

Edgewood Comments

These pages show all the Edgewood Comments posted to the Town Website, shown in numerical order.

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| ID | 1 |
| First Name | James |
| Last Name | Hartman |
| Address | 691 Georges Hill Rd |
| Comments | Does the town Selectmen have any concerns with proposed facility being so far outside of Southbury town proper center? Would this facility be open to Middlebury residents also? |

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| ID | 2 |
| First Name | Mimi |
| Last Name | Kuehn |
| Address | 282 Perkins Rd |
| Comments | Hi - Will the meeting agenda cover the next steps/future plans for the existing pool at Ballantine? |

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| ID | 3 |
| First Name | Allison |
| Last Name | McGahren |
| Address | 18 Turrill Brook Drive |
| Comments | Why are we buying a pool in another town when less than 1% of town residents use the town pool? How will the town manage membership if it exceeds capacity? On the flip side if membership is lower than projected how will you fund the cost of maintaining the Edgewood facility? Will taxes be increased? Disappointed that this is being rammed down taxpayers throats without a vote. Manville and the Board of Selectman have lost my support. Buying a pool should not be a priority right now while in the midst of a pandemic. |

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| ID | 4 |
| First Name | Allison |
| Last Name | McGahren |
| Address | 18 Turrill Brook Drive |
| Comments | If the new estimates to repair Ballantine pool are around \$1M why is the town still pushing to purchase Edgewood. Makes no sense to me. If we are going to continue to have a town pool let's keep the pool in Southbury. |

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| ID | 5 |
| First Name | John |
| Last Name | Monteleone |

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| Address | 115 Lantern Park Lane South |
| Comments | <p>February 17, 2020 Email: SPC Members & Interested Parties,</p> <p>Since the press release on January 24th announcing the option of the Town of Southbury potentially purchasing the Edgewood facility, I have heard from a number residents whose comments are documented in the attached comments to the excellent listing of FAQs prepared by SPC Commissioner Tom Marks.</p> <p>Town of Southbury saves Money In summary, it appears that clearly the least expensive choice for Southbury residents (taxpayers) wishing to use a pool is the Newtown Community Center which is open 12 months a year and saves Southbury residents \$2 million dollars in financial reserves + taxes to Middlebury + annual operational costs. This option supports the idea of a regional facility as well as being fiscally conservative.</p> <p>Lower Cost for Southbury Pool Users The Ballentine Pool is open for three months (opens Memorial Day and closes by Labor Day) and is not heated. The Edgewood facility pool is heated and open two additional months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballentine town pool fee = \$290 for approximately 3 months or about \$100 per month. • Edgewood facility pool pass = \$350 for approximately 5 months or about \$70 per month • Newtown Community Center Fees for Southbury Residents (One-time fee of \$35) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> └ Family Membership (2 adults + all children in household) \$45/month └ Senior (Over 60) \$20/month └ Senior Couple \$34/month └ Individual (under 60) \$34/month └ Day Pass \$10/month <p>Same Drive Time The pools at the Newtown Community Center are a 10-minute drive from the Southbury Town Hall and will provide Southbury residents with a larger, newer, state-of-the-art pool at no cost.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If Southbury residents are willing to travel to another municipality to swim, why would they not choose to travel to the Newtown Community Center that is only 6.5 miles or 10 minutes from the center of Southbury (Town Hall). • The distance to the Edgewood property is 5.6 miles or 10 minutes from the center of Southbury (Town Hall) |

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| ID | 6 |
| First Name | Jack |
| Last Name | Dennis |
| Address | 223 N Poverty Rd |
| Comments | <p>How can current town pool lifeguards expect their job to be changed with the new facility? In the first financial overview meeting, it was stated that the number of lifeguards would be reduced, should some town lifeguards and other pool employees expect to be released from their jobs in upcoming seasons?</p> <p>Reducing the number of guards working at a pool or implementing a more demanding</p> |

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| | guard rotation (like Edgewood has now) considerably increases workload on the employees. Can town lifeguards expect an increase in compensation if less guards are employed, or a more demanding guard rotation is enacted? |
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| ID | 7 |
| First Name | James |
| Last Name | Mable |
| Address | 560-A Heritage Village |
| Comments | With the Coronavirus, Stock market uncertainty, Stay in Place orders in this area. Sure real estate values will be dropping due to Job security and unemployment concerns... Suggest a reconsideration as to offering price based on World situation now... Thanks!!! |

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| ID | 8 |
| First Name | Rick |
| Last Name | Feeney |
| Address | 83 old poverty road |
| Comments | This seems like a well thought out solution and I support this decision. The town needs a pool for the cited reasons and the location is a practical one. Buying this property for the town is an opportunity that should not be allowed to pass. I congratulate the team for a careful and well thought out presentation and proposal. |

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| ID | 9 |
| First Name | MICHELE |
| Last Name | ZOMMER |
| Address | 242 WHITE BIRCH DRIVE |
| Comments | <p>To members of the "task force:" My family and I belonged to Edgewood for six summers and I have much information to share about the facility and your effort to push through purchasing a recreational facility outside town borders in the middle of a global health pandemic.</p> <p>The State of Connecticut extended all deadlines and so from today, the town has a full 90 days in which to complete the budget. That affords us the time and ability to honor democratic norms by giving the public a full opportunity to be heard, particularly on this very controversial plan. I would be interested to understand why the Manville administration is in such a hurry to rush the review, particularly while we are all confined in quarantine at home unable to participate. This is contrary to the interests of a small town like ours. We claim to be run by volunteers and therefore the opinions of our citizens should matter – dearly.</p> <p>A second serious concern about rushing this purchase: it's advisable for the Finance Committee to revisit all revenue calculations for 2020/2021, based on the worldwide financial collapse in motion. We live in a different world than we did eight weeks ago. Should Southbury experience a loss of revenue from the state for school funding, or from taxes due to business failures and mortgage foreclosures we would be unable to sustain operations.</p> |

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| | <p>And third, we need to revisit the whole notion of buying a pool at a time when it's entirely possible there will be no public swimming season in 2020 due to Coronavirus distancing rules.</p> <p>Regarding the facility and property: There are space problems at Edgewood's main attraction, its pool. There is little room to move around at the pool because the cement wrap-around deck is rather small. There's a bottleneck problem at the pool entrance. The bathrooms have serious ventilation problems. They are small and underground, with no windows. The club was running machines 24 hours a day to try to control odor and environmental problems there. The club owner once said she regretted the bathroom design.</p> <p>A majority of Southbury residents is known to prefer a year-round community center. I've heard the owner and task force members casually mention that there's "plenty of room" for expansion at Edgewood. Is there room? There is barely enough space for cars, especially on busy holidays, and the facility appears surrounded by wetlands. And why would we build in Middlebury, unless Middlebury wanted to make this a joint endeavor?</p> <p>While the wade-in splash park concept is attractive to children, without a separate kitty pool leaky diapers will occasionally force the shut-down of the entire facility.</p> <p>Conclusion: I vote no action on acquiring this out-of-town facility, or even improving our own pool facility at Ballantine until we can reliably determine what our town's financial future looks like. It directly opposes our Democratic principles and basic standards of fair play to purchase Edgewood without a public referendum.</p> <p>Submitted April 1, 2020 By Michele A. Zommer 242 White Birch Drive Southbury, CT</p> |
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| ID | 10 |
| First Name | Cathy |
| Last Name | Somers |
| Address | 148 Georges Hill Road |
| Comments | <p>1. what is the permitted capacity of the pool and the recreational center at any given time?</p> <p>2. It was stated that the 'season' for the pool to be open would be longer than the current Ballentine pool since it is heated, opening earlier in the year and closing later in the year. Since typically the lifeguards are young adults with summer jobs, how would we address the need for lifeguards before the school year has ended and after school as resumed, and at what cost?</p> <p>3. What were the numbers for maintaining the grounds at Edgewood (lawn mowing, snow plowing, janitorial service for the building) while still maintaining what needs to be maintained at Ballentine park (lawn mowing, electricity, janitorial service for the bathrooms if someone uses the facility for a picnic, etc.)?</p> <p>4. What is the future planning for Ballentine Park, even if it is minus the pool?</p> <p>5. Since the current owners are already accepting memberships for this summer, are we obligated to honor those if we purchase this?</p> |

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| First Name | Tricia |
| Last Name | Stewart |
| Address | 894 Peter Rd South |
| Comments | Why is there such a short turnaround time after the feedback session and then the task force recommendation? It suggests that you are not interested in community feedback. Additionally, the person who was just talking already suggested through word selection choices that Edgewood is to be purchased. (The person before Tom) |

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| ID | 12 |
| First Name | Ed |
| Last Name | Edelson |
| Address | 609 B Heritage Village |
| Comments | Has an independent real estate appraiser been commissioned to do a Comp Analysis? If so, how was the appraiser selected? Is the report available? I don't see it in the list of information above |

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| ID | 13 |
| First Name | Ed |
| Last Name | Edelson |
| Address | 609B Heritage Village |
| Comments | Has the seller been contacted to see if they are amenable to extending the option given the pandemic? If not, why not. If so, what was there response. I am concerned on making this major decision long-term under extreme conditions. |

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| ID | 14 |
| First Name | Tricia |
| Last Name | Stewart |
| Address | 894 Peter Rd South |
| Comments | What grants and research was done to address the ADA concerns with Ballentine? What grants were researched in all areas for Ballentine restoration? Southbury does not have a grant writer. |

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| ID | 15 |
| First Name | Ed |
| Last Name | Edelson |
| Address | 609 B Heritage Village |
| Comments | The estimates for rebuilding at Ballantine Park do not appear to be based on competitive bids. Why has the town decided to proceed without competitive bids on rebuilding on site? If not why is this exception being made to purchasing policy? |

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| First Name | Ed |
| Last Name | Edelson |
| Address | 609B Heritage Village |
| Comments | Although not directly related to purchasing decision, the task force notes that the pool was over staffed. This work was done by the Financial Officer. Has this assessment been reviewed by professionals in recreation as well as our insurance carrier? This was evaluated by YMCA in ~ 2014 and they said our staffing was appropriate. What are Mr. Colton's qualifications in this important area? |

