

# Summary of Online Responses

Date: April 20, 2020

Category of Response	Number of people/families responding	Percentage of Total	Comments
Support Edgewood Purchase	80	46.5%	People or families clearly supporting purchase
Support Fixing Ballantine	22	12.8%	Responders who clearly want to reject Edgewood and fix Ballantine
Strongly support Southbury Pool, indifferent about location	15	8.7%	Very strong Soutbury Pool supporters, but indifferent on Edgewood versus Ballantine; some would like even more investment in Southbury Pool Infrastructure at either location
Opposed to Edgewood purchase on other grounds	19	11.0%	Opposed to Edgewood Purchase for various reasons including: Town should not be spending money on a pool during COVID crisis Town members can use Newtown CC - why do we need a town pool? We definitely should not proceed without public referendum
Informational Comments/Questions (no clear preference)	36	20.9%	Informational comments & requests to be addressed in meetings and/or in online responses
	<b>172</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>We have received 220 posts so far but some people have posted many times</b>
<b>Approve of Edgewood Purchase</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>55.2%</b>	Combines those who strongly approve with those who want a town pool strong but indifferent about location
<b>Not Okay with Edgewood Purchase</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>23.8%</b>	Combines those who strongly want to keep the pool at Ballantine or do not want to pursue Edgewood for other reasons (e.g. don't want to spend money on any pool right now)
<b>Undecided/Neutral</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>20.9%</b>	People who did not express clear preference, just asked for clarifications or made infromational observations
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5	1	John Montelone				1		Pro joining NCC instead of supporting Southbury Pool
6	2	Jack Dennis					1	Worried about lifeguards
7	3	James Mable					1	Ask for better deal on Edgewood
8	4	Rick Feeney	1					Pro Edgewood comment
9	5	Michelle Zommer				1		Don't spend on any pool until dust settles from COVID 19 and we can have a referendum
10, 214	6	Cathy Somers					1	A series of questions of Edgewood relative to Ballantine
11, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 41	7	Tricia Stewart		1				Series of comments/questions - main view is to keep Ballantine
12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 34, 39	8	Ed Edelson				1		Series of comments/questions - Should ask for extension before purchasing, concerned about making big purchase at this time
25	9	Kevin Lynch	1					Comments on many pluses of Edgewood
29, 103, 122	10	Tara Carter					1	Will we need to pay Middlebury taxes? Is this a regional pool?
30, 35	11	Rich Boritz					1	What happens to PE classes at Region without Tennis Courts?
31, 154	12	Krista Judson				1	0	Where is money coming from to pay for Edgewood?
32	13	Kathleen Warren					1	Many questions, no clear bias
33, 37	14	Cathy DeCarli					1	Shouldn't cost of closing Ballantine be added to Edgewood cost? Why is Edgewood selling?
36	15	David Dos Santos					1	What is future for Ballantine if Edgewood goes forward
38	16	Geri Travis	1					Pro comments - what happens to Ballentine?
40	17	Vivian Templeton				1		
42, 160	18	Alison McGahren		1				Strongly in favor of keeping Ballantine

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43	19	Michael Blizman					1	Must filter in costs of closing down Ballantine without liability
44, 104, 210, 222	20	Bernice Scoville				1		Horrified by inspection report, many questions
45	21	Serena Marro	1					Want to preserve pool in Southbury, Edgewood seems like best option
46	22	Byunghoon Bang	1					Support Edgewood
47	23	Jennifer Beecher		1				Don't want to lose Ballantine; numbers have been inflated to restore
48	24	Meredith Ferreiari	1					Want a pool; Edgewood seems like better deal
49	25	Kim Hammesfahr	1					Like Edgewood - would join
50	26	Daniel Dube					1	How will this impact property taxes?
51	27	Kristen Mengold	1					I'm writing in support of Edgwood purchase...
52	28	Camille Dumont	1					I'm in complete support of buying Edgewood...
53	29	Bernadette Queenan	1					We voice our support for Edgewood pool purchase
54	30	Frank Salamone	1					Support Edgewood purchase, but concerned about town's ability to run it
55	31	Leigh Funderburk	1					In support of Edgewood purchase, my kids have been Sharks...
56	32	Carole Nielsen	1					In support of Edgewood purchase, my daughter was a Shark...
57	33	Jolene Henion	0		1			We need a community pool...
58, 60, 101, 132, 179, 224	34	John Diehl		1				Feel Ballantine is 'diamond in the rough'
59	35	Kristen Cedor	1					Could Edgewood have a bubble for winter?
61	36	Julie Howell					1	Only support if we can make it a year round center for kids
62	37	Maria Papiro	0			1		Want to maintain Aquatics program in Southbury!!
63	38	Adam Vossbrinck	1					Yes my family supports the purchase of Edgewood and are excited about the possibility

