



FY 2025-2026 COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET PRESENTATION

Senior Services

Social Services

Youth Services

Parks & Recreation

Community Services

Customer service objectives for senior services, youth services, social services, and parks and recreation departments center on providing inclusive, accessible, and community-focused programs that promote well-being across all age groups. The goal is to provide responsive, respectful service while fostering community involvement and continuously improving based on feedback.



What we do...

Social Services
aims to address individual
and family needs with
empathy and timely support.

Youth Services
prioritizes educational,
recreational, and
developmental
opportunities to foster
growth and
empowerment.

Parks & Recreation
seeks to offer enjoyable,
safe spaces for physical
activity and community
interaction.

Senior Services
focuses on enhancing
quality of life through social
engagement, health
services, and supportive
resources.



What's Cooking?



Kitchen renovation complete

FY25 Achievements

- Senior Center kitchen renovation complete through STEAP, SUA Covid Relief, and NCOA Vaccine Initiative Grant funding
- Received 2023 Chevy 14-passenger, lift equipped vehicle replacement (capital purchase)
- Completed Walking Path at Salmon Brook Park through STEAP and ARPA grant funding
- Hosted 1,602 Senior Center events with 3,471 attendees since July 1, 2024
 - including Veterans Luncheon, and Volunteer Luncheon
 - First in the State to offer Adult Fencing
 - Offering 5 Collette Tours in 2025 and 4 in 2026 (including an African Safari!)
- Sold out 2024 Summer Camp sessions
- Offered community events including: Family Day, Trunk or Treat, Comedy Night, Holiday Marketplace, and Breakfast with Santa

Where are we headed?

FY26 Goals

To review and update department policies and procedures to reflect current language, regulations, and the needs of community participants.

To implement regional CLEAR program.

To make aesthetically pleasing improvements to Senior Center/Youth Services building.

To increase storage capacity for North Barn pavilion event equipment.

To enhance Walking Path experience.

To establish improved media presence encompassing entire Community Services department.

To introduce at least two new opportunities incorporating new walking path and to incentivize new demographics.



Walking Path at Salmon Brook Park

Funding Requests

Generator for Parkhouse: *estimated cost \$65,000*

Due to emerging safety concerns, installation of power generator is needed to provide electricity in the event of power outage. When power is disrupted, staff is unable to use phones, internet, or office equipment. Power loss during the summer means loss of ability to contact families in an emergency, loss of security cameras, and safety lighting. Potential loss of refrigerated/frozen concession items.

Generator for NB Pavilion: *estimated cost \$45,000*

Power backup needed for revenue producing events at Holcomb Farm. Disruption of power during big events is a safety concern. Evening events require back up lighting systems and security camera power. Additionally, power outage may ruin catered meals.

Pond Dredging: *estimated cost \$60,000*

For the health of the pond and to remove excess sedimentation, the pond requires periodic dredging (best practice is every 10-15 years).

Rules signs: *estimated cost \$10,000*

Lettering on current signs (one at SBP, one at Ahrens) is peeling. Information needs updating.

Digital display sign for SBP: *estimated cost \$30,000*

To enhance the experience at the park with programmable digital sign announcing real time events, classes, and notices.

Questions?