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| ID | 17 |
| First Name | Tricia |
| Last Name | Stewart |
| Address | 894 Peter Rd South |
| Comments | What was done to understand the will of the Southbury Community? Why is Edgewood the only proposal? From my understanding, people do not want to pay taxes to another Municipality. This community has good feelings about Ballentine Pool. Why would the town want to abandon a property it owns? |

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| ID | 18 |
| First Name | Ed |
| Last Name | Edelson |
| Address | 609 B Heritage Village |
| Comments | Has the task force received guidance about the ability to operate any pool this coming season? We hear that pools will not open. Isn't this another reason to ask current seller for extension of the option? |

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| ID | 19 |
| First Name | Tricia |
| Last Name | Stewart |
| Address | 894 Peter Rd South |
| Comments | Why are you saying these are comparables for the pools that you list in the PPT for Ballentine contrasting, but your voiceover clearly stated there were not equivalent. Your presentation is very biased. Your presentation is clearly "selling" Edgewood based on your word choices. |

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| ID | 20 |
| First Name | Tricia |
| Last Name | Stewart |
| Address | 894 Peter Rd South |
| Comments | The person speaking about the basketball courts laughingly commented that the Edgewood Basketball courts are nicer than the ones in Southbury, why are the |

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| | Southbury Parks and Recreation in disrepair? Why is this funny? Why would a town want to buy options in another town, instead of improve their own town? |
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| ID | 21 |
| First Name | Tricia |
| Last Name | Stewart |
| Address | 894 Peter Rd South |
| Comments | Why have you not included the taxes paid to Middlebury annually? Why would anyone consider moving forward with this purchase with the pandemic and the state of the Stock market? Why would you believe that there are other bidders for Edgewood-- common realtor practice? Who is the Realtor representing Southbury? Who will get the commission for this? |

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| ID | 22 |
| First Name | Tricia |
| Last Name | Stewart |
| Address | 894 Peter Rd South |
| Comments | Who let the Region 15 tennis courts fall into disrepair? Why was this allowed? How do you justify that you won't increase bond or taxes for the school district to improve and then justify buying a property in another town? Gross ongoing mismanagement of Parks and Recreation and Region 15 seem to be an underlying, undiscussed concern. |

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| ID | 23 |
| First Name | Tricia |
| Last Name | Stewart |
| Address | 894 Peter Rd South |
| Comments | Great pride was expressed in the "Peak condition of Edgewood", I would like to know what is in "peak condition in Southbury and is maintained by the people who will maintain Edgewood? There is a real issue with the zest for Edgewood and the ongoing neglect of Southbury properties. |

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| ID | 24 |
| First Name | Trish |
| Last Name | Stewart |
| Address | 894 Peter Rd South |
| Comments | Will you be putting all answers to questions posed by the community into print and share them electronically with all community members? |

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| ID | 25 |
| First Name | kevin |
| Last Name | lynch |
| Address | 50 Hennessey Farm Rd |

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| Comments | 1) Considerations for use of shower/locker rooms and fitness center at the site 2) Plan for access to racquet courts 3) Will racquet lighting be utilized year round 4) plan for use over the winter 5) total membership considerations- town vs out of town 6) focus on pool use/management only at this time? 7) for Southbury residents this one is a "no brainer" in my opinion |
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| ID | 26 |
| First Name | Tricia |
| Last Name | Stewart |
| Address | 894 Peter Rd South |
| Comments | You started with a faulty premise and then you went forward to confirm what you laid out, why would the basic assumption be that what matters most is the financial cost? That is the premise that you decided started with as opposed to asking people for what they value about Ballentine? |

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| ID | 27 |
| First Name | Tricia |
| Last Name | Stewart |
| Address | 894 Peter Rd South |
| Comments | People presented "ideas for the future"--enclose a field house, make a regional community center, yet these are not researched, and zero financial details are provided, how do you as a financial board consider this due diligence? |

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| ID | 28 |
| First Name | Tricia |
| Last Name | Stewart |
| Address | 894 Peter Rd South |
| Comments | Did the Finance Committee, just suggest that we should petition the state to disband Southbury as a municipality and create one municipality--Middlebury/Southbury for financial regions? It seems the next logical step... |

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| ID | 29 |
| First Name | Tara |
| Last Name | Carter |
| Address | 64 Maple Tree Hill Rd |
| Comments | Question: If we are "regionalized with Middlebury already," "we are already a region" and "already integrated in Region 15 with Middlebury" per task force comment, will this be a "regional pool?" Will there be no "Middlebury taxes" since we are "regionalized with Middlebury already?" |

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| ID | 30 |
| First Name | Rich |
| Last Name | Boritz |
| Address | 401A Heritage Vlg |
| Comments | The HS tennis courts are not only used by the team but also for Physical Ed classes. What will happen to these physically. ed. classes if the tennis courts are not repaired? Are Phys. Ed. tennis classes bused to Edgewood? |

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| ID | 31 |
| First Name | Krista |
| Last Name | Judson |
| Address | 475 Berkshire Rd |
| Comments | Where is the money coming from to pay the annual taxes and other fees to the town of Middlebury without raising our taxes? Question 2: why has Ballentine park been running a loss? |

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| ID | 32 |
| First Name | Kathleen |
| Last Name | Warren |
| Address | 28 Manor Road |
| Comments | We are not talking about the schools. We are talking about the town. Isn't Ballentine used for the town summer camp? And with the courts being outside of town, regardless of the 4.3 minutes, will the citizens of Heritage village travel to play tennis there? Also how many high schools and colleges want to "rent it"? That takes up a lot of time. And what is the study on the parking lot at Edgewood say to take away spots and build something new? Will there be enough parking? |

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| ID | 33 |
| First Name | Cathy |
| Last Name | De Carli |
| Address | Flag Swamp Road |
| Comments | How much would it cost to close up Ballentine? Shouldn't that cost should also be added to the overall cost of Edgewood? |

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| ID | 34 – location of Community Center |
| First Name | Ed |
| Last Name | Edelson |
| Address | 609B Heritage Village |
| Comments | The Community Center Task Force that met in 2012 analyzed many other community centers. The location of Edgewood on a side street was noted to be something to be avoided. This is why Regional YMCA has determined that Edgewood is NOT a good site for a regional community center. This is not a good site for a regional Community Center. We are no relying on experts in location of Community Center. |

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| ID | 35 |
| First Name | Rich |
| Last Name | Boritz |
| Address | 401A Heritage Vlg |
| Comments | What will be the cost of demolishing the Ballantine Pool? That has not been included in the cost to purchase Edgewood. |

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| ID | 36 |
| First Name | David |
| Last Name | Dos Santos |
| Address | 98 Wolf Pit Dr |
| Comments | If The purchase of Edgewood goes forward, what would be the plan for Ballantine? |
| ID | 37 |
| First Name | Cathy |
| Last Name | De Carli |
| Address | Flag Swamp Road |
| Comments | Do we know why Edgewood is selling the property? |

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| ID | 38 |
| First Name | Geri |
| Last Name | Travis |
| Address | 23 Traditions Blvd |
| Comments | Excellent presentation tonight! 1. Can imagine our town will be enhanced by the availability of essentially a Town Country Club This should enhance our real estate values and attract young families to our community. 2. What will happen to the current Ballantine property? |

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| ID | 39 |
| First Name | Ed |
| Last Name | Edelson |
| Address | 609B Heritage Village |
| Comments | Point of Information. Southbury pay annual property tax to Woodbury for a piece of Janie Pierce Park. This is because we say it is for Southbury residents only. One reason the Ballantine pool operates at a loss over the years was the decision to make it much more costly for non-Southbury residents to be members. With almost zero incremental cost, we could have been had additional revenue with a simple policy change by Parks and Recreation. Unless we change our view of working with neighboring towns this will continue |

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| ID | 40 |
| First Name | Vivian |
| Last Name | Templeton |
| Address | 1008 Bullet Hill Rd |
| Comments | If we have until 7/31, why is the Town rushing the vote? Why not wait until the summer when we hopefully can assemble for a referendum? If conditions don't change you can still do a vote without the electors. |

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| ID | 41 |
| First Name | Tricia |
| Last Name | Stewart |
| Address | 894 Peter Rd South |
| Comments | You had 39 people at the beginning and 39 people at 9:22. You did not lose half... |

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| ID | 42 |
| First Name | Allison |
| Last Name | McGahren |
| Address | 18 Turrill Brook Drive |
| Comments | In the financial impact statement, how are you calculating the \$312,710 estimated revenue? The projected pool membership fees/day pass fees are only \$124,460. Even if you assume the current Edgewood tennis revenue that brings the total to \$150,088. I don't see how the Edgewood pool can be self-supporting and it appears that it will operate at a much larger loss than Ballantine currently does. |

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| ID | 43 |
| First Name | Michael |
| Last Name | Blizman |
| Address | 57 tuttle orad |
| Comments | If I missed it my apologies but what would the cost be to close the Ballantine Pool facility as if not being used would be left as a liability issue. These costs need to be factor into the purchase of Edgewood. |

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| ID | 44 |
| First Name | Bernice |
| Last Name | Scoville |
| Address | 84 Hollow Swamp Road |
| Comments | Since we are in the midst of a pandemic, the Town is holding virtual Town meetings online. We can have a virtual referendum/ballot from our homes. Those taxpayers that have the internet can answer a simple yes/no question regarding the purchase. Those people that don't have access can respond by the Town inserting a ballot in the Voices. The person can answer the question, fold the paper in half, tape on three sides and return with the town's address already preprinted. The names could be verified as they are when voting in person by townhall staff. This way the taxpayers decide. These are |

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| | tough times and the Town should allow the taxpayers to vote for or against this purchase. |
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| ID | 45 |
| First Name | Serena |
| Last Name | Marro |
| Address | 151 Settlers Hill Rd |
| Comments | Me and my family loved Ballantine pool and would like to continue swimming for many years. Whether is be a new pool or Edgewood I am for a pool for the residents to use. |