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64	39	Kim Leonetti	1					It would be wonderful addition to the town
65	40	Paul Stewart	1					Get it done,it would be wonderful addition to town
66	41	Jonathan Bieluch					1	Will a pass be required for all amenities or for pool only?
67	42	Gezime Salmani	1					Purchase it, seems like a good deal
68	43	Monica Pullano	1					Heritage senior in support of purchasing
69	44	Shana McKee-Bertram	1					The property is a win-win for Southbury
	45	Daniel Vecharelli	1					I'm totally behind this purchase
71	46	Sean Kane	1					I am all for this acquisition
72	47	Michelle Montague	1					Buy Edgewood
73	48	Arthur Wallace	1					Great for community - makes sense!
74	49	Patty Shay					1	What are the estimated costs for a family membership?
75	50	Catherine Hirschauer	1					I think this is a wonderful idea and something the town would benefit from!
76	51	Eva Schick	1					Our family is in full support of purchasing Edgewood
77	52	Ed Tavino	1					Our family supports the town of Southbury purchase of Edgewood
78	53	Janine Bedard	1					The Edgewood facility wood be a great addition to our recreational facilities
79	54	Dawn Shapiro	1					Our family supports the purchase of Edgewood
80	55	Kathleen Masterson	1					I strongly support the town purchasing Edgewood
81	56	Kathleen Johannes	1					We have been members of Edgewood and think it would be a great purchase
82	57	Paul Lasewicz	1					Support the puchase, but worried how we will operate it
83	58	Karen Waterman	1					Looks like a great plan. Looks like a great investment for Southbury!
84	59	John Queenan	0		1			Pro Edgewood, but we should also fix Ballantine
85	60	Beth Cuoco	1					Seems like a great idea. We've been members of Edgewood for years.

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86	61	Amy Pavlock		1				It seems ill-advised to purchase land in Middlebury instead of updating current facility
87	62	Alysson Harrison	0		1			Build it or buy it, either way the town needs a new pool
88	63	Marie-Clare Montoro		1				Ballantine provides more land, space, opportunities. But concerned about taxes going up.
89	64	Kathryn Smith	1					Love the idea of purchasing Edgewood
90	65	Jancie Creighton	0		1			Want and need pool facilities in town - indoor facility would be even better
91	66	Laura Bunyan-Henry	0		1			We absolutely need a designated town pool
92	67	Margerat Manzer	1					Edgewood is a great facility and will serve the needs of Southbury well!
93	68	Charlie Rosa	1					I wholeheartedly support the purchase of Edgewood
94	69	David Manzer	1					Seems like a no-brainer! Edgewood would be fantastic for the town!
95	70	Eugenia Brockett	1					Likes all the additional facilities that come with Edgewood
96	71	Francis Sapia	1					Yes to the pool
97	72	Jessica Moore			1			Would like Pool but not sure they can afford it
98	73	Sharon Todhunter	1					I love the idea of Southbury purchasing Edgewood.
99	74	Russ Tolles					1	Worried about getting enough members to travel to Middlebury for pool and if it 'fails' what is our exit strategy?
100	75	Timothy McMahon		1				Any pool needs to be on Southbury property - don't want to be controlled by Middlebury - Current Edgewood member
102	76	Tania Fernandez	1					Need new town pool! Very active swim family
105	77	Dan Szabo	1					I support and favor Edgewood

