

The Beginning 1897

The building at 65 Main Street was built in the fall of 1897 and served as Westford Academy, a private academy, through 1928.

Westford School Department 1928

The Town of Westford purchased the building at 65 Main Street and the Westford School Department took over to run it as the public high school. The name “Westford Academy” was retained so that graduates would remain eligible to receive scholarships from the Westford Academy Trustees’ sizeable trust funds. The gym was also added in 1928.

Younger Grades 1955

The next Westford Academy building (now the Abbot School) opened its doors in 1955 and the old building at 65 Main Street was used for younger grades.

William C. Roudenbush 1957

The building at 65 Main Street was renamed the William C. Roudenbush School to honor the man who served as principal in the building for 25 years (1912-1937).

YWCA 1973

During the summer of 1973 a group of residents approached the Selectmen about turning the building into a community center. The Lowell YWCA arranged for the YWCA to lease the building as a Westford branch.

Roudenbush Community Center Associates, Inc. 1976

In October of 1976, incorporation papers were filed with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the Roudenbush Community Center Associates, Inc. (RCCA), a non-profit corporation.

Growth 1992

The Roudenbush Community Center has grown to over 40 staff members and had an operating budget of close to \$1 million.

The Roudenbush Community Center, Inc. 1994

The Roudenbush Community Center, Inc. (TRCCI) was formed as a new non-profit organization.

Frost and Old Nab 1994

Roudenbush at Frost opened and Nabnasset (Old Nab) opened in September of 1994.

Independent Organization 2009

The Roudenbush Community Center, Inc. is no longer a Town Department and is financially self-sufficient. It is the independent non-profit organization that you know of today that operates the community center in the Town of Westford and also leases the three buildings that it occupies from the Town.

Renovation of 65 Main Street 2017/2018

In 2016, the Town of Westford informs TRCCI of their intention to renovate the building at 65 Main Street, which would require the organization to vacate the building for 12-18 months. With overwhelming support of the residents in town, TRCCI and the Town are able to come to an agreement on a new lease that extends through June of 2025.

The town-owned historic building underwent a \$7 million renovation that was completed in December 2018. The historic rehabilitation involved integrating accessibility, improving safety and preserving historic character.

In March 2019 The Roudenbush Community Center held a Grand Reopening Celebration which represents a new beginning for TRCCI.