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| ID | 46 |
| First Name | Byunghoon |
| Last Name | Bang |
| Address | 1424 Bucks Hill Road |
| Comments | I endorse the swimming pool. |

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| ID | 47 |
| First Name | Jennifer |
| Last Name | Beecher |
| Address | 605 Reservoir Rd |
| Comments | I feel strongly that we should restore the Southbury Town Pool and not buy Edgewood. Our community can not afford to lose an entire pool. The numbers you have here seem incredibly inflated. We need to get more quotes. A pool house costs more than an entire home in Southbury? That seems suspicious. The Southbury Town Pool is a wonderful addition to our community, and it should be restored. |

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| ID | 48 |
| First Name | Meredith |
| Last Name | Ferreira |
| Address | 108 Amos White Road |
| Comments | A pool is an important part of my kid's life. They both swim for PAC in the winter and swim for Edgewood in the summer. We need to ensure that our community has a place to swim year-round. |

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| ID | 49 |
| First Name | Kim |
| Last Name | Hammesfahr |
| Address | 23 Atwood St |
| Comments | Our family would love for this to go through with Edgewood! We would be respectful of the property and would attend often! |

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| ID | 50 |
| First Name | Daniel |
| Last Name | Dube |
| Address | 137 Coughlin Dr |
| Comments | How will this affect property taxes? |

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| ID | 51 |
| First Name | Kristen |
| Last Name | Mengold |
| Address | 511 Old Waterbury Rd |
| Comments | <p>I am writing in support of the purchase of Edgewood Bath & Tennis Club. Our town needs a pool and this property provides a wonderful opportunity for our community to gather and swim, play tennis, shoot hoops and enjoy each other's company. This town has an amazing swim community and my two sons have benefited greatly from the PAC swim program and the Southbury Sharks swim team. After the passing of my 8-year-old son, Logan last February the swim community rallied around us and supported us. Both PAC and the Shark swim program helped my older son to get back into a routine, be with his friends, exercise and have fun. The pool was a great escape for us, as it is for many.</p> <p>Our town needs a pool and a place that is inclusive for all members of our community. I believe Edgewood would provide that. Please move forward with the purchase of Edgewood. Thank you.</p> |

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| ID | 52 |
| First Name | Camille |
| Last Name | Dumont |
| Address | 90 old Woodbury rd. |
| Comments | I am in complete support of the town buying the Edgewood club. Are youth and teens as well as adults and seniors desperately need a pool for fun and exercise. |

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| ID | 53 |
| First Name | Bernadette |
| Last Name | Queenan |
| Address | 75 Stonegate Drive |
| Comments | We voice our support for the Edgewood Pool...Our 3 sons learned how to swim over the past 10 years through the park and rec and our youngest has thoroughly enjoyed swimming for Sharks swim team! Thank you for looking out for doing what's economically best for our town and our taxpayer dollars! |

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| ID | 54 |
| First Name | Frank |
| Last Name | Salamone |

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| Address | 71 Silver Beech Rd |
| Comments | I watched the stream to the end and endorse purchasing the Edgewood facility. I understand that the current focus is determining the proper decision, but my concern is post decision management. Municipalities normally struggle with "for profit" businesses and I would like to see a plan for managing the facility as a business. |

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| ID | 55 |
| First Name | Leigh |
| Last Name | Funderburk |
| Address | 167 Bridle Path Rd |
| Comments | I am emailing you today to let you know that I am in support of the purchase of Edgewood. Our children have been a part of PAC as well as Summer Sharks. We have also used the summer pool at Ballentine for social gatherings for the kids. Whether it is the new site or the old site, our town needs a pool! So many of us have utilized the pool over the years, and to be without one would be heartbreaking. Thank you for listening! |

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| ID | 56 |
| First Name | Carole |
| Last Name | Nielsen |
| Address | 61 Little York Road |
| Comments | Hello - I fully support the purchase of Edgewood! My daughter started swimming as a Summer Shark as a 5 year old at Ballentine. She is now a Freshman at PHS swimming varsity. Her success as a swimmer is a direct result of the town pool. Since she was little, my daughter has wanted to be a lifeguard at Ballentine and teach younger children to love swim as much as she does. When I told her about the possible Edgewood purchase - she was thrilled. I have no doubt that any family who has utilized the town pool will feel the fame. Thank you, Carole Nielsen |

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| ID | 57 |
| First Name | Jolene |
| Last Name | Henion |
| Address | 972 Georges Hill Road |
| Comments | We need a community pool. The swim program in town is one of the reasons we moved here almost 5 years ago. We love the pool in Newtown and always remark on what a shame it is that Southbury has nothing as nice. |

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| ID | 58 |
| First Name | John |
| Last Name | Diehl |
| Address | 928B Heritage Village |
| Comments | Southbury Selectmen, Please consider not purchasing the Edgewood Pool Property at this time. I feel we have |

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| | <p>a diamond in the rough at Ballantine Park.</p> <p>The Edgewood facility is already overbuilt on the property with little room to expand. It would be difficult to build in the wetland without environmental work and grading. Ballantine Park large and flat, it has 2-1/2 times the space to grow into a Regional Community Recreation Area in the center of town verse a crowed recreation center out of town.</p> <p>Wednesday the ad-hock committee mentioned a field house at Edgewood could be built on the basketball court but for what field and then where do they play basketball? Not to mention, that is a small footprint for a fieldhouse.</p> <p>I would like to hear more about the Southbury 20-year Strategic Park Plan before buying a property. What is the long-term town park plan?</p> <p>Here are more questions that I feel need to be addressed before moving forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is there value in a Ballantine Park Pool where more money to get a state-of-the-art pool would pay off and would have ample room to grow into a regional recreation center? - The committee said it is a better deal now. If we pay tax to Middlebury, how many years of taxes will overcome the saving on the smaller property? Is it a short view on planning and budget? - The committee mentioned a few times that the other offer on the table is higher, how do they know? Is that not an old real estate trick,,,,, close quick or you will lose it, someone else wants to pay more? - Where are the site comparisons? Pro/con between 25-acre Ballantine verse 5-acre Edgewood (5 acres is wetland)? - If this is a regional project outside of town, can we get the region to help? Why should the town go it alone? - Is the site large enough? The committee already mentioned buying more property to expand. How much is that worth and should the property be secured before we close on Edgewood? Once we buy the property, the surrounding properties will be able to ask for more, would we not be stuck? Not to mention it is not our town, could the neighbor build a pot dispensary in the future and we would have no control? Lastly, it was mentioned a few times if we don't do this then we don't get a pool and lose tradition, sounded like some strong-arm tactic, maybe we should slow down. <p>I feel this project should be built in the center of town and at the least planned a bit further in a strategic long-term sense.</p> <p>Thank You</p> |
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| ID | 59 |
| First Name | Kristin |
| Last Name | Cedor |
| Address | 867 Hulls hill rd |

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| Comments | looking forward would or could the Edgewood pool have a bubble over it? Like the pool in Brookfield, so it could be used in the winter? |
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| ID | 60 |
| First Name | John |
| Last Name | Diehl |
| Address | 928B Heritage Village |
| Comments | I would like to ask the Architect on the committee if they agree that this is the way they would approach the decision over all or would they rather a site assessment and schematic development plan be done before making a financial decision on either property? Where is the Environmental Impact Statement report? |

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| ID | 61 |
| First Name | Julie |
| Last Name | Howell |
| Address | 61 Russian Village Rd |
| Comments | only will support this purchase if you can make this a year-round facility for youth. The pick-up trucks parking and racing in the K-Mart plaza (Don't know the real name) is not good. It is not safe to shop there after dark and the police do not respond when called to break it up. It is time this town have a real youth center with late hours for teens. |

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| ID | 62 |
| First Name | Maria |
| Last Name | Papiro |
| Address | 182 West View Rd |
| Comments | I am 100% in support of any move that maintains aquatics in our community. I have seen dozens of young swimmers begin their careers at swim lessons and summer swim team, only to go on to become all-conference, all-state and college swimmers. We need to continue to provide swim programs for our youngest to our oldest swimmers not only indoors in the winter, but more importantly outdoors in the summer. The intrinsic value that aquatics adds to ones life, and to the value of our town, is priceless. |

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| ID | 63 |
| First Name | Adam |
| Last Name | Vossbrinck |
| Address | 198 cooper hill rd. |
| Comments | Yes, my family supports the purchase of Edgewood and are excited about the possibility |

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| ID | 64 |
| First Name | Kim |

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| Last Name | Leonetti |
| Address | 353 Beecher Dr |
| Comments | I think it would be a wonderful addition to the town! |

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| ID | 65 |
| First Name | PAUL |
| Last Name | STEWART |
| Address | 423 Dublin Road |
| Comments | Get it done! Edgewood would a great addition to the town. |

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| ID | 66 |
| First Name | Jonathan |
| Last Name | Bieluch |
| Address | 150 Fox Run Drive |
| Comments | Will a pass be required for access to all amenities (tennis courts, basketball, etc.) or will the fee only be required for pool access? Thank you |

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| ID | 67 |
| First Name | Gezime |
| Last Name | Selmani |
| Address | 278 Lakeside Road |
| Comments | Purchase it. Very nice asset for Southbury and reasonable priced too |

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| ID | 68 |
| First Name | Monica |
| Last Name | Pullano |
| Address | 563B Heritage Village |
| Comments | I thought the presentation was so much excellent, very clear and thorough. Financially and with the addition of so much to our recreation areas, it seems like a win to purchase this property. I would be interested in knowing how the Southbury families view the purchase as they would be the ones to pay for and utilize the facilities most. As a Single Sr. I wonder if there will be an opportunity to utilize the facility at a daily rate or reduced from the \$350 purposed family rate/yr. Thank you! Great job! |