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106	78	Joan Korowotny					1	Please provide financial projections regarding Middlebury taxes
107	79	James Hartman					1	Will the facility be made available to Middlebury members? Will there be different fees?
108	80	Stephen Lucas				1		Should not be funded at this time due to economic uncertainty
109	81	Melanie Dugas	1					While we will miss Ballantine, Edgewood would offer greater opportunities for families
110	82	Jorge Jaramillo	1					Seems like excellent idea!
111	83	Liz McConnon	1					I think this would be great for Soutbury Residents!
112	84	Valerie & Leonard Beard					1	Based on inspection report, it seems like Edgewood has not been well maintained - what is cost to bring back to operating condition?
113	85	Chris Marquis		1				Would rather preserve Ballantine even if it is more expensive
	86	John Guinipero	1					I am in complete favor of acquiring the Edgewood facility!
115	87	Martha Barrett	1					Totally in favor!
116	88	Jennifer LeMay	1					Will support either but really want to preserve Soutbury Pool
117	89	William Spencer	1					Buy it! This is a historic opportunity!
118	90	Brian Baxt	1					I think edgewood purchase is great!
119	91	Robert D'Amico				1		Funds should be spent to help people of Southbury at the time they need it most
120	92	Anonymous	1					Sounds good to me, I vote yes for Edgewood
121	93	Chris Evans	1					Middlebury Resident in support of Edgewood
123	94	Nicholas Patsis		1				Too far, fix Ballantine
124	95	Sabrina Santilli	0		1			Pro Pool of any sort - can we make Edgewood year round facility?
125	96	Matt Sherrick		1				Too far, reject purchase
126	97	Maureen Castellano				1		In light of current situation, postpone decision
127	98	Louise Duke					1	Are we going to move the Senior Center there?

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128	99	Helen Patsis		1				Place too far - fix Ballantine (This is an investment risk)
129, 130	100	Peter Dawson					1	Wants more information on financial projection
131	101	John Gray	1					Wants to support Soutbury Pool - thinks Edgewood is most fiscally responsible choice
133	102	Arnold Nordby	1					I think \$2M v \$4M is pretty clear choice, but wonders about cost of decommissioning Ballantine
134	103	Michelle Miller				1		In these uncertain times, we should not make a purchase of this magnitude
135	104	Heidi Gleissner					1	Available to help with either Edgewood or Ballantine
136	105	Diane B Sullivan	1					In favor - current Racquet member of Edgewood who commutes from South Britain
137	106	Joe Papiro		1				Long time user of Ballantine; left number for us to call for his further opinion
138	107	John Tucker					1	Complaining about sound on video meeting
139	108	Alaina Papiro		1				Long time user of Ballantine; really wants to preserve community pool in Southbury
140	109	Karen Fimmano	1					Watched presentation and found it convincing - wants to maintain swim program in Southbury
141	110	Brian Shea		1				Ballantine is important fixture for the town
142	111	Carol Rosa	1					I'm in favor of purchasing Edgewood, it is a good asset for the town!
143	112	Cameron Evans				1		Too risky at this time!
145	113	Maureen Nee			1			Save swimming in Southbury!
147	114	Mark & Kelly O'Connell	1					Strong pool advocates, support Edgewood
148	115	Elizabeth McDonald			1			Southbury needs pool! Indifferent between Edgewood and Ballantine
149, 146, 144, 173, 180, 221	116	Tim O'Neill					1	Doubts our claim that we are getting Edgewood at a good price

