



Brookfield Senior Center Planning Project
Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee (CDBG)

Brookfield Community Survey
Senior Center Planning Study

Dear Residents of Brookfield,

Our town received a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. With the grant funds, the town hired Catlin + Petrovick Architects who are working with our committee to assess the operational needs of the Brookfield Council on Aging/Senior Center and to evaluate options including new construction and/or adaptive reuse of existing facilities. Brookfield currently does not have a dedicated Senior Center. Senior activities are held at the Congregational Church or in the Town Hall. We are committed to addressing the needs of our rapidly expanding aging population and are asking for your input.

This is a preliminary study only as no funds are currently available to modify existing facilities or construct new buildings. However, the final plan and results from the study will help establish service priorities and how they may best be addressed. Part of the study includes this community survey.

Your Opinion is Very Important! Please help us by completing this survey (reverse side) and returning it by Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at one of the drop box locations:

- Brookfield Town Clerk's Office
- Wagon Wheel Mobile Home Park, the
- Nanatomqua Mobile Home Park mail area or office
- Brookfield Congregational Church Fellowship room

We have provided one copy of the survey. You may make copies of the survey or obtain additional copies at the above locations should multiple members of the household choose to participate. For additional questions or to obtain a digital copy of the survey, please call or email Christopher Dunphy, (413)781-6045 or cdunphy@pvpc.org. Thank you for your responses.

Sincerely,
CDBG Committee

Bruce Clarke
Mary Lou Knight

Cindy Thompson
Beth Roberts

Ex-Officio

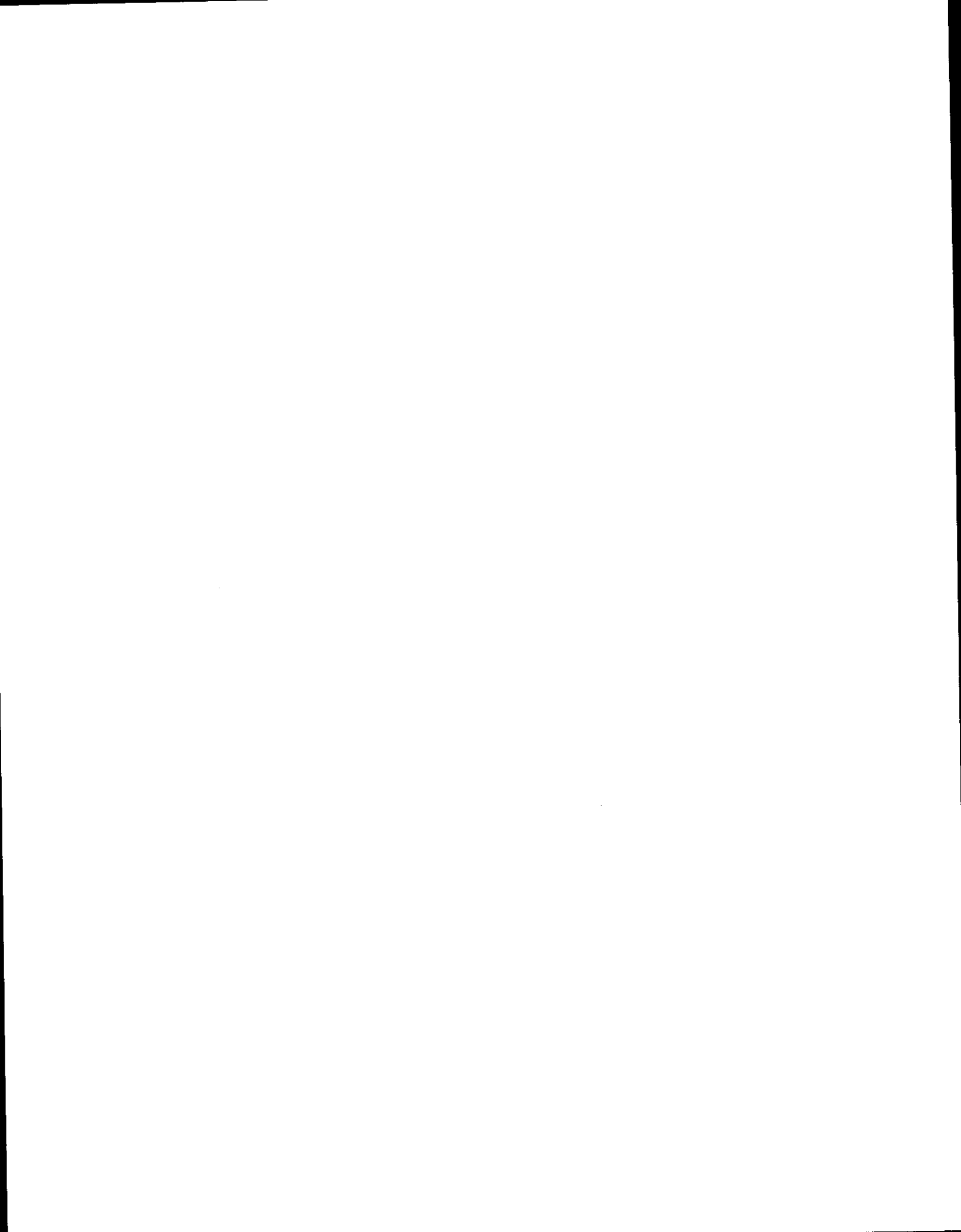
Christopher Dunphy: Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Barbara Clancy: Council on Aging

Consultant

John Catlin: Catlin + Petrovick Architects. PC

Please use the space below to provide any comments or suggestions regarding Council on Aging services, possible modifications to the Town Hall or future facilities at a new location to serve area seniors:



1. **What is your age?** ___ less than 40 ___ 40-49 ___ 50-59 ___ 60-69 ___ 70-79 ___ 80+
2. **Are you** ___ Male ___ Female
3. **Number of people in your household?** ___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___ 6 ___ 7+
4. **Where do you live in town? (Circle)**
 Wagon Wheel Park Nanatomqua Park Brookfield Meadows
 Quaboag Street area Town Center Other : _____
5. **How familiar are you with Brookfield's senior programs?**
 ___ Very Familiar ___ Somewhat Familiar ___ Not at all Familiar
6. **Have you or someone within your household participated in senior programs or used services through the Council on Aging during the last 5 years?**
 ___ YES (If so, please answer questions 7 and 8) ___ NO (please go to question 9.)
7. **How often did you attend programs, services or social activities through the Council on Aging?**
 ___ 1 or more per week ___ 1 or more per month ___ 1-3x per year
8. **Where did you participate in program or activity or use a service provided? (Circle all that apply)**
 Town Hall Congregational Church Community Center at Mobile Home Park
 Or other Senior Center: W. Brookfield N. Brookfield Warren Spencer Other: _____
9. **If you are NOT a regular user of the Council on Aging programs or services, what are the reasons? (Check all that apply)**
 ___ Not familiar w/activities ___ Poor health ___ No transportation
 ___ Not interested in activities ___ Lack of services ___ Lack of Privacy
 ___ Cost of activity ___ Hours of operation ___ Inconvenient location
 ___ Other (describe) _____
10. **If facilities, programs and/or services were improved, would you or member of your household participate in the future?**
 ___ Yes ___ No If YES, for what purpose/activities? _____

 If NO, why? _____

11. **Are there services/activities that are not provided at the center which you would like to see?**
 ___ Yes ___ No If YES, describe: _____

12. **Was your participation in a program or activity ever compromised by lack of space or inappropriate space?**
 ___ Yes ___ No If YES, describe: _____

13. **Would you participate in senior programs at neighboring Senior Centers if transportation was provided?**
 ___ Yes ___ NO

Below are statements reflecting different perspectives about senior programs and facilities in Brookfield. Please indicate next to the comment your appropriate level of agreement.

1. Agree Strongly 2. Agree Somewhat 3. Neutral 4. Disagree Somewhat 5. Disagree Strongly 6. Do Not Know

14. The present senior programs are adequate. _____
15. The town needs a dedicated senior center. _____
16. A portion of the Town Hall should be renovated for a Senior Center. _____
17. I would consider local funding support for new or improved facilities. _____
18. Grant funding should be sought for new or improved facilities. _____

THANK YOU. Please return the completed survey by November 23, 2016 at the designated drop boxes.