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| ID | 69 |
| First Name | Shanna |
| Last Name | McKee-Bertram |
| Address | 295 Westenhook Ter. |
| Comments | The Edgewood property is a win-win for Southbury! It provides us with an ADA compliant heated pool, a potential community center, tennis courts and pickle ball; all |

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| | for less than fixing and upgrading to ADA compliant the existing Ballentine pool. I have NO reservations about the purchase and strongly urge the town to move forward with it! |
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| ID | 70 |
| First Name | Daniel |
| Last Name | Veccharelli |
| Address | 37 Painter Road |
| Comments | I am totally behind this purchase! Do it! It will be great for our town! |

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| ID | 71 |
| First Name | Sean |
| Last Name | Kane |
| Address | 173 West View Rd |
| Comments | I am all for this acquisition. It makes absolutely no fiscal sense to rehabilitate the Ballantine infrastructure for MORE money than it will cost to acquire Edgewood. The facility is ADA compliant, has additional useful infrastructure beyond the pool like tennis and pickleball courts, it's a no brainer. |

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| ID | 72 |
| First Name | michelle |
| Last Name | montague |
| Address | 242 Curt Smith rd |
| Comments | Buy Edgewood. |

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| ID | 73 |
| First Name | Arthur |
| Last Name | Wallace |
| Address | 302 Carriage Dr |
| Comments | Great for the community. Makes total sense. Southbury needs this. |

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| ID | 74 |
| First Name | Patty |
| Last Name | Shay |
| Address | 170 Chestnut Tree Hill Road |
| Comments | What are the estimated cost for a family membership? |

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| ID | 75 |
| First Name | Catherine |
| Last Name | Hirschauer |

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| Address | 411 carriage drive |
| Comments | I think this a wonderful idea and something that town would really benefit from!! |

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| ID | 76 |
| First Name | Eva |
| Last Name | Schick |
| Address | 212 Patriot Road |
| Comments | Our family is in full support of the town purchasing Edgewood. |

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| ID | 77 |
| First Name | Ed |
| Last Name | Tavino |
| Address | 44 Charter Oak Rd |
| Comments | Our family supports the town of Southbury to purchase Edgewood Bath and Tennis Club |

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| ID | 78 |
| First Name | Janine |
| Last Name | Bedard |
| Address | 182 Grey Rock Road |
| Comments | The Edgewood facility would be a great addition to our town recreation facilities! |

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| ID | 79 |
| First Name | DAWN |
| Last Name | SHAPIRO |
| Address | 352 Lakeside Road |
| Comments | Our family supports the purchase of Edgewood Bath and Tennis Club |

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| ID | 80 |
| First Name | Kathleen |
| Last Name | Masterson |
| Address | 28 Patriot Road |
| Comments | I strongly support the town purchasing Edgewood Bath and Tennis Club. What a fantastic addition to the town. It is a beautiful, modern facility. The town would be crazy not to take advantage of this incredible opportunity! BUY EDGEWOOD! |

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| ID | 81 |
| First Name | Kathleen |

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| Last Name | Johannes |
| Address | 244 laurelwood lane |
| Comments | We have been members of the Edgewood since it's inception! It has been a great place to take the kids and now playing tennis or pickle ball myself!! It has always been very clean and very well run!! I support the purchase!! |

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| ID | 82 |
| First Name | Paul |
| Last Name | Lasewicz |
| Address | 115 Luther Drive, Southbury |
| Comments | Looks to be a facility upgrade that seems to make fiscal sense, so I am in favor of the purchase. I do wonder what is the current thinking on how the facility would be operated (will courts be reserved and monitored?), and what short and long term thinking there is around the organized (as opposed to personal recreational) use of the non-pool parts of the facility? |

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| ID | 83 |
| First Name | Karen |
| Last Name | Waterman |
| Address | 113 Beacon Hill Dr |
| Comments | Looks like a great plan. Edgewood looks like a great investment for Southbury! |

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| ID | 84 |
| First Name | John |
| Last Name | Queenan |
| Address | 75 Stonegate Drive |
| Comments | It's amazing to me that we have such a great high school swim team with such a poor situation with our pools. There is no sport healthier for the entire body than swimming. I grew up in Trumbull, the Pools were then and still are FREE to all residents who pay taxes on their car and house. The cost is worked into the property taxes. I support the purchase of this pool. I think we should also fix Ballentine park pool and enclose Edgewood for year-round use. It should be open in the morning for a few hours for adult laps before anything else. With 20,000 people living in Town we should have more than one Town pool. I don't count the high school pool because I have asthma and can't spend more than a few minutes in that enclosed pool due to poor ventilation, and it is hardly ever open. |

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| ID | 85 |
| First Name | Beth |
| Last Name | Cuoco |
| Address | 20 Harvest Lane |
| Comments | Seems a great idea. We've been members of Edgewood for the past few years. It's a great pool. Seems like a better idea than fixing the town pool. |

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| ID | 86 |
| First Name | Amy |
| Last Name | Pavlock |
| Address | 193 Scatacook Lane |
| Comments | Has there been any consideration of applying for an ADA grant to update the existing pool facility? It seems ill-advised to purchase a smaller pieces of land, that will need improvements, and pay taxes to a different town instead of updating the current facilities that the residents of Southbury would have to drive to. It just makes poor sense in the long term. |

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| ID | 87 |
| First Name | Alyson |
| Last Name | Harrison |
| Address | 115 Hickory Lane |
| Comments | Build it or buy it? Either way our community needs a town pool!!! |

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| ID | 88 |
| First Name | Marie-Claire |
| Last Name | Montoro |
| Address | 504 Bagley Road |
| Comments | I think it's better invested here than by trying to fix the existing pool. This provides more land, space, opportunities etc. I'm only concerned about taxes going up. |

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| ID | 89 |
| First Name | Kathryn |
| Last Name | Smith |
| Address | 831 Fish Rock Rd |
| Comments | Love the idea of purchasing Edgewood. It is a fabulous facility and would be a great asset for the town. Seems like in the long run it would be a cost savings for the town as well. |

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| ID | 90 |
| First Name | Janice |
| Last Name | Creighton |
| Address | 510 Jeremy Swamp Road |
| Comments | As the parent of 2 children who swim all of the time, I cannot stress enough the need for a pool in town where the children can swim. One of these children swim for the PAC swim team and I can think of no other sport that I would appreciate more for several reasons: First off, it is excellent exercise. It is important for swimmers to swim year around. We have an excellent high school swim team and one of the reasons is the excellent swim program that they grow up with. Lastly, for the record, we need a pool that the swim team can use, year around without worrying about having to work around the school schedule. This year, when school was closed, we had to swim at the |

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| | Brookfield Y. What an incredible facility that is, I hope that one day we will have a pool similar to it that residents of Southbury, regardless of their age can enjoy, year around |
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| ID | 91 |
| First Name | Laura |
| Last Name | Bunyan Henry |
| Address | 225 Perkins Road |
| Comments | We absolutely need a designated town pool. |

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| ID | 92 |
| First Name | Margaret |
| Last Name | Manzer |
| Address | 277 Charter Oak Road |
| Comments | Edgewood is a great facility and will serve the needs of Southbury residents very well! They have a top-notch pool, courts, playground, snack bar, etc. My family has enjoyed many years as members of Edgewood! I support this purchase. |

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| ID | 93 |
| First Name | Charlie |
| Last Name | Rosa |
| Address | 61 Luna Trail |
| Comments | I wholeheartedly support the purchase of the Edgewood property. As a member of the task force and the Ballantine pool committee prior to the formation of the taskforce, I am comfortable with the due diligence put into analysis of whether to take advantage of the opportunity to purchase Edgewood. The financial analysis done by Dan Colton, John Michael's, and Tom Connors shows that it will not be a burden to the taxpayers, and it could actually generate revenue. The site visits and inspections coordinated by George Bertram shows the building, pool, courts and grounds to be in excellent condition. |

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| ID | 94 |
| First Name | David |
| Last Name | Manzer |
| Address | 277 Charter Oak Rd |
| Comments | Seems like a no-brainer. Edgewood would be fantastic for the town! I wholeheartedly support this proposal |

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| ID | 95 |
| First Name | Eugenia |
| Last Name | Brockett |
| Address | 135 CARRIAGE DR |

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| Comments | The swimming pool, tennis courts and the facility are very much needed in our town and I predict will be an asset to the town to be enjoyed by young and old. |
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| ID | 96 |
| First Name | Francis |
| Last Name | sapia |
| Address | 59e hill place, heritage vlg, |
| Comments | YES TO THE POOL |

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| ID | 97 |
| First Name | Jessica |
| Last Name | Moore |
| Address | 35 Scout Rd |
| Comments | <p>Hello...I am not into politics nor the actual dollar amounts of what this potential purchase will require...what I am into is being a middle-class family surviving here in Southbury living in Lakeside. We are lucky enough to call Southbury our home which we purchased in 2012 (I am from Long Island and my husband is from Newtown) and am having a hard time grasping at the idea of going to Middlebury for a few hours (we have a 4 year old) to enjoy our "town" pool etc. I have used the current pool a few times and I do agree it needs updating for many reasons, but yet I also feel it serves its purpose IN this town. Southbury is known for its wealthy senior population and caters to that demographic leaving the up and coming Southbury middle class to go elsewhere for their family's entertainment. My family is not capable nor willing to pay for the current resident season pass fee for the current pool (we do the daily fee) and firmly believe like others here, the Middlebury location while updated and current, shuts out many in our community. I have written to the town before regarding our playground here in Lakeside, which is directly in my front yard and finally, is being addressed and is worth the investment. Ideally the pool purchase looks good on paper and when it comes down to real people, with real average opinions, the Middlebury project just does not fit the bill.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>A 40 something resident who is hopeful to STAY in Southbury to raise her son.</p> |

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| ID | 98 |
| First Name | Sharon |
| Last Name | Todhunter |
| Address | 315 Flag Swamp Road |
| Comments | I love the idea of Southbury Town purchasing Edgewood. It is a beautiful facility. With neighboring towns such as Newtown and their new recreation facilities it makes sense for the town to be able to enjoy a newer updated place to enjoy. |