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150	117	Robert Rosa	1					Buying Edgewood is the most cost effective way to preserve swimming in Soutbury
151	118	S Solimene	1					Pro Edgewood - preserve for Soutbury residents only
152	119	M Albino			1			Southbury needs pool! Indifferent between Edgewood and Ballantine
153	120	Mark Funderburk			1			Southbury needs pool! Indifferent between Edgewood and Ballantine
155	121	Tess Funderburk			1			PAC Swimmers need a pool! Indifferent between Edgewood and Ballantine
156	122	Kelley Buban	1					More convenient and good for PAC
157	123	Georgia Anastasiadis			1			Pool a big part of Southbury Heritage and tradition
158	124	Lucy Suter			1			Strongly in favor of keeping pool in Southbury - either Ballantine or Edgewood
159	125	Lj White	1					Edgewood keeps swimming in Southbury
161, 165	126	Heidi Kossakowski					1	Will Edgewood exercise room remain open all year long?
162	127	Joanne Jorge		1				Ballantine is more affordable and closer to home.
163	128	Anthony Bruno	1					Pro Edgewood - long discussion of why pool is great asset for a community
164	129	Anne Lang		1				Ballantine is perfect location, we should perserve it
166, 167, 168, 169, 174, 178, 184	130	K McNeill					1	Many questions, maybe related to Tim McNeill above - both doubt our valuation of Edgewood?
171	131	Joana Thompson	1					As family of swimmers, we think Edgewood is best choice
172	132	Diane Owens		1				Too far to travel to Edgewood - fix Ballantine
175	133	Robert Miles				1		Get rid of adult pool, only have kiddie pool or splash pad
176	134	Matthew Cappiello	1					Things it is great idea to purchase Edgewood

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179	135	Wendy Monahan					1	Wants to know what will happen to Ballantine Pool if we purchase Edgewood
181	136	Frank Durante					1	Wants to preserve fields at Ballantine
182	137	Chris Manning					1	Wants to preserve fields at Ballantine
183	138	Kelly Callahan					1	Wants to preserve fields at Ballantine
185	139	Michelle Rutledge	1					Supports Edgewood, daughter a Shark
186	140	Jason Ambroso					1	Worried about losing softball fields at Balantine
187	141	Andrew MacKenzie					1	Worried about losing softball fields at Balantine
188	142	Amy Tilford	1					Soutbury swimming family who are Edgewood members - support purchase!
189	143	Wendy Blitzman	1					Edgewood provides a financially prudent way to preserve a pool in Southbury
190	144	Trish Brink					1	Would love to see side-by-side comparison of 2 pools
191	145	Sara Smith					1	Need a plan for future use of Ballantine
192	146	Priscilla Terhune	1					Likes all the additional facilities that come with Edgewood
193	147	Sara Haas			1			Supports either effort - her son very active in swimming
194	148	Sharon Lenahan		1				We could fix Ballantine cheaper now because town contractors need work?
195	149	Edward Morris				1		Can't afford subscription - too far to go - villager
196	150	Richard Garrison		1				Fragmented response - 'fix our pool' but also concerned about taxes a lot - villager
197	151	Joseph Ruggerio	1					Good thoughtful response about the pool and decision - worth quoting (from respected)
198	152	Liz Brown		1				I would like the pool to stay at Ballantine; keep the pool in Southbury!
199	153	Cindy Keagan	1					In favor of Edgewood - it will be money well spent!
200	154	Kenneth Carroll					1	Village not impacted - we have 4 pools
201	155	Patrica Gee	1					Win-win for Southbury

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202	156	Nancy Law				1		Doesn't want her taxes to go up - lives in Heritage Village, doesn't need town pool
203	157	Ed Hinman	1					Purchase of Edgewood is a good compromise, it should be done HV
204	158	David Rentz	1					Get er done!
205	159	A Connors				1		Bad time to purchase!
206	160	Sara Blersch	1					Swim parent in favor of purchase
207	161	Norma Cummings				1		Bad times, don't purchase, from HV
208	162	Scott Stewart				1		Too much costs, too far
209	163	Robin Stiles		1				Edgewood too risky, fix Ballantine
211	164	David Peck		1				Edgewood too risky, just fix Ballantine
212	165	Salvatore Pace	1					Great area to develop for future
213, 216, 219	166	Harry Cohan				1		Only wants Edgewood with a town referendum because too much risk
215	167	John Stein					1	Blank
217	168	Jim Mable					1	Concerned about who will police the facility at night?
218	169	Ann Marie, Michael Galus	1					Edgewood best way to preserve pool in Southbury
220	170	Jennifer Carnes	1					I support the purchase of Edgewood for the new town pool. Important to have a town pool.
223	171	Dagmar Pfanzelter	1					Pro Edgewood, but would like referendum (sometime) and wants commitment to fix Ballantine
225	172	Robert Milkes					1	Who made determinations about who favored or opposed? Wants more transparency...
<b>Totals</b>			<b>80</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>36</b>	