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RE: Re-Naming of 27 Maple Street

As you are aware, the Central School building, located at 27 Maple Street, also known as the Multipurpose Arlington Senior Center was designated as such in the early 1980s. As we move towards bringing the Center into the 21st century through the planned renovation in FY20, we would like to ask the Arlington Redevelopment Board for their approval to rename the building as the Arlington Community Center, which will go into effect once the building is re-opened.

This name change represents a movement across the country to shift away from terminology such as senior and elder, towards more age-friendly and inclusive terminology. The name change concept has been brought to both the Council on Aging Board as well as the Arlington Seniors Association.

We are in the beginning stages of planning to embark on a capital fundraising campaign to raise funds to furnish the ground floor and first floor of the soon to be renovated building, as well as provide the funding for the audio visual equipment for the space. With this plan, we hope to have this name change approved as soon as possible, so that the newly renovated space can be referred to in the marketing materials as our updated and redesigned space in the newly named Arlington Community Center.