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| ID | 99 |
| First Name | Russ |
| Last Name | Tolles |

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| Address | 1295 old Waterbury rd |
| Comments | While my home is only a short distance from Edgewood a large part of Southbury residents do not. How would you convince people travel to Middlebury to utilize the facility? Have you sent out a questionnaire asking if they would use Edgewood? If Edgewood is underutilize how would you sell the place if current couldn't? |

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| ID | 100 |
| First Name | McMahon |
| Last Name | Timothy |
| Address | 221 Bates Rock Road |
| Comments | Any town pool needs to remain on Southbury town property. This is coming from a Southbury resident and Edgewood member. Why be at the mercy of another town for our tax bill? Make the town pool desirable and you will make it desirable and retain the residents. |

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| ID | 101 |
| First Name | John |
| Last Name | Diehl |
| Address | 928B Heritage Village |
| Comments | <p>Reference the "Southbury 20-year Strategic Park Plan," it is a recommendation that the community would be better served with a long term plan that had a vision of what Ballantine Park and the rest of the town parks would look like in 20 years and a plan on how to get there. Maybe a first step, 3.5 million or what it takes to build a nice pool. Maybe less, maybe we fix the pool to last 5 more years and plan on a new pool then. Maybe start with parking and a pool house first. Whatever is more important. I heard people asking if Edgewood would resolve a teen center, I can't imagine them walking to the other side of town and I don't think there was room for a teen center at Edgewood, maybe that is in the 5 or 10 year part of the 20 year plan. But buying a small property that already over built and only meets the immediate needs in my opinion is short sighted.</p> <p>I do appreciate the work you do and anything that is built or bought would be tax dollars I would be paying for a project I would probably not be using but fully support. As a graduate architect and one who studied community planning, this is not the right property or location for a town of our size. Not to mention now there is a question about moisture, ventilation and maintenance? I hope we are not basing our opinion on information from an Architect that designed the building, if that is that case, I would like a second opinion.</p> |

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| ID | 102 |
| First Name | Tania |
| Last Name | Fernandez |
| Address | 172 Grandview Rd |
| Comments | <p>Good evening,</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to express the importance of a new town pool. My children have been using the town pool for over 10 years. My kids are members of the PAC team. We do not have a pool at our residence, so the use of the town pool is</p> |

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| | essential for practice over the summer. The town pool also brings together friends and families. We love all the activities available at the town pool. My son is now a high school student part of the Pomperaug swimming team. His love for swimming began as young as five years old. The young lifeguards at the town pool dedicated their time and patience to help my child be the swimmer he is today. The purchase of Edgewood club will help the continuation of preparing our future swimming athletes. Please don't deny my 9-year-old the benefit of becoming a great swimmer just like her bother. The town pool has been part of our lives and part of some wonderful memories. I'm looking forward to making some more at Edgewood Club. |
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| ID | 103 |
| First Name | Tara |
| Last Name | Carter |
| Address | 64 Maple Tree Hill Rd |
| Comments | Please share how resident concerns about the inconvenience in getting to Edgewood was considered? Being so far from the center of town, how would adolescents of age to be able to get to the pool? Walk? And if a community or center is considered at this location down the road, how would teens be able to get there? Essentially, why would we consider moving services for our adolescents outside of our community and a significant inconvenienced distance from the center of town? |

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| ID | 104 |
| First Name | Bernice |
| Last Name | Scoville |
| Address | 84 Hollow Swamp Road |
| Comments | Everyone in Southbury should read the inspection report prepared by National Property Inspections. These 35 pages are very shocking. They didn't even inspect the pool and its equipment at the time because the pool was closed. Please go over the costs associated with the 15 problems discussed in detail including the costs associated with each item. It is shocking when the inspector says, "Below average condition for the building system evaluated, taking into consideration factors of age and design. Immediate repair, significant work or replacement is anticipated to return the building system to a good or fair condition." Please read the whole report. The work needed on the so-called great tennis courts that have cracks and poor electrical outlets or the basketball court that has a deteriorating surface. The parking lot needs work also. THIS IS A MONEY PIT. I read all the reports after submitting my original question so this is an important follow-up. |

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| ID | 105 |
| First Name | Dan |
| Last Name | Szabo |
| Address | 46 Ridgeview Road |
| Comments | I support and favor the purchase of Edgewood. |

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| First Name | Joan |
| Last Name | Korowotny |
| Address | 452 Spruce Brook Road |
| Comments | It was stated that the taxes to Middlebury for this property would be covered by the income generated. Do we have any income figures from the current owners so that we as taxpayers have some idea of the numbers. |

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| ID | 107 |
| First Name | James |
| Last Name | Hartman |
| Address | 691 Georges Hill Rd |
| Comments | Will the proposed Edgewood facility be made available to Middlebury residents? Will there be a different fee compared to Southbury residents? |

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| ID | 108 |
| First Name | Stephen |
| Last Name | Lucas |
| Address | 221 Sunset Ridge Road |
| Comments | While I feel this may have been a good plan in the past, I feel that during this time of economic uncertainty, many residents including myself would prefer not to spend that amount of money on a non-necessity which will eventually raise taxes. No matter how you look at it, it is a non-essential and will need to be funded. I vote no! Who knows, with everything happening, the price will probably drop or perhaps go into foreclosure thus making it a true bargain which is the only way I would support the project. Thank you |

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| ID | 109 |
| First Name | Melanie |
| Last Name | Dugas |
| Address | 136 Fox Run Dr |
| Comments | Although we love the cozy feel of Ballantine park, there seems to be tremendous value and greater opportunities for families to enjoy what Edgewood would offer for the price. We are in favor of this purchase. |

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| ID | 110 |
| First Name | Jorge |
| Last Name | Jaramillo |
| Address | 94 Elaine Dr |
| Comments | Excellent idea for a much needed facility for children as well as adults. |

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| First Name | Liz |
| Last Name | McConnon |
| Address | 123 BRITIANI RD. |
| Comments | I think this would be great for Southbury residents! Edgewood is a great place and the town would be lucky to have this for our town pool. |

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| ID | 112 |
| First Name | Valerie & Leonard |
| Last Name | Beard |
| Address | 27 Wolfpit Road |
| Comments | <p>Based on the inspection report, it seems as though Edgewood has not been well maintained. What are the costs to bring it back up to usable standards, and then what are the ongoing costs to maintain the property?</p> <p>Should Southbury purchase Edgewood, what will be done with the pool property at Ballantine? Will that pool space be demolished? Used for more park space? Still maintained by the town? Left in a state of disrepair?</p> <p>Also, what will happen with the tennis courts at the high school, since PHS uses the courts at Edgewood?</p> |

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| ID | 113 |
| First Name | chris |
| Last Name | marquis |
| Address | 1121 south britain rd |
| Comments | Edgewood is in Middlebury and doesn't seem to be central to anyone in Southbury. From what I'm reading, the cost of membership will also rise? will this be open to surrounding towns as well? I understand Ballantine needs to be updated, but not everything falls back to being "financially prudent". I think the world of Mr. Manville and think we has done a fantastic job here in town. as a family user of the pool, this move would be disappointing to some. |

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| ID | 114 |
| First Name | John |
| Last Name | Guinipero |
| Address | 10 Tuttle Rd |
| Comments | <p>Hello:</p> <p>I am in complete favor of acquiring the Edgewood facility. We are in desperate need of more facilities Like Edgewood and an acquisition of this sort "catapults" that facility need process. This would be a big win for our community!</p> <p>-John Guinipero</p> |

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| First Name | Martha |
| Last Name | Barrett |
| Address | 110 West Gilbert Rd |
| Comments | Totally in favor! The youth of this town have been I need of recreational activities.for years. I am also TOTALLY not in favor of selling permits to anyone not living in Southbury and Middlebury! I don't want anyone from these towns turned away because too many out of town people are there |

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| ID | 116 |
| First Name | Jennifer |
| Last Name | Lemay |
| Address | 575 Bucks Hill Rd. |
| Comments | <p>Good day,</p> <p>I am reaching out to share that for my family, a pool accessible to Southbury residents is extremely important.</p> <p>I have a stepson with needs which truly require his being able to swim as frequently as possible. In the colder months, we accomplish this for him through Panther Aquatic Club, which he is fortunately a teammate of. In the summer, we frequent Ballentine's pool and we often pay extra to have friends from Middlebury join us.</p> <p>It would be devastating to see this end.</p> <p>I support either the purchase of Edgewood or the reconstruction of the existing pool. It is well worth the investment for the health & wellbeing that swimming provides to all members of our town.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> |

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| ID | 117 |
| First Name | William |
| Last Name | Spencer |
| Address | 779 Old Field Rd |
| Comments | Buy it! This is an historic opportunity let's not forego it. This would be a great acquisition for the town. |

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| ID | 118 |
| First Name | brian |
| Last Name | baxt |
| Address | 83 valley stream lane |
| Comments | I think Edgewood purchase is great |

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| ID | 119 |
| First Name | Robert |
| Last Name | D'Amico |
| Address | 916 Chestnut Tree Hill Rd |

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| Comments | <p>Our town and world has significantly changed for the worse since this project was launched. Rather than spending \$2mm on recreational project that will not benefit most people in town, the right thing to do would be to use those funds to help the people of Southbury at a time when they need it the most. It seems unlikely that the property would be purchased by someone else given the catastrophic state that our economy has dropped to.</p> <p>Therefore, I earnestly suggest that the project be halted, the allocated funds be used to help the neediest in town now, then resurrect the project at a later date - you probably will get a better deal if you waited. anyway.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> |
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| ID | 120 |
| First Name | L |
| Last Name | P |
| Address | HV |
| Comments | Sounds good to me, I would vote yes for Edgewood |

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| ID | 121 |
| First Name | chris |
| Last Name | evans |
| Address | 162 old Watertown rd. |
| Comments | <p>As a Middlebury resident I strongly support the decision to purchase Edgewood. My kids have been swimming with Southbury park and rec and PAC for 6 years now. Just do some research and see how successful the Brookfield YMCA and Cheshire Pools are and you will see this is a wise investment. Esp. with how popular swimming is in this area. There has been a wait list to join PAC for the past 6 years.</p> <p>What is to come of the Southbury town pool if the Edgewood deal goes through?</p> <p>I would love to see the town keep it up and running.</p> |

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| ID | 122 |
| First Name | Tara |
| Last Name | Carter |
| Address | 64 Maple Tree Hill Rd |
| Comments | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are the balentine tennis and basketball courts ADA compliant? 2. If not, are there plans to improve the Balentine tennis & bball courts to make them ADA compliant? Any idea why the Balentine courts weren't maintained? 3. If we don't move forward with the Edgewood project, what Southbury tennis and bball courts will citizens be able to use, other than community house, given the free Balentine courts are non ADA compliant? 4. If we do move forward with the Edgewood project, what was the task force's thorough assessment of community feedback that the only other location (aside from community) Southbury residents be able to use for tennis and basketball be locked behind a membership fee - and inconveniently far from town center -, while they were free and in prime center location at Balentine? Given that my children frequent the |

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| | courts, I was never asked for my feedback from the task force on this question for consideration in their decision. Why not? |
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| ID | 123 |
| First Name | Nicholas |
| Last Name | Patsis |
| Address | 460 Hertage Rd |
| Comments | Location far for Southburian use. Heritage competes with subscribers. Property has high real estate taxes. Southburians will not drive to Middlebury-too far. Bad times to purchase, people lost jobs. DO NOT PURCHASE. Fix Ballentime. |

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| ID | 124 |
| First Name | Sabrina |
| Last Name | Santilli |
| Address | 119 Hornet Nest Road |
| Comments | <p>My son and I moved to Southbury from Rocky Hill in 2016. When we lived in Rocky Hill I would frequently bring him to the town pool. Rocky Hill offered open swim and lap swim almost every day for a majority of the year, so popping in for a swim with my son or going to lap swim was never an issue.</p> <p>When we moved to Southbury, I was shocked at the inaccessibility to a pool for no other reason than lack of availability. The second year I lived here, I paid around \$180 for the winter family pass to the high school pool. Unfortunately, the pool had limited time for lap swim, which made it difficult to attend. Between the limited hours and cancellation of lap swim, I decided to look for other local pool options. The closest and best choice for our family was the YMCA in Brookfield, which is approximately 15 miles away.</p> <p>In the 5th grade, my son decided that he wanted to try out for a swim team. He started summer swim team on the Brookfield team. The practices required me to drive twenty-five minutes each way for an hour and forty-five-minute practice, five days a week. After the summer season, I tried to put him on PAC, but there was no space available. I called Newtown to see if he could swim on their team, but they explained that the swim team is limited to residents only. So, he continued on the Brookfield team for the winter season. It wasn't until Spring of the following year that I could get my son on PAC. While the wait was worth it, I never imagined having such a hard time accessing a pool or getting my son on a swim team. PAC currently has over 200 swimmers on the team during the winter season. The four coaches do a fantastic job of handling such an enormous swim team but sharing one pool with high school swimmers and PAC doesn't leave much time for other residents in town. I don't believe my child would be as strong of a swimmer as he is today if it wasn't for joining PAC, and he is just one of so many talented swimmers in this town.</p> <p>I believe that the acquisition of the Edgewood facilities would be a great asset to many members of our community and generations to come. I believe that a town with such an impressive swim team and an active town would benefit from having more year-round access to these types of resources. My questions are, what would be the possibility and probability of seasonally enclosing the pool (such as a bubble)? I would also like to know more about your plan and timeline for approaching surrounding municipalities to make this a regionalized community center and share expenses.</p> |

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| ID | 125 |
| First Name | Matt |
| Last Name | Sherrick |
| Address | 460 Heritage Rd. Apt 202 |
| Comments | Favors Middlebury residents - too far for Southbury users. People will not subscribe have Heritage Hotel, Planet Fit, The Gym. People lost jobs. Has high Real estate taxes. Terrible times to make purchase. Too many seniors here and will be useless. REJECT PURCHASE. |

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| ID | 126 |
| First Name | Maureen |
| Last Name | Castellano |
| Address | 108 Palmer Road |
| Comments | In light of the current situation I believe the town should postpone a decision. The economic impact of the pandemic is unknown. Many taxpayers have lost jobs & more will follow. We are being cautious with our family's expenditures and we should do the same as a community. Even the idea of opening the town pool this summer is not guaranteed. Purchasing a "want" not a "need" at this time is foolish. Yes, a pool is a "want." |

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| ID | 127 |
| First Name | Louise |
| Last Name | Duke |
| Address | 881B Heritage Village |
| Comments | Should this property become a regional community center in the future are there plans to move the Southbury Senior Center to it? |

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| ID | 128 |
| First Name | Helen |
| Last Name | Patsis |
| Address | 458 Heritage Rd |
| Comments | This is investment risk. Place is too far - Residents won't join and pay. You add real estate taxes on us. Competition from Planet, The Gym, H Hotel Favors Middleburians not us. People lost jobs. Fix Ballantine, roads, bridges, Town lights - more sensible. DONT BUY. |

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| First Name | Peter |
| Last Name | Dawson |
| Address | 856 Chestnut Tree Hill Road |
| Comments | <p>Are we going to see the current costs of running/purchasing edgewood and a proposed membership cost after all mentioned improvements required or desired?</p> <p>Can we get a proposal of a community center for Ballentine area that would include all of the desired amenities for our community and see costs of ownership and membership fees?</p> <p>I don't see the opposing view numbers as a whole for residents. Ad hoc committee needs to look at both as equal instead of just sell Edgewood.</p> |

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| ID | 130 |
| First Name | Peter |
| Last Name | Dawson |
| Address | 856 Chestnut Tree Hill Road |
| Comments | Why is this being called a regional facility? It's not going to support regional attendance. What are the plans and costs for demolition of Ballantine? What are you going to do with the land there and costs should be added to the Edgewood costs. |

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| ID | 131 |
| First Name | John |
| Last Name | Gray |
| Address | 21 Patriot Road |
| Comments | <p>Many thanks to the Ad-hoc Pool Committee for their diligence in vetting the Edgewood and Ballantine projects for our town. Our town runs on volunteers and their service is appreciated!</p> <p>The plans to upgrade Ballantine are understandably vague because we have no design to send out to bid. Creating a design will cost more money.</p> <p>The easiest way to weight these two options is to ask, "What would Ballantine look like if we put the \$2 million dollar purchase price of Edgewood towards repairing/upgrading Ballantine?"</p> <p>What does a Ballantine pool and pool house look like after \$2 million in repairs and upgrades? If the answer is "not better then Edgewood" then why waste any more on Ballantine? I have a sinking suspicion that \$2 million does not get close to solving the accessibility issues at Ballantine.</p> |

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| ID | 132 |
| First Name | John |
| Last Name | Diehl |
| Address | 928B Heritage Village |

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| Comments | <p>Selectman,</p> <p>Did Southbury's Edgewood Pool Committee make a site visit? Was there a site survey report submitted to review?</p> <p>Then take a look at the perimeter, signs that points out "Protected Wet Lands" and between the wetland and the pool and basketball courts are designed storm-water runoff filtration basins. You don't just cover those and build more on wetlands.</p> <p>image.png image.png image.png</p> <p>There are cracks in the tennis courts. If the town continues it's track of disposable properties, how long will Edgewood last? The town is abandoning tennis courts at the school and a current pool for ones that also need maintenance.</p> <p>image.png image.png image.png</p> <p>Not sure about these pool heaters, don't look happy.</p> <p>image.png</p> <p>Why are there parking spots covered with a wood court and then others including handicapped marked off as no parking - 20 spaces marked off or blocked. Is this space used for summer camp?</p> <p>image.png image.png image.png image.png</p> <p>Was a pollution survey done? Looks like storage is lacking. Chlorine is kept outside. Is this even legal? If these open the material will kill the wetland.</p> <p>image.png image.png image.png image.png</p> <p>Lastly the committee talks about future building, even if they fought to get a wetlands exception the property has substantial elevation changes. The volleyball court is not full size and one corner is cut short to avoid the hill. there is an 8 foot drop here, I assume every time the ball is out of bounds they have to fetch it down the hill in the wetlands.</p> <p>image.png</p> <p>This project smells worse everyday we look at it.</p> <p>Now I will dip my toes into the coronavirus conversation. First, am I travelling illegally to do a site visit on the way to a supermarket? Theoretically we should not be traveling to the site to look at it.</p> <p>Second, who knows what the world will be like when this is over, what will anything be worth. Would you buy a house today? Only if the price was dropped through the floor and then I would take advantage of a situation.</p> |
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| | <p>Oh, yes taxes, is it really over \$50,000 a year? If we add that to a 25 year cost of carry for the property what does it really cost? That is \$1,250,000 just in taxes.</p> <p>Lets put this to bed and pass.</p> <p>Pictures were mailed to selectmen</p> <p>Thank You, John Diehl 928B Heritage Village Southbury, CT 06488</p> |
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| ID | 133 |
| First Name | Arnold |
| Last Name | Nordby |
| Address | 1334 old Waterbury rd |
| Comments | I think 2 million versus 4 million is a pretty clear choice. There are also money-making options that valentine doesn't offer. I was a little bit confused on one part referring to Woodbury and Middlebury residents. Question though. What would become of the current pool and are those costs included. Nobody wants to find out later that doing away with Ballentine would cost us let's say a million dollars. |

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| ID | 134 |
| First Name | Michele |
| Last Name | Miller |
| Address | 1108 Purchase Brook Rd. |
| Comments | In these uncertain times, I believe it would be very irresponsible to make a purchase of this magnitude right now. We have no idea how this is going to affect our economy. There will be many members of our community affected financially. It is quite possible that we would be unable to open any pool this year and also possible that our community members will not have the finances to join the pool as well. Please put this on hold. If it is purchased by someone else in the meantime, then it just wasn't meant to be. I also believe a purchase of this magnitude should have a referendum. This is not a decision to be made by just a few. |

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| ID | 135 |
| First Name | Heidi |
| Last Name | Gleissner |
| Address | 5 Housatonic Trail |
| Comments | <p>My name is Heidi Gleissner and I am a resident of Southbury with 20+ years of experience as a Certified Pool Operator. If I can be of any assistance with the Ballantine Pool or help when you acquire the Edgewood property, I am more than willing to help.</p> <p>I am also a certified Red Cross lifeguard and WSI.</p> <p>I can be reached at 203 788 2656</p> <p>Thank you for your time and stay safe</p> |

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| | Sincerely, Heidi Gleissner |
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| ID | 136 |
| First Name | Diane B |
| Last Name | Sullivan |
| Address | 615 South Britain Road |
| Comments | Wonderful idea for town to buy Edgewood! I am presently a "Racket Only" member of Edgewood and would welcome the opportunity to take advantage of the pool. In addition, I hope the town is going to continue the use of the Tennis courts for USTA play as it could also generate revenue for the town as the out of town Teams - pay to play. In addition, the town could continue the tennis clinics, pickle ball, & paddle tennis and collect fees for non-town guests. It only takes me 5 extra minutes to get to Edgewood from South Britain vs. Ballantine and/or Community Park and the quality of the Tennis courts and facilities are far superior to the existing town facilities. |

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| ID | 137 |
| First Name | Joe |
| Last Name | Papiro |
| Address | 182 West View Rd. |
| Comments | <p>Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this note. I wanted to speak out regarding the future of the Southbury Town Pool at Ballantine Park.</p> <p>For many years, my family and I frequented this pool for a number of purposes: swimming with friends, working as a Head Swim Coach and lifeguard, and attending swim meets with many of my good friends. All of the time spent in this facility helped solidify my love for the sport of swimming and enabled me to join a Division 1 program after a stellar high school swimming career.</p> <p>I would very much appreciate further consideration in refurbishing the Southbury Town Pool. It has been a place that has allowed me to grow into the athlete and person that I am today. I'm happy to provide additional commentary should it be needed to help the Town make it's decision. My phone number is +1-203-565-7089.</p> <p>Thanks in advance for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Best regards, Joe Papiro</p> |

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| ID | 138 |
| First Name | John |
| Last Name | Tucker |
| Address | 452 Heritage Road |
| Comments | In Videos, Selectmen with backs to camera CANNOT BE HEARD. Need change seating - FACING camera to be heard. |

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| ID | 139 |
| First Name | Alaina |
| Last Name | Papiro |
| Address | 182 W View Rd |
| Comments | <p>Good afternoon Town of Southbury -</p> <p>I hope this message finds you and your families well. I know the world is facing unprecedented, times, but I am writing to you in hopes that you strongly consider maintaining a community pool in Southbury.</p> <p>Some of my earliest memories involve playing and training in the water at the Southbury Town Pool, or STP, as we always called it. It was here that I learned the essential life skill of swimming, conquered some of my biggest fears, and made life-long friends. Whether it was playing a game of shark in the "deep end", participating in the annual Summer Carnival, or competing at an age group level as a Southbury Shark swimmer, there was no shortage of fun to be had.</p> <p>The years I spent at the town pool as a patron, head lifeguard, swim lesson instructor, swim coach, and competitive swimmer has molded me into the accomplished adult I am today. Without STP, I would not have had the opportunity to become a record breaking, scholarship Division I swimmer. Furthermore, the attributes learned throughout my childhood and adolescence have enabled me to become a NICU nurse.</p> <p>I can say I look back fondly on my memories at the town pool, as they have guided me to be a resolute, compassionate, and prosperous member of this community. My hope is that sharing my experiences will help to make clear the positive impact a pool can have, and that other children can have the same opportunities I did.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and your consideration of my message. I hope you all stay well.</p> <p>-Alaina T. Papiro</p> |

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| ID | 140 |
| First Name | Karen |
| Last Name | Fimmano |
| Address | 1026 KETTLETOWN RD |
| Comments | <p>I watched the first Town Hall Meeting, and I feel like you all gave very compelling arguments for purchasing the Edgewood property. My children are grown now, but all through their childhoods, we spent hours each day at the town pool. It was a way to get out of the house, meet friends, get fresh air and exercise. My kids took lessons, joined the swim team, and eventually became lifeguards. This opportunity opened doors in college and in their professional lives. I have met other families that have moved to Southbury solely for the purpose of their children swimming on the PHS swim team!</p> |

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| ID | 141 |
| First Name | Brian |
| Last Name | Shea |

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| Address | 1284 Bucks Hill Rd |
| Comments | <p>Mr. Manville</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time and I just wanted to make known how much the Ballantine Pool (Southbury Town Pool) has many to so many that have come through its doors.</p> <p>I had the privilege of frequenting the pool as a younger child where we spent many summer days with family and friends.</p> <p>I not only attended as a child but also the Southbury Town Pool (STP) was one of my first opportunities for a job. There i not only developed many friendships which I still have today but learned the meaning of responsibility and community affiliation. My personal development aside, this pool helped to serve as a portion of the feeder program to one of the best athletic teams in the state....Pomperaug Swimming & Diving. Younger swimmers are able to learn the basics and gain the confidence to be a contributing member of such a prestigious program.</p> <p>The reasons as to why the STP should remain are endless but in a world where everything is shifting to digital experiences and become less personal, it is ever more important to keep one of the few staples, or should I say landmarks which helps to define our community.</p> <p>Thank you again for the time and consideration.</p> |

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| ID | 142 |
| First Name | Carol |
| Last Name | Rosa |
| Address | 61 Luna Trail |
| Comments | I am in favor of the purchase of Edgewood Bath and Tennis. It will definitely be an asset to the town and provide enjoyment and exercise for both young and old. |

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| ID | 143 |
| First Name | Cameron |
| Last Name | Evans |
| Address | 213 N. Poverty Rd |
| Comments | <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the financial impact section, you listed \$14,097 for advertising. What type of advertising and why so expensive? 2. Page 6 of the FAQ, you don't yet know the cost to safely and environmentally remove the Ballantine Pool or Pomperaug Tennis courts, this should be taken into account as it will be additional expenses for Southbury residents. What is the cost to perform this work please and how will High School athletes travel to the Edgewood tennis courts? <p>Comment:</p> <p>I'm concerned that there are still too many unknowns to determine if purchasing Edgewood for \$2,115,000 is the less expensive option, especially since the town has yet to know how to turn a profit (page 8 FAQ) out of this potential investment. There are a variety of additional costs that Southbury will surely incur down the road such as</p> |

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| | the option to expand the bathhouse and perhaps build a gymnasium or any other add-ons (page 7 FAQ). Leveraging the existing space at Ballantine although at face value, seems to be more expensive, it is in town and can accommodate our local swimmers needs and give us the flexibility to meet the demand of swimmers who want to participate. Just walk into the Pomperaug High School Pool and you'll see how successful the swim team has been and why we need to keep Ballantine in business. |
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| ID | 144 |
| First Name | Tim |
| Last Name | O'Neil |
| Address | 1113 Roxbury Rd |
| Comments | <p>The committee stated there was a high variance on the estimates received from contractors. What were the estimates? What specifications were used for the estimates? Drakeley Pool constructed the Edgewood pool, in 2010 what was the cost to construct the pool in 2010?</p> <p>The committee stated it cost \$90,000 yearly to maintain Ballantine. A committee member stated there would be no net cost to the town for the purchase of Edgewood. What was meant by this statement? Does the committee believe \$34,000 yearly taxes and \$4,000 sewer assessment for Edgewood to be a yearly net cost?</p> |

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| ID | 145 |
| First Name | Maureen |
| Last Name | Nee |
| Address | 54 Fieldstone Way |
| Comments | <p>Pool Cmt,</p> <p>Thank you first of all for taking the time to explore something that is very near and dear to my family. I have 4 kids ages 18, 16, 15 and 13. All of them grew up with a love of swimming. All 4 of them started swimming by taking advantage of the swim lessons offered by Park and Rec. Back then I viewed it as a necessity. I did not know that it would develop into a lifestyle. All 4 of my kids swam year-round for PAC but their favorite activity was the summer swim team, Sharks. As a matter of fact, it holds some of our favorite family memories. Ones that I will always treasure. My oldest son who is senior just completed 4 fantastic years on the PHS Boys Swim Team. He was a captain this year and the team has won numerous titles, 4 SWC Championships, 1 state title while he was there. I attribute his love of the sport to the swimming opportunities that have been presented to him. My middle son is following in his footsteps and my daughter is also part of the team. Southbury has premier swim programs and quite frankly a dynasty at the high school. Swimming is a great sport and the youth should be given the opportunities to learn and develop it in a friendly, affordable manner. It is a life-changing sport in terms of health, fitness, safety and the ability of all ages to participate. I hope that you are able to support this wonderful sport in Southbury! Thank you,</p> |

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| Comments | <p>Why wasn't a building inspection report or a property appraisal completed? Does the town plan on having these completed prior to committee recommendations?</p> <p>The committee stated during the first live stream that Edgewood is being considered for a possible regional center and that no land is available in Southbury. Why hasn't the 120 acres that town purchased for \$4 million years ago off of exit 14 considered? What about the property purchased from Jack Shortt off route 67? How acres are usable at Edgewood,7? How many acres does Ballantine comprise? How many parking spaces currently exist at Edgewood and at Ballantine? The committee stated the purchase of Edgewood would be a long term commitment and an asset. Wouldn't the rebuild of Ballantine be an asset and shouldn't we have considered this as a long term commitment? Wouldn't the rebuild of Ballantine be considered a major capital project? How much is in the capital projects fund and what projects is it earmarked for? The investment in land and assets of another town, in my opinion, is a bad investment and will required more than what would be required at Ballantine given its Age and required tax/sewer assessment.</p> |
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| ID | 147 |
| First Name | Mark and Kelly |
| Last Name | OConnell |
| Address | 195 Grasslands Road |
| Comments | <p>Good Evening,</p> <p>We are Mark and Kelly O'Connell. Our daughters, Sydney and Abby O'Connell, have been swimming for PAC and for the summer Sharks teams for many years now. Swimming in Southbury has had a strong impact on our family throughout the years. Both of our girls learned not only how to swim, and improve their strokes, and speed; but most importantly how to build confidence and how to become strong, positive athletes by being a part of these programs. They've loved being on incredible swim teams with dedicated athletes and have been coached by a tremendously talented staff. Coaches Lucy Sutter, Greta Perrin, and Chris Martin have left a lasting impression on our children. Summer sharks team at the town pool along with all of the fun summer activities that have been hosted there have become greatly anticipated activities and events for our family, year after year. The families of team members have become some of our closest friends, to the point where we often refer to them as our "swim family". We couldn't imagine our lives here in Southbury without a town pool and without our swim family. We clearly support and endorse the purchase of Edgewood so that our children, our family and the many members of our community can continue to benefit from the incredible coaching, programming, and activities that have been afforded as a result of having a town pool.</p> <p>We thank you for taking the time to hear our concerns and hope that you take them into consideration when making decisions about how you choose to proceed.</p> <p>Mark and Kelly O'Connell</p> |

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| ID | 148 |
| First Name | Elizabeth |
| Last Name | McDonald |
| Address | 146 Patriot Road |

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| Comments | <p>The town of Southbury is currently considering options regarding repair or replacement of the Southbury Town Pool. I am writing to implore that the town either replace the pool or purchase Edgewood, and does not consider not having a pool. A community pool is one of the quintessential amenities a town can provide and I think the town should continue to provide for years to come.</p> <p>Every citizen no matter their age can use and cherish a pool. I am a great example of this. While I learned to swim before I moved to the town at age 5, I learned to refine my skills that first summer with the lessons the town lifeguards provided. After that point, I became a bit of a pool staple- I remember walking from Gainfield Elementary School with my classmates to the town pool for our annual Field Days, and elementary school summers spent at the poolside, playing Sharks and Minnows in the diving well. I was a regular member of the summer town swim team- waking up early in the morning every day and hustling to the pool to practice. Then, I would return at night with Panther Aquatic Club for another go. Once I was in high school, I got my first job and became a lifeguard at the pool. I was a lifeguard for 4 summers, and this is where I truly understand how many citizens truly use the pool. I remember parents bringing their new babies to squeal in the kiddy pool and residents 90 and older backstroking across the water the moment it opened. I also remember the joy on the summer camp kids faces as they splashed each other. I also loved teaching swim lessons and seeing kids be able to float and make it across the pool for the first time. My best friends ended up being fellow swim lesson participants, Sharks and Minnows players, swim team competitors, and young lifesavers. As you can tell, I have benefitted immensely from the pool and I would love for others to have that same resource for many many years to come. I would like to stress that I do not believe I would be the person I am today without the pool- learning to love the water and swim provided me with an unparalleled return. Being a member of the summer team opened me up to a competitive world of swimming- and paved the way for a successful high school career and beyond. I specifically remember swimming under the tutelage of former coaches of the summer league know that they are some of the biggest contributions to why I was so successful. Once I hit high school, I was lucky enough to be recruited to swim at Princeton University, and I do not believe I would have gone without having swam at STP all those years. Even today, as a young 26-year-old professional, I love going to swim and I still compete. Life without access to a community pool would have changed my trajectory for where I am now.</p> <p>Not having a community pool is not an option- I believe the Town of Southbury should either purchase the Edgewood pool or repair the Ballantine Park facility. I believe repairing the town pool is the best option. Having a new pool and facility would allow the town to continue to provide a vital resource within its own borders. Plus, the upgrades would make it one of the newest pools in the region, which would attract more citizens and visitors than it currently does. The nicer the pool, the fewer people would search elsewhere to find somewhere they enjoy for a swim and poolside relaxation. I also know that many young swimmers leave Southbury to compete for other teams since it is hard to find adequate pool time in the existing facilities — wouldn't we want to keep such a resource in town? I understand it is expensive, but I think it is worth providing such a lifeline to every citizen. Having a safe place to learn to swim and learn to love life is worth such a cost, and like the pool at Ballantine, it can be a benefit to the citizens of Southbury for fifty plus years to come.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and I hope the Town keeps this vital resource.</p> |
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| Last Name | McDonald |
| Address | 146 Patriot Road |
| Comments | <p>The town of Southbury is currently considering options regarding repair or replacement of the Southbury Town Pool. I am writing to implore that the town either replace the pool or purchase Edgewood, and does not consider not having a pool. A community pool is one of the quintessential amenities a town can provide, and I think the town should continue to provide for years to come.</p> <p>Every citizen no matter their age can use and cherish a pool. I am a great example of this. While I learned to swim before I moved to the town at age 5, I learned to refine my skills that first summer with the lessons the town lifeguards provided. After that point, I became a bit of a pool staple- I remember walking from Gainfield Elementary School with my classmates to the town pool for our annual Field Days, and elementary school summers spent at the poolside, playing Sharks and Minnows in the diving well. I was a regular member of the summer town swim team- waking up early in the morning every day and hustling to the pool to practice. Then, I would return at night with Panther Aquatic Club for another go. Once I was in high school, I got my first job and became a lifeguard at the pool. I was a lifeguard for 4 summers, and this is where I truly understand how many citizens truly use the pool. I remember parents bringing their new babies to squeal in the kiddy pool and residents 90 and older backstroking across the water the moment it opened. I also remember the joy on the summer camp kids faces as they splashed each other. I also loved teaching swim lessons and seeing</p> |

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| | <p>kids be able to float and make it across the pool for the first time. My best friends ended up being fellow swim lesson participants, Sharks and Minnows players, swim team competitors, and young lifesavers. As you can tell, I have benefitted immensely from the pool and I would love for others to have that same resource for many many years to come. I would like to stress that I do not believe I would be the person I am today without the pool- learning to love the water and swim provided me with an unparalleled return. Being a member of the summer team opened me up to a competitive world of swimming- and paved the way for a successful high school career and beyond. I specifically remember swimming under the tutelage of former coaches of the summer league know that they are some of the biggest contributions to why I was so successful. Once I hit high school, I was lucky enough to be recruited to swim at Princeton University, and I do not believe I would have gone without having swam at STP all those years. Even today, as a young 26-year-old professional, I love going to swim and I still compete. Life without access to a community pool would have changed my trajectory for where I am now.</p> <p>Not having a community pool is not an option- I believe the Town of Southbury should either purchase the Edgewood pool or repair the Ballantine Park facility. I believe repairing the town pool is the best option. Having a new pool and facility would allow the town to continue to provide a vital resource within its own borders. Plus, the upgrades would make it one of the newest pools in the region, which would attract more citizens and visitors than it currently does. The nicer the pool, the fewer people would search elsewhere to find somewhere they enjoy for a swim and poolside relaxation. I also know that many young swimmers leave Southbury to compete for other teams since it is hard to find adequate pool time in the existing facilities — wouldn't we want to keep such a resource in town? I understand it is expensive, but I think it is worth providing such a lifeline to every citizen. Having a safe place to learn to swim and learn to love life is worth such a cost, and like the pool at Ballantine, it can be a benefit to the citizens of Southbury for fifty plus years to come.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and I hope the Town keeps this vital resource.</p> |
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| ID | 149 |
| First Name | Tim |
| Last Name | O'Neil |
| Address | 2233 South Britain Rd |
| Comments | <p>A comparative market analysis would be hard for a Light Industrial property like this because of limited similar sales, however, similar (square feet, acreage) residential properties that Sold within the last 3 years in both Middlebury and Southbury average \$1.5 million. This property has been on the market for 585 days. A committee member stated the purchase of Edgewood @ \$2.2 million would be like buying the property at ".50 on the dollar". This statement makes it sound like this purchase is a great deal at fire sale pricing. What was meant by this statement? Bennett and Sullivan were the original architects of Edgewood. The building is 5,000 square feet. What is the current rate of construction per square feet of a similar building? Could the Ballantine site be reimagined to accommodate the needs of Southbury? The Edgewood site has a third of the land located in wetlands. The Ballantine plot plan appears to be larger in size than Edgewood with no wetlands.</p> |

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| ID | 150 |
| First Name | Robert |

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| Last Name | Rosa |
| Address | 99 poverty road |
| Comments | Buying Edgewood is the most cost effective way the taxpayers can still have a public pool. I'm all for purchasing Edgewood |

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| ID | 151 |
| First Name | S |
| Last Name | Solimene |
| Address | 47 Poplar Dr. |
| Comments | Thank you to the committee for your thorough research and efforts. I believe the town is doing everything possible in the way of pre-purchase preparation. It seems this is an obvious choice for our town. My preference is that we preserve it for town residents' use only, including high school tennis, if we can afford it. PS-many people like to swim laps for exercise, not just the swim team ('lap lanes for swim team'), as suggested in the report. :) |

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| ID | 152 |
| First Name | M |
| Last Name | Albino |
| Address | 168 Skyview Drive |
| Comments | As a parent of a college swimmer and a current middle school swimmer, I am writing to state that it is imperative that our town have a usable and working pool. Keeping our kids involved in swimming also keeps them in a sport. Our community is better when our students are involved in sports (and/or the arts) and not getting into trouble. It helps keep our community safer and more vibrant. Also, swimming is great for the older people of our community in that it is therapy for those needing exercise. Likewise can be said for young mothers that are pregnant for classes to help keep them in shape. It gives families a place to go together and enjoy each other. Swimming has benefits to all in the community not just the youth. Our swim program in this community is such a strong feeder program to the high school and we should all be proud of Pomperaug's success in the swim world. College coaches know "Pomperaug" because of our great swim program. This is something to vote yes on for our whole community. I look forward to hearing a positive outcome on this for a better community. |

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| ID | 153 |
| First Name | Mark |
| Last Name | Funderburk |
| