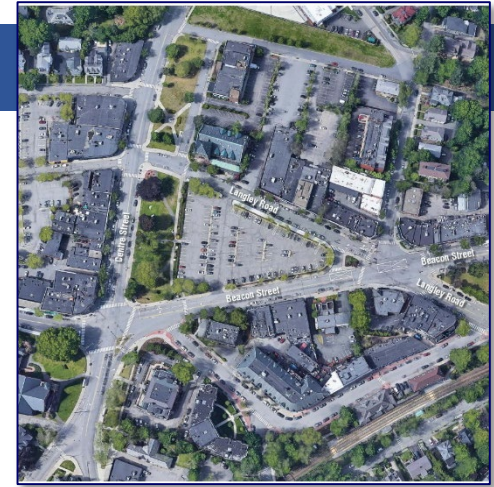
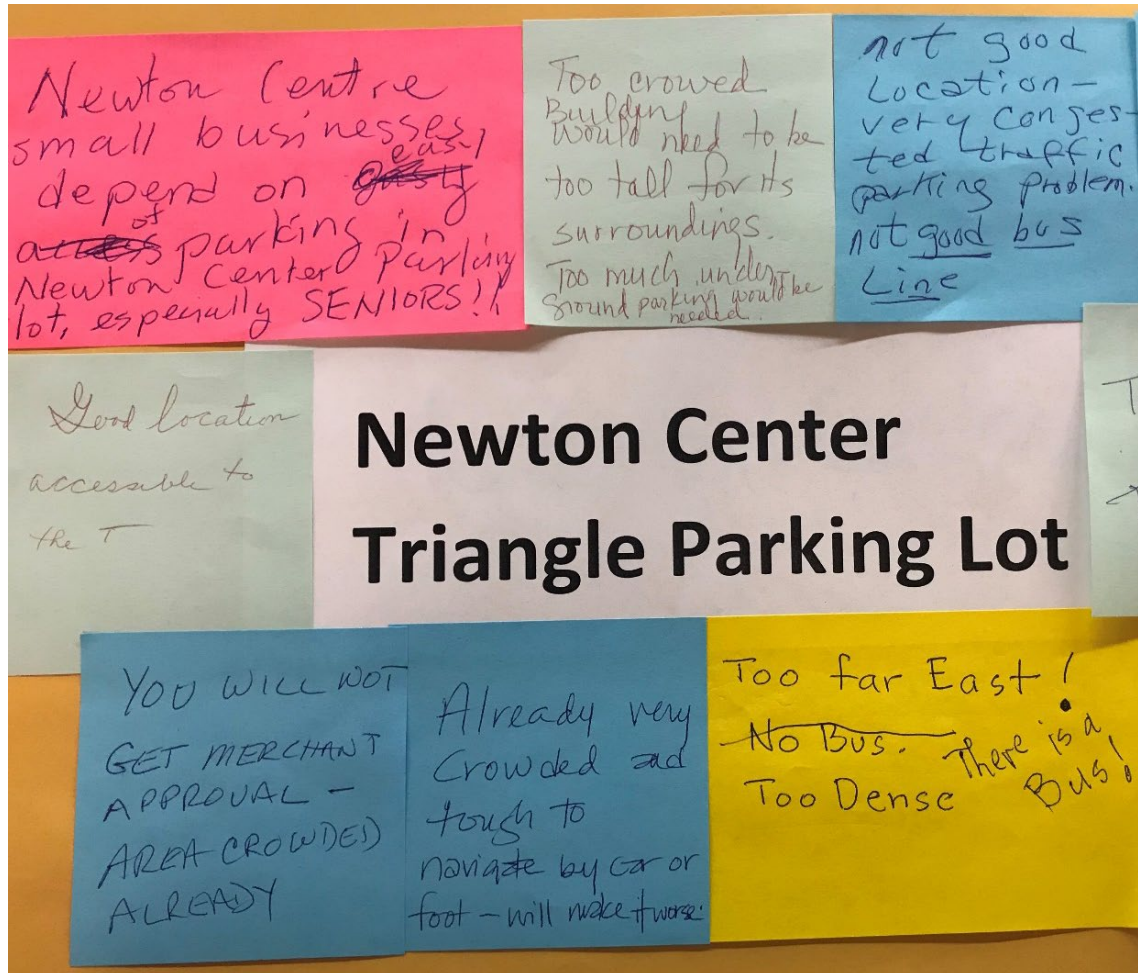


