction and protections for the land to remain as natural, unsurfaced area. The ZBA and planning board should be instructed to comply with all town zoning laws and not to give exceptions for additional occupancy/buildable lots. With the smaller additional parking plan, it could be used as additional municipal space provided the use protects the historic character of the building and the integrity of the grounds not used for parking. The more ambitious parking plan intrudes upon the character of the house, however, if it is absolutely necessary to provide additional parking, the property use should be sized based on the function need, not the ability to park, or the temptation to link roudy with the town lot. Parking needs and driving patterns are likely to change dramatically in the next ten years and building parking in the hope people will come is not a timely or appropriate notion. The only reason to build additional structures on this land is to meet the needs of town/community functions.
	I would like to see the property used in some way to promote people getting together. Muffins on Main is a great example of how people can get something simple(small menu) while meeting up with friends or randomly running into people. Our library and the events they host are another great example of promoting people to get out and get together. Having the library, farmer's market(in season), rodenbush, muffins on main, pca, etc, are great things for our town center. People can walk between all these places, meet up for events, run into friends. Anything that can add to that effect would be a great use for this property. If nothing can be agreed upon, then I'd like to see it turned back into a residence with whatever historical restrictions make sense. Thank you for taking time to figure out how to use this property and get feedback from residents.
	I feel like the art/education functions are well served by Roudenbush and PCA. WPS administration needs a permanent home, as Millennium has served out its useful
Shared office and/or artist studio space on a rental basis	
Divide lot and take what's needed for more center parking.	You overpaid for this property. Who pays \$600k and then provides another \$100k to secure building. \$700k for a burnt , uninhabitable building. The attorney for the seller did a superb job with the timing of selling this property! Town overpays for all the property they buy! They should research what sellers Actually receive from developers when they sell their land. Sell this parcel and hopefully get some money back after you care out a piece for some parking for town hall.

Do not raise my taxes!	Do not raise my taxes for this burned building.
	All of these are attractive options. Some are very creative and would fill a niche in town! However, I cannot choose one over another without more input as to cost implications, financing options, and other practicalities.
I support the sale on the restored house as a single family residence while using the excess land for needed parking.	
Town hall annex	
	Take the property for maximum parking. THEN, put dilapidated property back in private hands to assume all risk & restoration.
Even if the town decides to sell this property, and I hope it doesn't, retaining the land for additional parking is crucial. I like the suggestions provided in the survey.	The decision of what should be done with this property has to take other building needs and overall town planning into consideration. We NEED new school administration offices. I think this is paramount. Millennium won't last much longer. It was temporary in 2000. I think it would be an error for the town to decide on what to do with 63 Main before deciding where the new school administration building will be located. There are some great ideas listed above. However, let's look at the Westford Master Plan. While the BOS needs a larger venue for public meetings, couldn't they use the large conference room at the new fire station? Perhaps then the building to replace the old fire station could house the school administration as well as IT and Veterans Services. If they need more room, what about putting IT at 63 Main. PLEASE take the time to review all the town needs before deciding on the fate of this new town asset. It was money well spent by Town Meeting, and I'm so glad there is a committee reviewing the options. Thanks for doing it.
Breakfast place	
I do not think we need to create uses for another building. We should live within our means and return this property to the private sector and recover all investment costs (acquisition and expenses incurred to preserve it) if possible.	Our taxes are increasing at an unacceptable rate. I see my friends (middle aged parents whose children have graduated) leaving town due to the high taxes now that they have finished getting what they needed/valued from the town. I see their homes being purchased by younger families with children who are moving to Westford for the excellent schools. This shift puts more burden on the schools (houses with kids vs. houses without kids) and causes our tax rate and/or assessments to need to be increased to provide services. Adding yet another building to our inventory is a luxury that I do not support. The new fire station is beautiful. It was a very expensive undertaking and I feel the full costs were never fully shared, i.e., those costs associated with the old station. We heard it was full of mold and needed to be torn down. Now, we hear it will be re-purposed. Control spending. Control building and infrastructure growth. Restrain yourselves. The acquisition of this building by a vote at town meeting was clearly positioned as a way to preserve a key property. Let's not create a need for it. Let's not create parking spaces on green space for the few times that cars exceed available spaces. Please allow this home to be returned to the private sector. It is the private owners who have really improved their properties in the town center area and invested in tasteful updates and beautiful landscaping. As town residents, we get the benefit of seeing this without the expense. I am impressed by their pride of ownership and hope a new private owner has the same opportunity for this Main Street home.

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	<p>This property should be sold as a single family home with strong historic restrictions so it can be restored to its former glory. Westford has turned into a town of cookie cutter McMansions and old architecture like this home should be preserved.</p>
<p>Retail or Restaurant with historic restriction.</p>	
<p>Westford NO-KILL Animal Shelter</p>	
<p>A farm to table restaurant?? I'm just joking.</p>	
<p>We shouldn't take on another tax payer burden.</p>	
<p>update the fire station attached to the police dept. Don't take on more buildings</p>	
	<p>I voted for this purchase at town meeting hoping to add to the town center parking. My preference is the maximum parking spaces in the back, then a town or residential use of the house and carriage house.</p>
<p>If the town is also considering the demolition of the fire department I think there could be an opportunity to consider a community pool on the property.</p>	
<p>this historical home should be restored into a private residence, not used for town offices</p>	
<p>Affordable housing for seniors is a critical need. Having seniors having a closer access to centrally located resources such as Town Hall, the library, the coffee shop, and potential interactions with children next door is a great use of space. Maybe mixed use so that other needs can also be met, perhaps on the 2nd floor and museum storage needs at carriage house or portions of carriage house along with current museum storage. I think that connecting old and new drive ways and parking is essential. think about reduce traffic flow along the Main st - access perhaps at roudenbush with common driveway to 63 main. parking in rear for all; exit near or around PCA area or museum cottage. that would give you the walkable center. (maybe).</p>	<p>Think mixed use zoning. Think multiple sources of funding because many needs would be addressed at once. With a central historic building, multi use would be terrific!</p>
<p>fund our schools. Stop buying properties. Find a use for the unused fire station instead</p>	
<p>Open space</p>	<p>Westford is becoming too built-up. I would most like to see this property become open space.</p>

I worry that Westford cannot afford this, while at the same time it does seem like a wonderful opportunity for the town.	Is it possible to subdivide the property in order to create parking in the back but sell the house and front land itself?
	Your goal should be to preserve the residential character of the house and minimize the traffic and parking lot ugliness of a multi-use facility. Westford is turning into S. California. It's getting to dense, there are too many cars and too much pavement.
The property need to produce a profit, to account for the irresponsible Town purchase of a lot that is not NEEDED!	Beside myself that our Town felt it OK to spend over \$600K on a property that wasn't even needed by it's residents. VERY POOR use of our resources and town efforts.
	I would like to see it's historical architectural characteristics maintained as much as possible.
Nonprofit Westford civic groups desperately need more meeting space in town that is low cost and open evenings.	In addition to nonprofit meeting space, the home could be rented out at a higher cost for private parties, birthdays, small weddings to town residents.
I would like to see a restaurant in the downtown area	Farmers Market is a GREAT idea!!
	The town should in no way try to restore this property. It should be sold as a single family home with as many historic restrictions as possible.
	This is zoned for residential and should go back to being a single-unit residential property. I am strongly opposed to any change in the use of this property.
	Please focus on use that benefits kids and youth
	My only feeling on this is that the property is used to support the education program of Westford in some manner. Whether it's additional faculty/student parking, school administration offices, additional classroom space, some combination of any of these, night school for Westford residents, on and on . . . As long as it is in support of the Westford school program I will leave it to the Town officials and the School Committee to decide what is most needed.
We have school space that can be used for English Immersion, Adult Education Etc. We could use the schools in the evenings for these activities.	I believe that strengthening the arts-is an opportunity for our community, this is something we lack.
I'm a very strong proponent of selling the property as a single family residence.	I would like to keep commerce out of the center of town. There's already way too much traffic that flows through the center. Adding more commerce is only going to aggravate the traffic problem. More commerce would also take away from the historical aspect and charm of the center.
move from millennium school temporary barracks into this nice property preserving the character	
	My main concern with the use of this property is the increased traffic that will result.
I think the town should sell it.	I do not agree with the town's purchase of this property. I am not willing to have the town take on the financial burden of owning it. I think it should be sold.
Town still needs a pool	
They should try to sell it, and cut their losses	The town significantly overpaid for this property. Irresponsible to pay that much...and not know what it should be used for. Cut your losses, and stop the burden on the taxpayers.
Sell it as a house. Leave it as a house	Sell it as a house. Leave it as a house
The town center location is ideal for public access and use such as a more permanent farmer's market and local crafts - however that would add even greater parking need. Less ideal for multi-residence or solutions that don't need prime location in our town center.	Use should be different from what's available leveraging the Roudenbush property next door (Roudenbush is already available and better suited for continuing education classes, etc.). Parking is a priority, to fill a need for the town/residents.
Open a for profit historical bed and breakfast	
See Codman House in Lincoln for ideas on how to use the property perhaps...	
Traffic concerns	

	Make it park of the town. I like the farmers market idea. A place we can gather and support local businesses. Of all the options I feel that was the most intriguing, not sure of the ROI.
Get rid of the barn & tennis court and put up a large building that could be used for town meetings and gatherings instead of Abbot's gym	
If restoring this building takes anything more away from the education budget then I am strongly against it. Sell the property.	
My answer is broad based...it should generate income for the town. Whatever it is. Rental space, maybe...I don't know. A B&B? Something that allows the manager to stay for free but rent out the space per night. We could use the money to repay the investment and fund future investments.	It's one of my favorite properties in Westford.
Anything that generates revenue that would offset personal property tax (home, car) and town services.	
It would be great if we could use it as place for performing arts	
Keep the history and the home as a family home.	
Whatever the use there should be no increase in taxes	
Develop as elderly housing.	
PUBLIC POOL!! and senior center and the other things i checked off!	great property - hopefully we can use it wisely
New location for Habitat for Humanity since Hick's Farm is being sold. Build a town hockey rink and rent for additional revenues. Affordable/moderate income multi-unit rentals.	
	I believe the town needed to purchase the property in order to save it from destruction from weather, etc. However, I do not believe the town needs another building (and certainly not a house) to conduct its business. I would like to see this property fixed/restored (with appropriate historic restrictions) and used as a private residence. I would not like to see additional tax dollars used for further improvement, but I would support taking a "write off" on dollars already invested if it means the property winds up in responsible, private hands.
	Property taxes are high enough and keep going up - please do not increase taxes because of something the residents had no say in.
	We have so many public buildings in the center of town, we are hollowing out residences! Don't duplicate what we already have in the newly renovated Roudy, the PCA, the library - how many meeting locations/civic support areas does a town of 30,000 people need? I like the idea of 65+ housing - let's have the center be more pedestrian friendly and have more pedestrians living there. Thanks for sending the survey
additional restaurant, cafe or retail would be great. Muffins on Main is always busy and proves that the center needs more retail/businesses.	
Reception/events/programs for community- for a subsidized rent for residents	
Starbucks	
Should be revenue-neutral at least (fees or rentals)	Hard to rate options without data on costs vs. intangible benefits or incoming revenues
	The house is an historic one, and as such should remain intact and sold to someone who can restore it and maintain it. It would be a loss if the house were converted into units or had it's beauty and historic significance destroyed by using it as an office or Civic space.
I am in strong favor of using the property to create a dog park.	
Replace with a concert hall/theater.	

Indoors Town Swimming pool/recreation center	
I miss the art and painting classes that disappeared when Roudenbush was renovated	
Either a privately owned home or a place for the farmer's market.	No condos or apts, we already have too many. No big office signs. Those will ruin the beauty.
	I would prioritize using it for town related business that helps the town get out of other sites if needed. More parking in center would be welcomed along with town use. And if town to sell - single family with historical restriction. Overall - just do something with it that maintains the history and rehabilitates the property.
Homeless shelter for displaced youths 18 to 22	
	When the town is experiencing financial difficulty especially those within our school system, the only responsible step in moving forward is to sell the home and focus on the needs of our town rather than spending money on a property which we shouldn't have acquired to begin with.
	I think this needs to be a use that fits the character and homes that about this property. No more town uses - if additional town office space is needed, please repurpose the old fire station - it doesn't fit the area at all.
Provide after school club, break/vacation academic stem program, weekend art/fair, ...etc an environment that cater toward kid academic, art, music	No business. I also don't see the need of buying and resell just to make it to single ... we have real estate investor to do that.
	Thank you for this survey. I found the diagrams too small to assess the parking ideas.
Multiple units of affordable housing for under 65 - strongly agree	
I do not think the town should be renovating another old building.	I strongly believe that the parcel should be subdivided to provide a parking link to the Rodenbush Center property and the building sold for residential purposes with a restriction on it staying a single family lot. The parking lot should have a sidewalk connection from Town Hall to the Rodenbush.
none	Why was this purchased given that now we cannot afford to retain several key instructional/educational positions in our schools?
Sell it to a dev for a single family home	
	I couldn't understand why the town bought this property for \$700k in the first place, after seeing the video showing the condition, now I'm really upset!
I like the idea of a mixed use such as adult education, senior center programming, as well as meeting spaces. I'd prefer something that will have a low volume of traffic	
Sports recreation center	This would be VERY upsetting to see it turned into affordable housing
	School budget issues with cuts to pre 1st etc and we are buying property and worried about creating more town buildings. I am at a loss how this rates as a priority
Indoor outdoor fleamarket would ba awesome, westford could really use a new fleamarket.	
Please do not increase the tax burden or other burden on Residents who will NOT use the place	We do not need an Art Studio. There is already a senior center. Turn this into Condos
Sell it	It was a mistake to buy it in the first place
It would be great if this property was restored as a historical site that can be rented and booked for weddings and events. Like the Lyman Estate in Waltham or the Codman estate in Lincoln. Or it would be be great to see this as a farmers market or other community space that helps make the center more of a destination.	It would be nice to make this a historical children's museum

	This should be single family housing, not sure why the town bought this. We have enough traffic problems in town without more meeting spaces. Let's keep some charm in Westford.
Sell the property	Sell it without the historic restriction
	This investment should go to making Westford a more attractive place to buy a home and raise a family.
Commercial use, like realty, lawyer, optometrist, dentist, etc.	It was wise to purchase the property so that the look of the town center would be maintained. However, unless the town would be selling another property in order to move into this one, I do not believe it makes financial sense to keep the property for town use.
Open space, trails & hiking path	
Sell this property	Sell this property. It was an impulse buy at a time when Westford desperately needed money in other places (school staff cuts). The fact that you are even polling the residents because you have no idea how to use it is embarrassing quite frankly. Put it on the market and get out of this mess. Next time think before you buy.
	Given other priorities and our budget challenges, I think the town should minimize any investment in this property.
Sell	Sell this property as is
	The town is expanding, or has expanded, at far too fast a rate to keep up the municipalities. The Schools, buses, DPW, snow and police, trash & recycling just to name a few, are either over crowded or understaffed. Groton has it right, buy up all the land and make it all conservation, no more expansion, no more stores, no more tax increases. I haven't seen my taxes drop or frankly much better services with any development and expansion in 20 years. Stop developing please, it's not affordable, practical or sustainable for everyone.
Brewery with outdoor space, mixed use with eating opportunities, retail opportunities and community opportunities. Similar to west Acton development. Make our town center walkable for different opportunities	
Early childhood center for integrated preschool	
Where is the line between the town benefiting from increased tax revenue and eventual loss when people are no longer attracted to the historic center? I hope the town considers the impact that removing ANOTHER home from the dwindling list of historic homes would make. More restrictions are needed in building and renovations in the center, not more variety.	
Sell as a single family home.	Town should not absorb any of this financially. Building will cost too much for any practical application for town consideration.
Library expansion	
How about a Muffins on Main expansion? :-D I'd love to see a cafe with books for sale from Friends of the Library, art for sale from local artists, and meeting space to play board games or learn to knit. Sort of a community cozy meetup spot. MoM is too small for many groups.	I find it hard to rate the choices without knowing the full impact (costs and benefits) of each option. I selfishly hope that I'll get to use and enjoy the building (adult edu sounds great!), but if it makes better financial sense to use it for offices that already need a building soon, I'd understand. My worst fear is our selling it to someone who converts it to a bunch of condos (like on Boston Rd).
I like the idea of this being for the community uses but also being able to rent it out to offset costs such as for weddings, parties, etc. I think this fits well with the other building in the area rather than a private residence or group home only available to a few.	
Move Millennium offices there.	

Park with playground and retail space	Let's use the space to encourage more public use and foot traffic in the center of town
	You didn't mention whether making it into affordable 65+ housing would include an historic restriction to maintain exterior elements ... so I strongly disagreed there. Would it be maintained with historic look even if split into housing?
A teen center where teens can have a fun, safe way to socialize. Pinball, pool tables, large screen TV's	
Use the funding to restore Pre First Program	
Family based community center. Similar to the senior center but for the below 65 age group	
Gourmet restaurant/bistro w/Adirondack chairs!! Wine tasting bar/tapas	Full restoration to original exterior where possible
Can the library use at least the outdoor space if not meeting space for events? Their space is so limited! I cannot tolerate a tax increase	I could not tell where Main St is in relation to the building and parking so said neutral yet would like to see cars parked so they are not visible from the street
City run co-working space for independent creative people and others working without offices. Have desk rentals, conference room rentals, etc. A place for people who want and can avoid commuting to conduct business outside of the home.	Municipal co-working space with graduated levels of service.
Please sell	
	I don't understand why you paid so much for this property
	Property is worthy of an established town agency or community use.
Town botanical garden park	
	The town should not be purchasing any property unless there is a specific urgent need.
Leave it for private use.	The town should not be buying any property!
	Sell it as is to a contractor who can remodel it. I do NOT want to pay for the rehabilitation of it.
Have private owner restore to a family home.	Please don't waste tax dollars on this vanity project.
I think the town should sell the property and not take on financial responsibility for it	See above
My first choice would be to sell this as a private, single family home. If not, it should be available to all citizens to use and enjoy, not a small select group.	
dog park/ water fountains/	
Bed and breakfast. Tea Room.	Would like to see 'historical' use—not affordable housing, office space, art programs...
Community meeting space would be very useful	Parking is always at a premium in that area, so that would be another great use. We should not be paying to restore it as a historical building, it will cost a fortune unnecessarily.
	Assuming the town came into owning this property as a windfall it could be sold and contribute to other town investments. That's probably the best use...
Sell. Should never have bought.	Money that was spent on this property should and could have been used for our school system, which is falling behind in student:teacher ratio, facilities, and size.
	A place where all are welcome. To promote strengthening of the social fabric of the community.
My first choice would be to sell this as a private, single family home. If not, it should be available to all citizens to use and enjoy, not a small select group.	

	if any funds needed for property, there need to be other budget offsets or sacrifices so that taxpayers do not bear any burden
Anything that doesn't add any more burden on the town.	Don't do anything that adds to the burden on the town.
To make it comply with ADA for public use it would be expensive	
Give it to no profit to manage with no budget increase for Town	
Sell the property and put the money into the school budget rather than eliminate positions	
Raise taxes because of this one property? You never miss an opportunity	Sell it if otherwise you need to raise taxes. You all need to be more fiscally responsible
	The town doesn't need an extra building.
relocate the maker farm to this bldg, or library annex	provide more programming for residents either via library or rodenbush
	The town doesn't need an extra building.
Leave it for private use.	The town should not be buying any property!
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Community food garden	
	Already disappointed to see multi-family construction not far from there on Boston Road. It has a negative impact on the small town feel of Westford, part of the reason I moved here.
	Whatever happens with this property, please make sure it continues to look nice. We do not need another unused eye sore.
Youth community center for activities ,ie gym , ymca type, boys/girls club , like other towns provide	I think we need more for youth facilities versus elderly and town offices (renovated town hall has lots of space already )
Consideration of expansion of Roudenbush classes if needed. Also any needs of the library	
This property should have remained a single family dwelling....period!	No other comments than to remain a single family home.
Westford is in desperate need of more sustainable and community building avenues. Having a year round farmers market and other community events there is brilliant.	We must absolutely retain the historical aspect of the property.
	Love the idea of year round farmers market & craft store
	This seems like an impulsive and unnecessary purchase for a town experiencing budget cuts and no practical purpose to provide revenue to the town.
	This property should get used to bring in revenue to the town.
	Only assume financial impact if used for school or other town departments. Not assume if for arts or other speciality niche
	Bring in revenue
	Should be used to collect taxes
This comes under the "education" or "non-profit community" heading, but a place for gathering for like 7- 12th graders who don't have a particular "club" at school or sport involvement. Sort of the "outsiders" who could use a place to go to meet some other peers outside of a higher pressure social setting.	An opportunity to mingle the "Cameron Sr Center" with other community education and arts oriented activities. A "meeting place" for everyone.
	Use the property to bring in additional tax revenue

Town recreation center with community pool, Park with walking trails, splash pad for children	
Pickle ball courts	
This property is within the historical district and should thus remain a single family home	As above. Town should never have been able to purchase this property
Offer the property to Ebrahim Masalehdan in return for a fair price on the Drew Garden land. Allow Ebi to build his restaurant in the center of town. Then design and build a proper gateway to Westford that brings the property back to the roots of Drew Farm.	Do not squander this opportunity like the town has done in so many other occasions. This property is beautiful and can/should be something impactful and important to the residents. Think of what the town is missing, instead of giving us more of what we already have. We have meeting space, art space, etc. we don't need more parking. What we don't have are nice restaurants to compete with those in Groton and Concord nor do we have municipal space purposed for everyday use by residents outside of schools and churches.
	The maps you show for the parking options do not clearly show how close the parking will come to neighbor's property.
big park with sports facility and a community swimming pool	
	Please no more commercial usage or single family homes too many houses already
	The decision to buy this property without a designated plan in place makes me question the judgement of those making the decisions at town hall. There was plenty of opposition to this purchase, but the board went ahead with the purchase without a clear plan in place. This is irresponsible spending of the taxpayer's money. Westford can do better.
Daycare	Teen center
	It would be nice if the space could be used for something that everyone in town could enjoy and have access to. It is a beautiful structure and seeing it properly and lovingly restored would be wonderful.
just sell it	
Sell it and use the money to fund education in our public schools.	
Sell it	
Youth Center	
Just sell it.	Please don't waste any more of my money on this property.
	I am not sure why the town bought this in the first place. If it was to preserve an historical building, then the future use of it should restore it, keep as much of the historical features as possible and not alter the layout. It should be in the hands of someone who will restore and preserve it. A privately owned residence with historical preservation restrictions seems to fit that goal.
	If the house can be salvaged (within reason) it should be. If not, a new house should be built in its place that is in line with the style/character of the other houses along main street.
Put a cafe	
Would like to see it remain as a single family historical home or be used for something that would benefit all residents, not just 1 group of people exclusively.	

<p>Preferably the use of the building can be one that would have some self-generated revenue to minimize the impact to tax payers. I think the Art Gallery/Community Meeting Space, and the Farmer's Market/Crafts ideas could have some revenue generated by the patrons and booth holders..</p>	<p>If it becomes a place where many people will go at once, like the art/gallery and community gathering place, or the farmer's market, then you will need to consider how to accommodate parking. In that case, using parking option #1, and making pathways up to the back of the house/carriage house would be necessary. I'd hate to see any significant parking out in the front of the property in the form of a parking lot; it would ruin the aesthetic. The only parking that might be acceptable out front would be if the current circle drive were widened, and cars were allowed to parallel park along part of it, or instead if a handful of spots were allowed on either side of the house, angle parked like at a fancy hotel. There should not be too many parking spaces out front, though. I think having a lot at the back of the property would be better (and it could be shared with town hall and Roudy).</p>
<p>Love the Arts center idea. Let me lead it. I know lots of bands, dance troupes, fine artists &amp; chefs</p>	
<p>supplementary library place providing teen's studyrooms, hangout place, cafeteria, etc.</p>	<p>adult vocational school</p>
	<p>Keep the integrity of the structure and land intact</p>
<p>Community center, retail stores such as boutiques</p>	
	<p>Hard to accept spending money here when schools are in tough shape. We need more affordable housing, so I like that option. Definitely could use more parking, so the option with more spaces is preferred. Can we sell the property at a profit?</p>
<p>Less traffic is better. I am being partial. I live close!</p>	<p>Sell it to a home owner. No need to bring more businesses to dwellings</p>
<p>Restaurant</p>	
<p>High end restaurant seafood like fish bones</p>	
<p>Down town boring High end Italian like Tuscan kitchen</p>	
	<p>Town should have never bought this peppery.</p>
<p>site for new library, parking area for center of town, play round with splash pad</p>	
<p>This space should support whole community not just one sub section having art studio and historical society with farmers market would do that the space should house as much as is reasonable</p>	
<p>Sell it.</p>	<p>Enough traffic in the center. Shouldn't be used for something that will bring many cars.</p>
<p>Sell it to be moved, or in pieces, and use the lot for the new library</p>	<p>I don't want the town to spend the money to restore it. It will be ridiculously expensive and I don't think we will ever recoup that cost.</p>
<p>I provided my ratings in the doc... but the overriding concern for me is that it be used in a way that accomplishes 2 things: 1) Highlights the beauty of the historical property, and 2) Provides a "destination" or otherwise central location on the town square that brings together the citizens of Westford. Cornerstone is a good shopping center, but woefully disappointing (and dangerous) as a place to walk, sit or otherwise simply gather- I had hoped it would have character, but I dread going there instead. For us to have such a beautiful NE town center is a unique thing, I think that property could help bring it to life without turning it into a shopping center.</p>	
<p>Have it restored, log as historical and flip it.</p>	<p>A parking lot? Really.</p>
<p>Lease property to town and use proceeds to fund teacher salaries (those positions let go recently)</p>	

Aquatics center	
cafe/eatery combined with gallery; focus on youth/young adult-or in combination with elderly (a connection often missing hereabouts)	Location points to civic/common or even commercial use. As a property catering to elders, lack of elevator is an issue..
Subdivide and sell off.	The town should never have purchased. A large waste of money by a small number of residents.
	It is hard to provide useful answers on this survey when no monetary amounts are attached to any of the suggestions. I would prefer the town not take on financial responsibility for this property.
	increased congestion in this area is a big negative for large use. It will require parking and possible street reconfiguration which will definitely change the nature of the center of town. Not a fan.
	A great safe place for seniors
	Willing to pay tax for use as a cultural center, but not just for historical preservation & private sale
Sell the house and put the money in the school budget rather than eliminate positions	
	This home should be kept as a single family residence in the historic district. We were surprised to see it was sold to the town. Property taxes are high enough in this town, we don't need them to increase. There are likely many interested potential home owners, should it be sold back to the public as a single family residence, our family included.
4-6 units of housing unrestricted to specific ages	Sell the unit without zoning restrictions, allow new owner to determine best use of property including rebuilding as multi-family housing
Sale for commercial use	It has become like Drew Farm's property... a dilapidated space. Should allow THAT space and THIS one to be zoned (along with necessary costs/taxes to buyer) for commercial (hopefully restaurant) space.
	This is a heavily congested area with limited parking and thigh traffic throughput. This needs to be considered for any use of the property. Also, the management of this property should not put any undue stress on city finances.
Victoria Cafferelli	
	sell for profit and return \$ to taxpayers
	Don't understand why we bought this when parks are not being maintained, schools are in disrepair physically and teachers are being laid off.
	The history of our beautiful Massachusetts towns should be preserved. This house is no exception.
Sell the property and use the funds to hire back the teachers whose jobs have been eliminated.	
Ideal Historical Society Location	
Parking lot (possibly with solar PV canopies), new construction of new library, or playground and/or athletic fields.	The energy efficiency of the existing structures should be evaluated to determine if they are worthwhile maintaining, in their current state or in an enhanced state, at the expense of the Town. A more energy efficient use may be new construction and/or the simply removing of all existing structures for an alternative use such as a parking lot and/or open space.
This home should be allowed to be privately purchased with the stipulation that it be brought back to it's former glory.	The spirit of the history of the home will be lost if divided up for low income or used for office space.
I am all for the seniors!	Westford taxes are outrageous already. Adding to them is ridiculous!
	Historical use with broad public access

The Health Department, MRC, and Veteran's Agent are crammed in like sardines! Move such groups there?	Rare opportunity to carefully evaluate the best municipal use and add parking to the center of town. Thanks for asking!
My first overall choice is to sell this property as a single family residence with a historic restriction.	
I do ENJOY the idea of the year round farmers market!	This property should not be considered for senior use if it is a historic property. That being said because if its an old building chances are the door ways/ accessibility for seniors to get in and out of building with a wheel chair or assistive device will require modifications.
Honestly what were we thinking buying this?	Even once rehabbed, the upkeep on such a property is complex
sell immediately	
Family Kid center/ birth day party rental/ movie house/ event venue (market it towards weddings, etc. )	This is a property with immense potential for the community to use to gather at.
Community learning farm to table restaurant/cafe. A place to teach and learn about farming and restaurant work. Offering internships, classes, community involvement. Providing a place for teens/low income/young adults to leaning skills on a farm or in a restaurant.	
	Most of the ratings I gave will be contingent on costs to implement that solution. Without high level cost impacts it is somewhat difficult to weigh in.
	I don't think the town should waste money try to fix the house. Tear it down and build something new based on its use
Fix up, sell and use money for town - seniors	
	With this property being essentially part of the town center, I strongly favor a community use for the property to expand upon the community attractions in that part of town.
	The willingness to assume financial impact relates to what its use will be. The school department was housed in the dilapidated "poor farm" property for years prior to its current temporary trailer. When will the school's significant role in the town's value be recognized and worthy of proper office space. No other town office should be considered for improvement or expansion until proper office space is provided to the school department. 63 Main Street is perfect.
	It was hard for me to understand the parking set up to really choose one. I support the idea of adding some parking and keeping a small portion for that. The property should be kept as a private residence with some restrictions so that the character of the center can be protected. I am strongly opposed to the idea of using town money that we do not have. We need to focus on preparing for all the families that are moving in and the services that will have to be met. There is a strong chance that taxes will have to be raised to cover that. The town of Westford has got to grow with the times I understand that however the small town feel is quickly evaporating. We look more and more like towns like Acton. Although it is a wonderful town. I know many people chose to live here because it had a small town feel. If you start in on changing the center in that way Westford will truly be gone.
Sold with no historical restriction, it's a dilapidated building.	I don't think this is worth the investment to the town. The building has been in disrepair for years and isn't even that old compared to actual history. It's a building. The town should sell the land, even allow for multiple homes to be built on the 3 acres. I don't see any value and only see an increased tax burden to the town.
A beautiful art gallery would be amazing!	
Food pantry	

Sell the property	
I would prefer to use this property to meet Town needs, rather than less necessary art an education uses. I support the Arts and education very much in Westford, but we have some important needs in town like School administration buildings, that are really important. I would rather see my tax dollars go to supporting that then something like a Community Arts Center when we already have the rodenbush and the Parish Center for the Arts.	
We strongly feel this should remain as a single family home and preserve the historic nature of Westford center.	We feel that, should this property become anything other than a single family home, care should be taken to ensure that it does not create traffic or disturbances for the surrounding neighbors.
I believe that the town has taken on a number of increased expenses especially for the center of town. I don't want to lose the look/feel we have in Westford which is unique. I support keeping the property in tact with a historical restriction.	
	currently an eye sore. take care of basic aesthetic maintenance while this gets figured out
I do not think we need to create uses for another building. We should live within our means and return this property to the private sector and recover all investment costs (acquisition and expenses incurred to preserve it) if possible.	Our taxes are increasing at an unacceptable rate. I see my friends (middle aged parents whose children have graduated) leaving town due to the high taxes now that they have finished getting what they needed/valued from the town. I see their homes being purchased by younger families with children who are moving to Westford for the excellent schools. This shift puts more burden on the schools (houses with kids vs. houses without kids) and causes our tax rate and/or assessments to need to be increased to provide services. Adding yet another building to our inventory is a luxury that I do not support. The new fire station is beautiful. It was a very expensive undertaking and I feel the full costs were never fully shared, i.e., those costs associated with the old station. We heard it was full of mold and needed to be torn down. Now, we hear it will be re-purposed. Control spending. Control building and infrastructure growth. Restrain yourselves. The acquisition of this building by a vote at town meeting was clearly positioned as a way to preserve a key property. Let's not create a need for it. Let's not create parking spaces on green space for the few times that cars exceed available spaces. Please allow this home to be returned to the private sector. It is the private owners who have really improved their properties in the town center area and invested in tasteful updates and beautiful landscaping. As town residents, we get the benefit of seeing this without the expense. I am impressed by their pride of ownership and hope a new private owner has the same opportunity for this Main Street home.
Not clear if over 65 living space option intends to incorporate existing house. Good use of land but modifying house to make it accessible for over-65 seems like a ridiculous amount of work.	
the idea that we cut educators in the same year we bought this building is inexcusable	
Annex to Roudenbush for wellness programs, convert parking area to open gym, make the home available for rent for functions etc	
Have an open gym in the front/ back yard	
	This property should be restored to its original beauty and there will be someone who would love to live in it under those circumstances. Sell it!
	I think we need more information in order to be able to give educated answers to this survey

	<p>I prefer for this to be a space that the public can access, not town offices or housing unless we can document a need. It does not appear that the Parish center is highly utilized meaning I am not sure that the town could justify another rental space like that.</p> <p>Does it make sense to fix the property, sell it and buy the Drew Farm property?</p>
	<p>Westford has many great municipal buildings. In our current funding crunch where School budgets are being cut on the order of half a million plus dollars, I don't feel that the Westford Town budget can assume this additional financial responsibility</p>
Sell it for single family use only	
Sell the house to someone who wants to restore it.	<p>We should not have purchased this property without a planned use. It is a waste of taxpayer money and we should not have reacted so quickly. The previous owner's financial difficulty in restoring this is not and should not have been made the town's responsibility</p>
	<p>This is a beautiful historic home. Put it on the market as such and let's help to keep the beauty of the town.</p>
Community television station	
Deffinitely expand parking between town hall and RCC	
I think we all knows its school administration site	
	<p>Frankly, I don't think the town should have purchased the property without a use in mind at the time. But at least the lawn has been mown!</p>
children education programs, creative and arts programs.	
specified my opinion above, as long as it doesn't add to the expenses of the town.	Use it for education purposes.
The best thing would be giving it for rental for music, art, teaching so town can get money	Do not tax residents, we are already over taxed.
	<p>I disagree with the town putting any money into this property when we are cutting positions within the school system.</p>
Sell as single family and out money into school system which is why people move to Westford	
	You sell it and give the tax payers a break
westford integrated pre-school	
	<p>I understand the historical importance of the house, but I believe there are other uses for the towns limited tax dollars.</p>
Usage needs to be School offices and town space.	It's centrally located with enough land for town use. It's best used that way.
Adult day health center for seniors. I am an RN who has been working in community health for 25 years. Westford has a great senior center for active seniors, nothing for seniors who need a supervised day. Westford residents who need that care have to go to Chelmsford.	
	<p>Selling this property without a historic restriction, recoup some of the money. It can be put to much better use elsewhere.</p>
outdoor space with covered area for rent.	Parking option #2 with parking Roudenbush side too, but not connected.
We are new to westford and would love to see more reason for us to go to the town center. While it's nice to walk around, there really is nothing to do there. Having something that engages the community would be good.	

	It is unclear the extent of the damage to the building to know for sure what to recommend. If it is badly damaged, it probably should be razed and either the land used for parking, or something else built on the land. If the building can be repaired for a reasonable cost out of the existing town budget, then I'd opt for community meeting space for use by community groups at zero cost or very close to it.
	As budget cuts have been made to our schools, we in NO WAY need to create more ways to spend our taxes. This property needs to be purchased and managed by someone other than my tax dollars please.
Get local contractors to donate time and materials to renovate the home and then flip the property. Use the profits from sale of property to something noble maybe donate to a worthy cause, fund a public works project, or put that up for a vote	
Please maintain the residential beauty of the town center and sell the property as a single family historically restricted property.	As someone who grew up in this beautiful town and moved back to Westford to raise my family, I ask that you maintain the residential beauty of our town center! No parking lot or town buildings!
	I can't clearly see the parking photos to understand where the lots are in relation to 63 Main Street and Roudenbush.
	I am indifferent how the property is used for town purposes including adding parking to existing Town Hall. However I do not want any increases to property taxes as a direct result of work done for this property.
What about using this property for a teen center? I'm not sure of interest as my children are younger but it could be a great way for teens to get together.	Thank you for asking!
	I think it has a lot of potential as a source of revenue as a rental venue for various types of gatherings (weddings, conferences) as well as being a meeting place for official town business gatherings. If the building were to be used this way, local artist's work could still be featured in the building, the farmer's market could be held on the grounds of the property (with the parking lot #1 shown above) as long as traffic flow was controlled and it may improve upon the traffic we see when the farmer's market is on the common .
Food Pantry	Town Social Worker also Located with Food Pantry
Mylar balloon disposal center, farm to table food kiosks, kids center, Asian buffet, giant wind turbine, sewage treatment facility, birds of prey rehabilitation center,	
	Map too small to make a more informed decision. Why did the Town purchase this property in the first place? We need some background info
	I don't have a good sense for which option would get the most use, but I'd hate to see the property idle.
	why did the town buy this house in the first place? 700k for a burned out house seems like a lot of money. Shouldn't have these questions been asked before the purchase was made?
Maker Space	I'm not sure what we most need, but if school administration/town offices are needed those would be my priority. The parking lot connection looks great!
Add a cafe for breakfast and lunches perhaps with foods from the local farmer	It would be nice to have a local building that our residents and locals can utilize in more than one way.
Bring in This Old House. It is the perfect project. Sell the property and use the proceeds to purchase the old Drew farm. Restore the orchard and hire a caretaker. The town could use the eventual proceeds of the Apple crop to maintain the property and keep a slice of Westford intact.	

	This historic property is so special. Whatever use it has in the future, we should ensure that it refurbishes and preserves the exterior and the historic interior aspects of the house and carriage house.
sell it to someone who will use it as a home	
Some commercial destinations up town would be preference...destinations and reasons to visit.	Like the idea of revenue neutral solution. Process for allocating use needs to be fair and open. If Senior housing feels like town insiders will always get first choice and not pay full value. Also note that 'Town of Westford' never assumes any financial impact.
	I think the property could be used for arts and community related purposes and the funds obtained from arts classes, etc. could be used to pay for the upkeep of the property and pay back any loans for its restoration and renovation. Initial funding through the town would be fine, but to increase property taxes to renovate and maintain the property would not be supported by me. That would be a long term thing and would not go away even when property is fully paid for and maintained by the money gleaned from the services it houses and provides.
Please sell and use this money for more sidewalks! Something everyone can enjoy! Especially on Lowell road for runners and walkers in the community!	
	While many of the potential uses are noteworthy, the interior needs extensive work to make it a useable space. As a long time taxpayer (35 years), I am not willing to fund this project for municipal use. I strongly feel the town should sell the property to a private party who will lovingly restore it for residential use like so many other historic properties in town. Thank you.
community gym or recreation center	
	I am very pleased that the town purchased and wish for it to stay in the towns ownership
If it were to be used as a farmers market I think the Concord Market on Lowell Road is a perfect example. Also senior housing or a combination market and senior housing would be wonderful if there is room	It is beautiful and should be something that everyone can enjoy or a safe place for senior living due to police and fire proximity.
Point of sale location for home based businesses, vendors could rent tables or rooms	
How about using the old firehouse for the school administration?	The home should be sold. The town should not invest any other funds in structures such as this until it can fully fund our schools. I am appalled at the mismanagement of our tax dollars. The schools are the crown jewel of this community and the reason for our high real estate values. If we want to continue the pipeline of young families into town, we need to stop cutting the school's budget. We have the PCA and we have the Roudenbush Center. That is enough. Please sell this property and allocate the funds to the schools to provide the direct student services that have been cut this year.

Use it for municipal purposes, not private development. Look what happened to Drew Farms.

Authentic restoration is costly. If the house is not listed in the historic register, keep the good stuff and get rid of the bad fixes over the years.

I am not opposed to having other departments use the building but the needs of a modern municipal agency might be constrained by authentic design.

Cameron is bursting at the seams. Some of the activities could be offered on Main St. My observation is that the people who come for exercise and breakfasts can drive. People who come for daily interaction are brought there by the bus or driven by a family member or other. On breakfast mornings, exercise is moved over to the Millworks.

You have a large population of boomers. The "elderly" are not only in Forge and Graniteville. Again, in my observation, no one walks to Cameron.

The larger parking option makes sense. Today was Strawberry Festival. Parking is terrible, as it is for any event on the common. Just adding a few spaces to town hall seems like wasted money especially if you provide space for some municipal operations, who will have employees and visitors.

Very few people seem to be aware of the path between Roudenbush and Town Hall. I have never actually seen the path and I am not inclined to go marching into the woods to find it. Try to incorporate that path as a center walk between all the playgrounds that we have in that area and up to the common and the library.

My assumption is that any future use of the building will require some kind of capital plan, which does land on the tax bill. How else do you get to keep the town looking nice and working effectively?

The renovation presents an excellent opportunity to engage students from Nashoba regional vocational technical school to apply their training in construction, hearing, plumbing, etc. and to rebuild the home with a fully equipped kitchen for event use and LEED functionality.

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The fact there was no definitive single purpose for the property when it was purchased conveys to me it should NOT have been purchased by the Town. Stop speculative investments.

I think it would be great to have a teen center with after school programs. But not sure if space works for that to have basketball courts.

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	<p>Tear down this old vacant fire ridden roofless property. Just because it is old doesn't mean it's worth saving. The house should be torn down &amp; the land used with adjacent Town property including parking.</p>
<p>House museum run by the Westford Historical Society</p>	<p>In conjunction with being WHS' new home and storage, the Cameron House may be restored and run as a house museum operated by WHS. This may be considered a form of education center, while art gallery, studio, and rental space may be associated as well. Heritage organizations like Fruitlands Museum make considerable money on renting out portions of their historic properties for weddings, etc.</p>
	<p>The character of the property should remain residential. Without further detail on some of the options given above it is difficult to make an informed decision. Should consider a future survey with fewer options and more operational details.</p>
	<p>Please preserve the home, regardless of use. Landscape it back to what it was.</p>
<p>STEM Center for youth technology</p>	
	<p>I am in favor of using the property for parking but not in either of the two configurations proposed, which both involve clearing forested areas. The property has a large lawn area in the back that should be used for the additional parking spaces, extending off the existing Roudenbush rear lot. This would also require converting the tennis court to parking (I am assuming this is not a historical element of the property). These spots need to be available for events on weekends. The forested areas should be preserved, though a trail connecting the new lot and the town hall would be appropriate. The building itself can be used for whatever offices are most in need by the Town. But additional parking is essential and is my personal priority. Only if the back lawn area cannot be touched for historic reasons would I support one of the other parking options. Thanks for the opportunity to comment!</p>
	<p>I would prefer to see the property restored as a residence &amp; would support limited multi-unit development. It would be an excellent opportunity for the town to partner with master tradespeople and apprentices to give the local skilled trades a chance to learn about historical preservation. Possibly there's an opportunity to partner with one or more technical high schools.</p>

	This home should be either resold as is or renovated to its historical value and sold, taking the burden of running it away from the tax payers in town.
	This is the ideal location for School Administration Offices!
	I would like to see this building open to the public so we could enjoy the architectural beauty, especially the first floor and then other town offices or classed on the 2nd floor based on the needs of the community.
Perhaps a summer only Farmer's market could be behind the property, maybe in new connecting parking lot? with customer parking at Roudenbush?	Between the PCA and the Library, a lot of meeting and art gallery space is provided already.
I would love to see the property used as a Education Center with discounted rental rates for educational nonprofits, explicitly including nonprofits serving the homeschooling community.	
If there is a true need, then I am in favor or financial support.	When considering cost, renovation and ongoing operational costs should be taken under consideration.
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This beautiful space should be used for families and children. The space would benefit from artisan shops on the main floor and rental spaces for events classes etc such as Mill 5 in Lowell	
	Take land for parking. Tear down old, burned, beyond it's usefulness house.
Showcase historical home. Historical Society #1, but perhaps share the space with Town Records and Archives, or Parks & Rec	Sure wish a roof would go on before the site is completely ruined :(
Forget new building proposed for 55 Main. Use this building for that purpose. Proposed 55 Main building unnecessary.	Do not put School Dept in this building. Obviously this is going to happen but shouldn't.

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<p>Tavern / small restaurant</p>	
	<p>Cost to restore &gt; value as add'l muni space. (School Dept will still complain) Weight load on 2nd floor? Sr hsg requires elevator on top of significant restoration. Would non-profit rent be &gt;= cost to town?</p>
<p>I think it would be very difficult for museum personnel to set up exhibits in the old academy with their collection at 63 Main. However, you could move the old academy to 63 Main.</p>	<p>I really feel that the property should be resurveyed to provide parking spaces needed by the town - keep that portion for the town and sell the house. Westford does not have a good track record of caring for its town properties until things are at a crisis stage.</p>
	<p>Eliminate the use for asphalt use grassed over parking like Topsfield Fair keep it grass so you can use it for multiple uses. Tents, picnics, festivals, over draft parking is only in nice weather a couple of times a year.</p>
	<p>Look at what happened at 24 Boston Road. We must prevent that again!</p>
<p>Teen gatherings</p>	
<p>A we work type shared office space</p>	<p>Many people in Westford work from home and could use a professional workplace setting and it could generate revenue for the town</p>
	<p>Too many parking spaces- it would look terrible. Reduce 55 space to 25 no more eliminate the 66 space no asphalt use the 25 spaces as grassed parking. These parking spaces will be empty 89 percent of the time. No reason not to park on grass. Looks nicer easier to maintating and keeps the country feel fo the town.</p>
<p>Please make it part of the Roudenbush community center. They need a gym with a real bouncy floor to have a real gymnastics program.</p>	<p>A gym for the Roudenbush community center with a real bouncy floor. this could be in the carriage house. Bring back the competitive team gymnastics program and give them space and real equipment that they need. You need a bouncy floor to not get injuries and to compete with other gyms. It needs to be left intact and not removed for the gy m uses. The carriage house is perfect.</p>
	<p>Creating community space will provide a unique opportunity to distinguish Westford from other towns and can be used by all.</p>
	<p>Too central to town to think short term. Parking good idea. May need some more parking further off carriage house.</p>

	Best for keeping a charming center to have the home restored to original. Any "office" looking building to include parking visible from street would be a detriment.
Playground, ice rink in winter, any other option to bring kids to play.	
	I think climate controlled storage for the historical society is incredibly important!
	This is a very beautiful old house. It is a shame the roof burned down. Renovation should be considered.
	To preserve our artifacts properly they should be climate controlled.
Town rec center - pool, fitness options, but residents only or free/reduced rate for residents and regular fee for non-residents.	
A new Market Basket.	
	Needs to be something that can be financially stable and not end up in further deterioration. Hard to imagine arts center or seniors can be financially sound. The goal should be to preserve the historical value.
	Would want the antique look of the home to stay.
	I would love to see the inside. Tours could provide added revenue while the use of the property is being debated/decided.
Single family residence.	
It can be used for things stored in basement. If those items are not needed daily.	The property under reference is around 2 - 5 miles from our building. So it cannot be used for parking or as programming annex for senior center.
Possible food pantry.	
Teen age youth center	
	I understand the town bought this property for the school dept. use and parking - if that's the case please use it for that purpose.
	Sell it so our tax \$ won't be spent ad infinitum for upkeep etc.
Private home!	keep the center of Westford non-business
	Our senior center is now not large enough to meet the needs for classroom space for exercise classes, yoga etc. Adding more space for programs would save us the need to build or enlarge our senior center
	I feel its time to get housing for our residents that are being driven out of Westford after paying taxes for all their lives. I feel if all the town offices purged all that is in storage they would have plenty of room where they already are.
	My thoughts are mostly for housing but would be happy if they could School Adm office that would free up the space for the use use for better use. The home is known for its past beauty and should be put to town use.
It would be good to use if for community gathering of some sort.	
Make it a ping pong pavillion.	Should never have purchased it.
If not used for affordable housing, some multipurpose use would be good.	
Landscape grounds with benches	Avoid additional construction in center area for town use. Move/expand town office space to a non-center location to preserve the current visual character. Build the proposed building next to town hall in a non center location