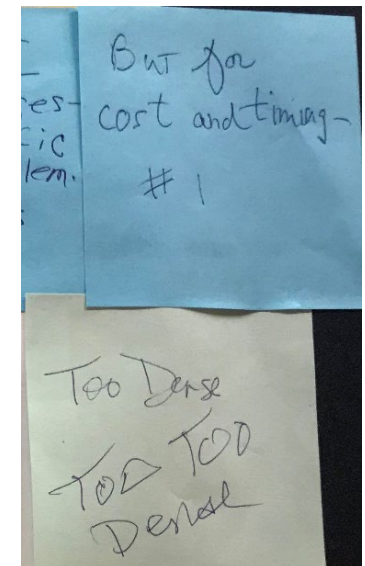
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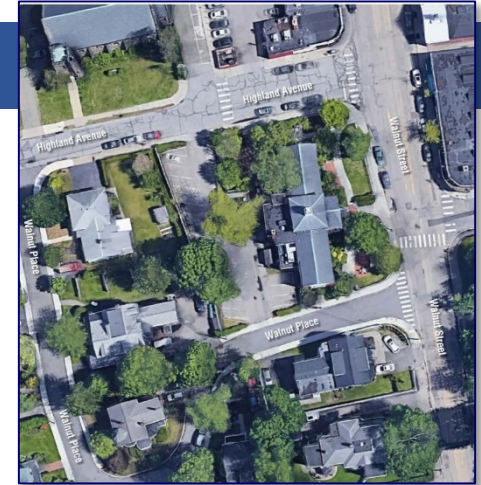
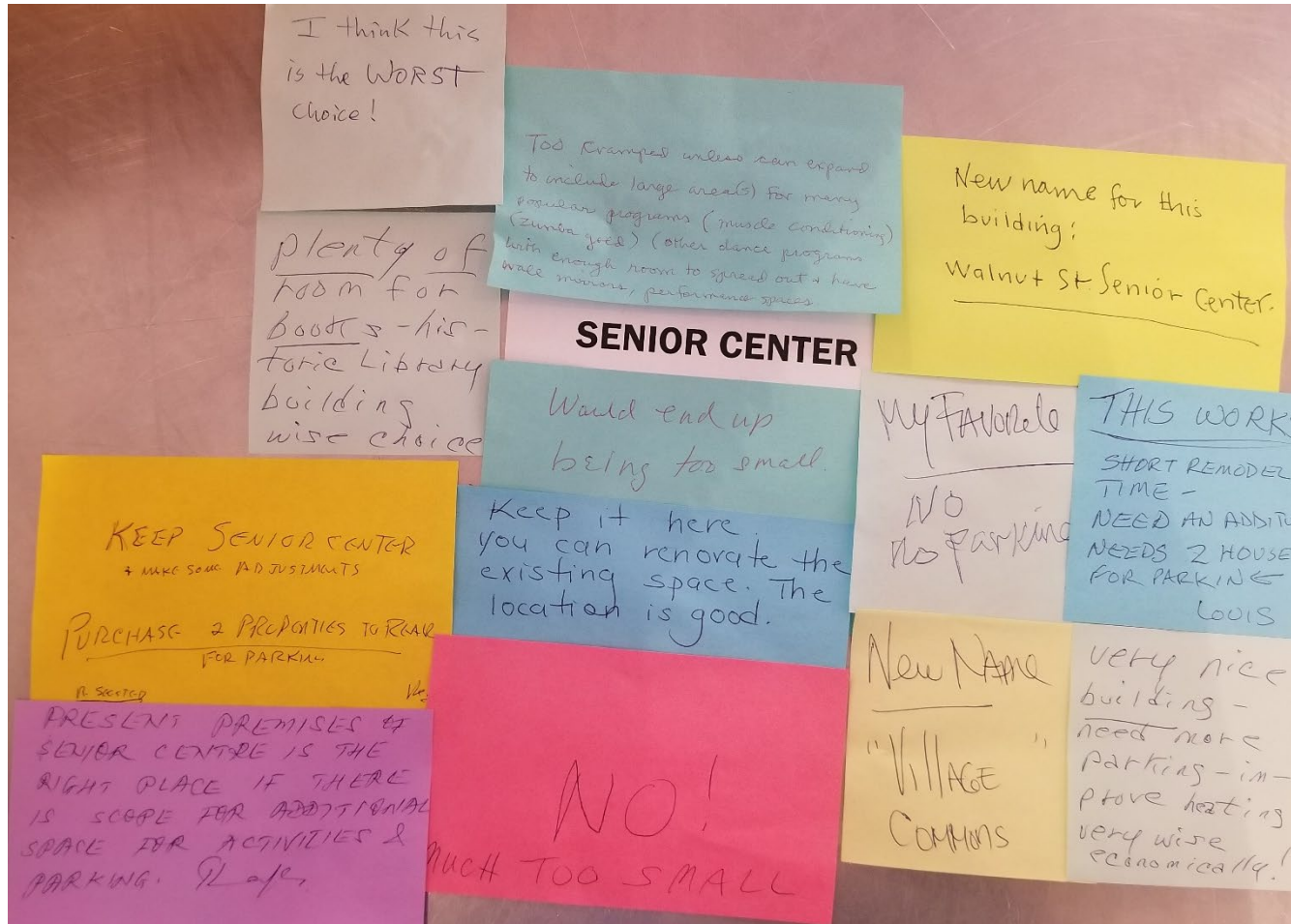
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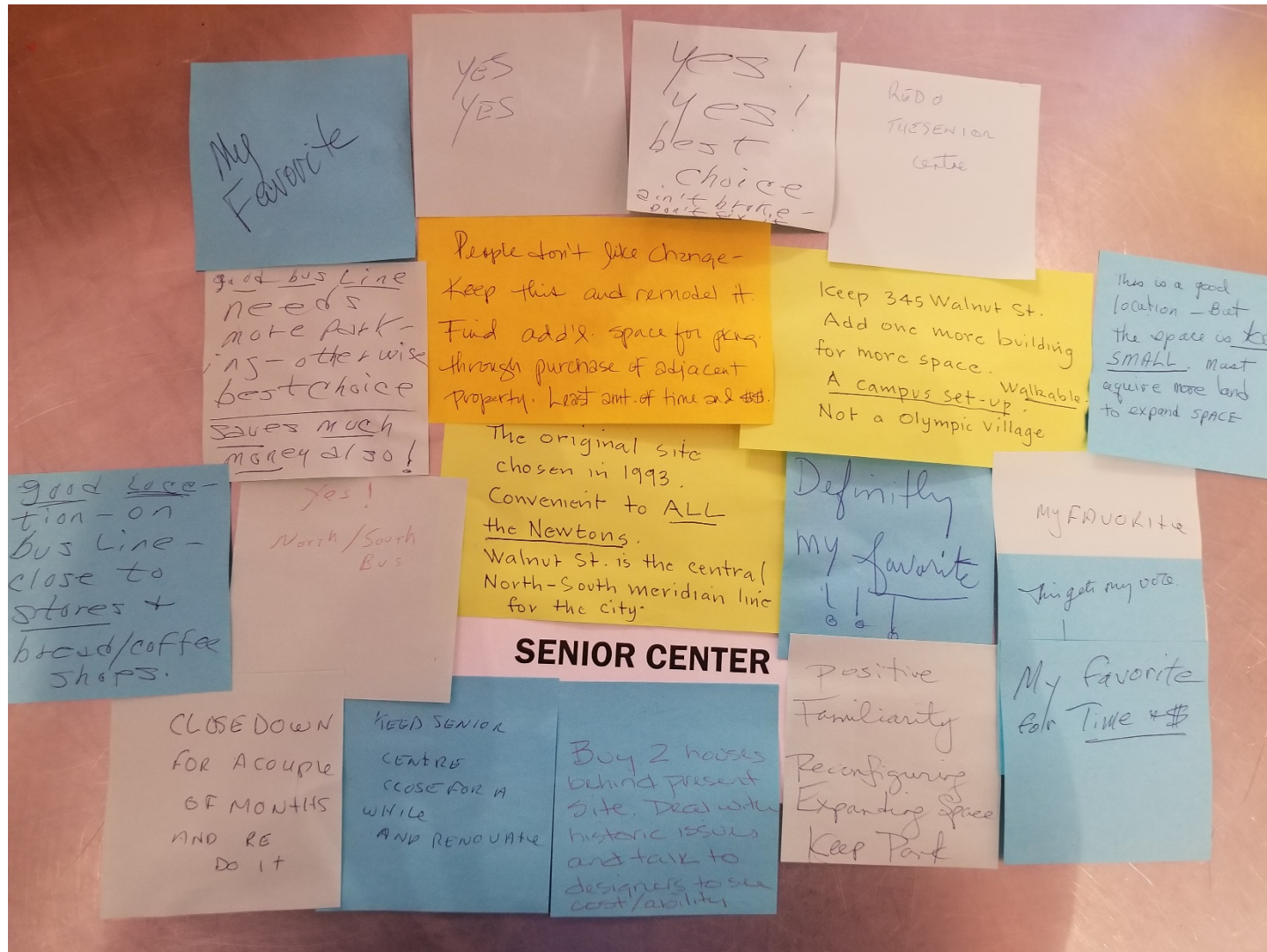
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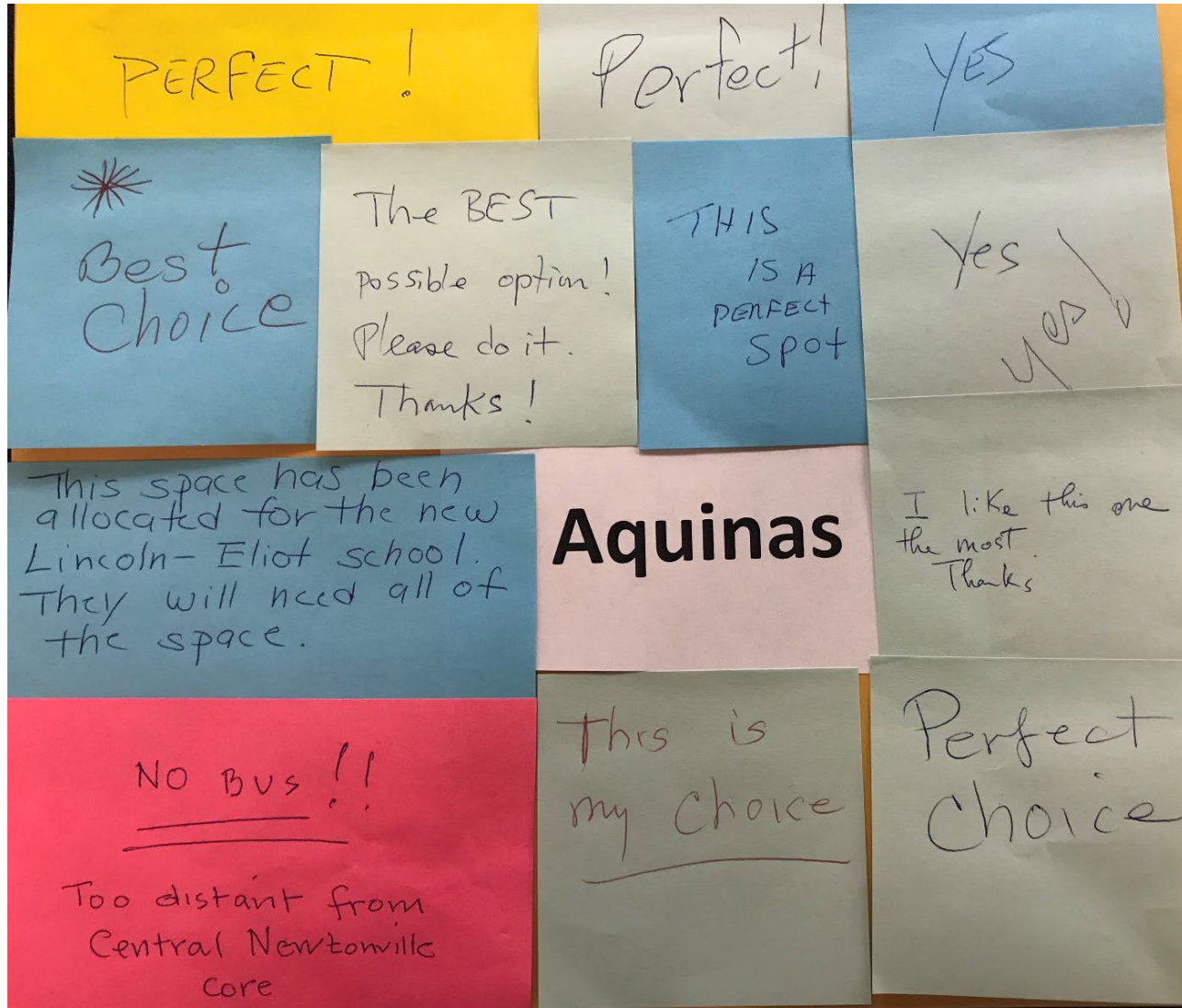
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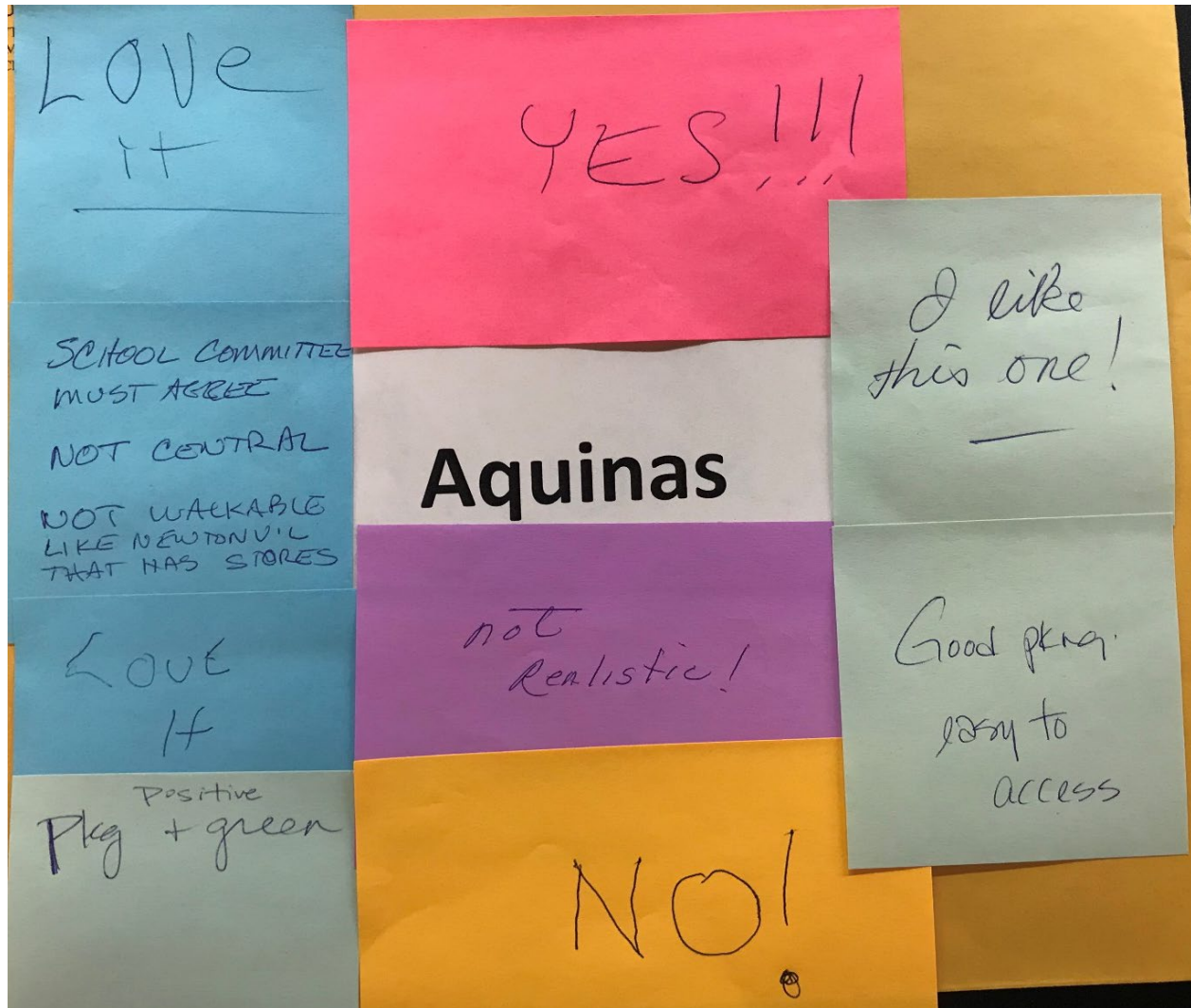
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# West Newton Armory

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22 Jan 2020

Dear Jayne,

Thank you for all the work you have done to plan for the new Senior Center, both at meetings and especially for the display comparing potential sites.

The option which appeals most to me is the West Newton Armory, for these reasons:

The property is already for sale and not in use, so no existing programs or users would be affected. Also, I think moving from current senior center could be done in stages, and not have to be done all at once.

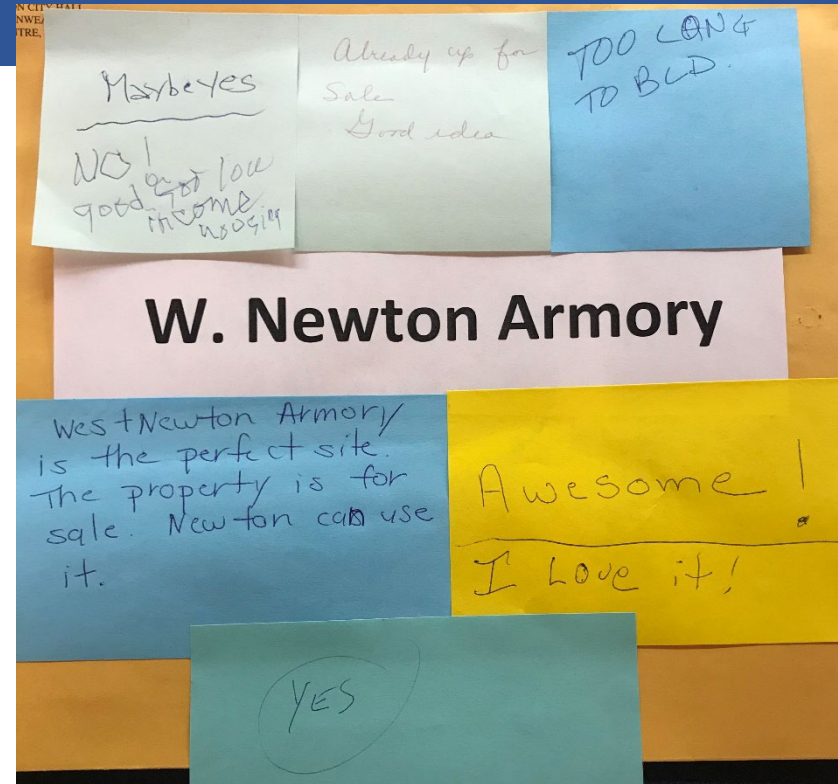
I much prefer renovating existing buildings to demolition and new construction, even though this site is not the cheapest option. A new Senior Center at the renovated Armory would be a positive development on that part of Washington Street, which I think would benefit the whole surrounding area.

The Armory location is not far from business areas of West Newton (Trader Joe's, Shoe Barn, Sullivan Tire, W. Newton Cinema, etc.) and also relatively close to Newtonville businesses like Star Market, and the new construction on the corner of Walnut and Washington Streets.

Unfortunately, there is no bus service on Washington Street; I have to admit, that is a drawback of the Armory site. I'd like to think that public transportation in that area might improve if the new Senior Center were there, but that's just a hope.

Thanks for keeping us informed about these plans.

Sincerely,



### Cedar lined Map Room:

Archives or museum space

### The two-story administrative wing:

Office space for Senior Center or other City purpose

The Armory could contribute significantly to the overall quality of life if the City is willing to take on its challenges and investigate its possibilities

We can build the vibrancy that the City so often refers to. We can give the seniors something that they can be contributing members of.



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If the West Newton Armory building could speak it would say "I am filled with architectural potential and possibility. I am constructed of simple and straightforward design. I am solid and dependable. I was built to last. I have military strength. My features consist of just the right amount of detail to be inviting to the eye. As a unique building, I come with unique and outstanding opportunities. I hope very much that the City of Newton will utilize my interesting and dynamic spaces to their great advantage and fullest potential."

The Armory building has the potential to become a meaningful focal point for the City Of Newton. As a former structure belonging to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts this building should belong to the citizenry. As a resident of the City of Newton, I have been a witness, firsthand, to the destruction of neighborhood and of community. A lot has been taken within the frame of just one lifetime. Enough residential and commercial buildings to equal a village. The Armory could become a showpiece for Newton to take pride in, rather than becoming yet another standard and generic space in the City of Newton.

Planners should take pause when considering the built environment. It is our collective inheritance. Many spaces that could be thoughtfully repurposed to become valuable assets are often ignored. It is most often worth accepting the creative challenge.

What the Armory building offers Newton is:

A unique and solid structure that is located in a centralized location having direct access to public transportation.

The building has its own parking facilities and is located in close proximity to shops and other nearby amenities.

It has ample space in which to place your thoughtful and creative ideas.

The State would require for the City to retain ownership of this building if it is to be used for Municipal purposes.

For all of these reasons, the Armory seems to meet the criteria to operate as a vital and essential Senior Community Center.

While seniors should have a space of which to call their own, this building lends itself well for groups of all ages to participate with, to visit with and to interact with our senior population in a variety of creative ways and possibilities.

In addition there may also be the possibility of incorporating residential units as a part of this Senior Community Center proposal.

Existing spaces in the building could be used in a variety of ways. As a former volunteer for the Newton Senior Center, I understand the different needs of such a facility. A senior center needs space for exercising, space for art, studio space, living room space, quiet spaces to be still, places to eat, to view movies and most of all a centralized gift shop as a gathering point in which to engage one another.

### The full basement:

It could be used for senior purposes, but could also be used for City functions and events as well such as entertainment, parties, Mayoral functions, New Year's Eve. The Watertown Senior Center holds an exceptional fund raiser flea market in their gymnasium. The basement may also be rented if it is permitted, for community functions.

### The drill shed:

It could be utilized as a gymnasium.

### The assembly hall:

Theatre space, performing arts, or for movie viewing, meetings

### The mess hall:

Cafeteria and or cafe' or restaurant.

### The firing range:

Gallery space, art space

### Small classroom spaces:

Area could be joined for larger space

### Modest office suites with fireplaces:

These could be also joined for larger spaces- living room or studios



## Education Center

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TOO LONG TO DO -  
TOO MUCH TO CHANGE USERS

Central to many  
Parking is good!  
Bus lane expansion room

★ Year-Round, ★  
7-day / week community use  
Usage. Ambulance,  
Fire, Parking, Bus (2) right there.

Already in good use. Silly to invest so much \$ in a new use.

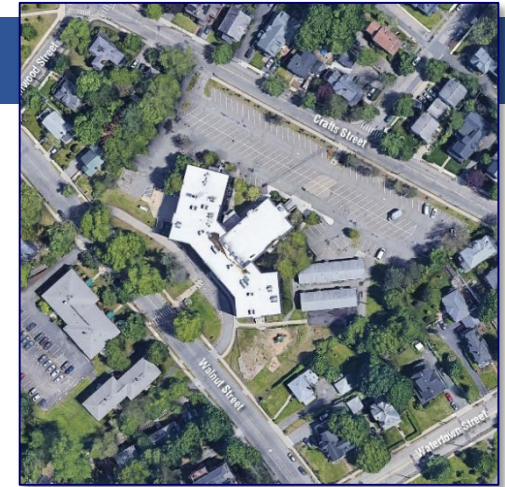
**ED Center**

The school dept. is adept at moving schools all around town. They can now remove from 100 Walnut Street — allowing Newton's valued Seniors, and wonderful wider community Year-round use of this building!

Centrally located - a good choice!

positive plenty space green close to school for Intergenerational Activities

already existing building - good bus service no need to build new buildings!



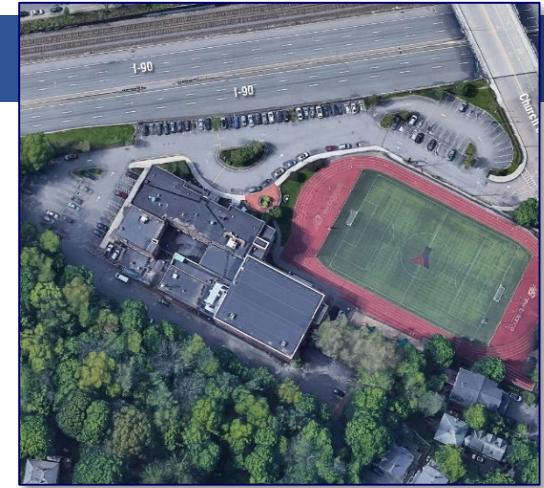
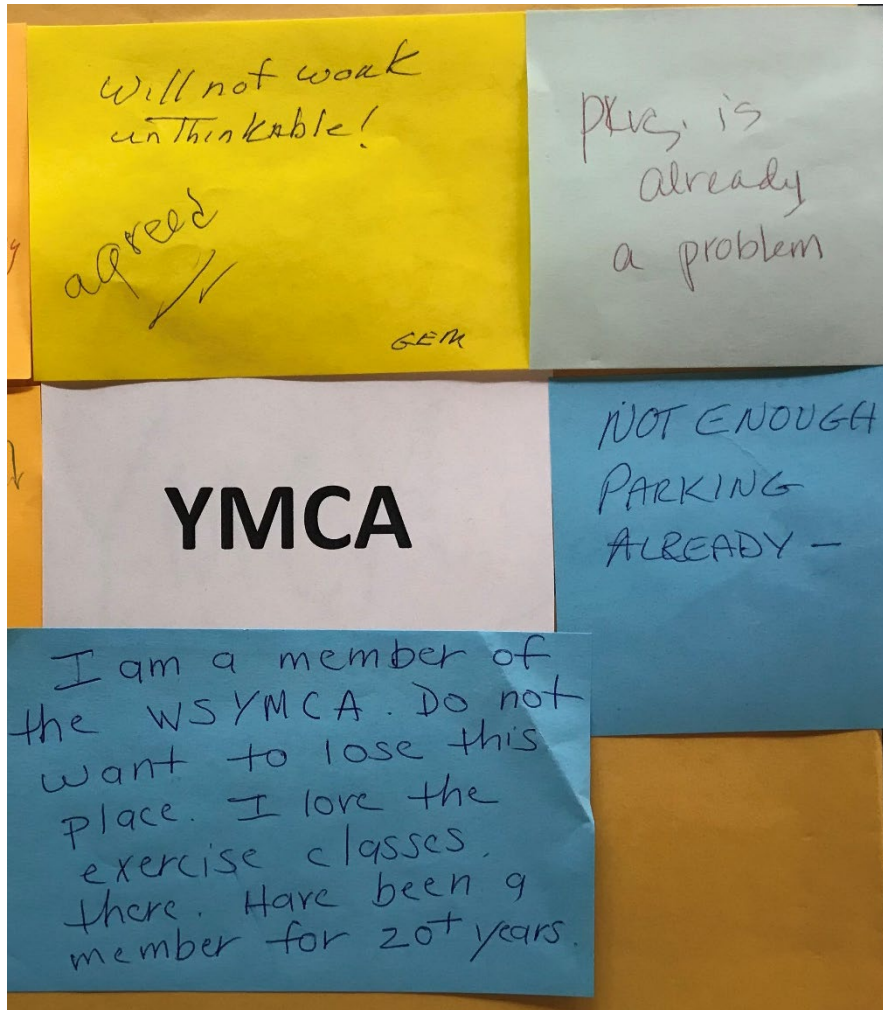
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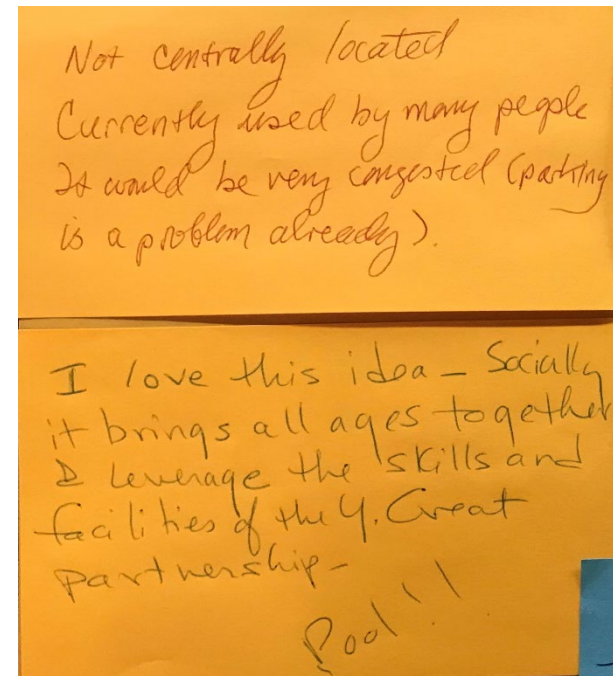
## West Suburban YMCA

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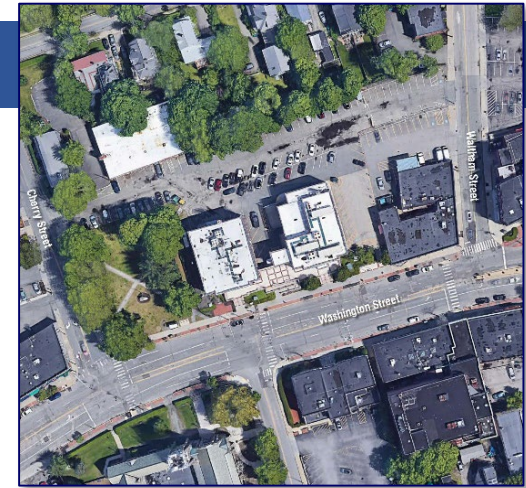
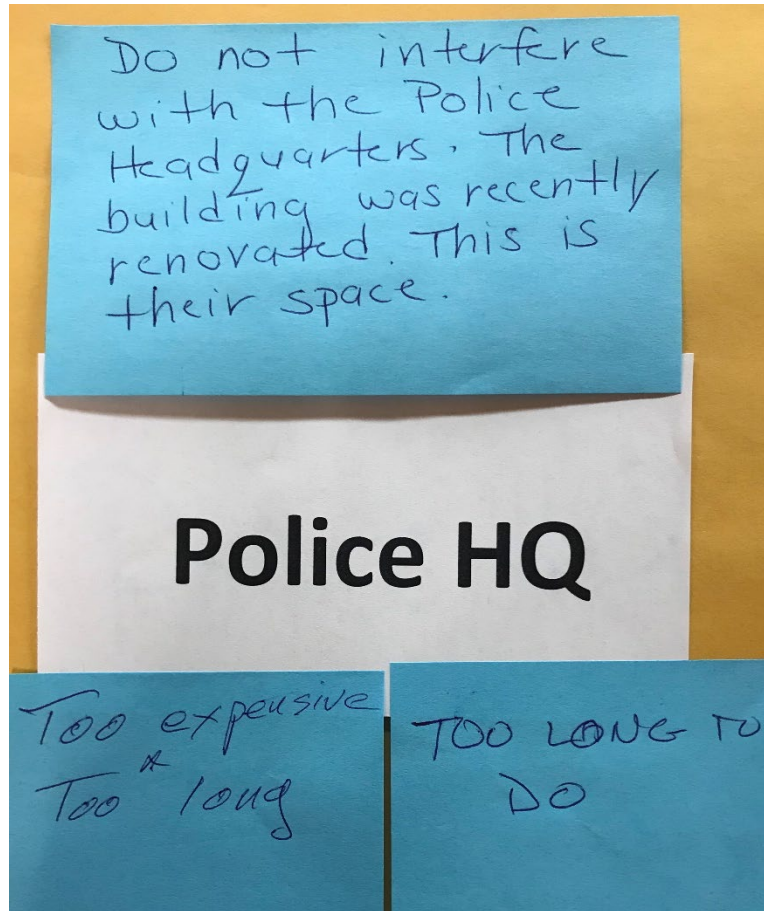
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## Police Headquarters

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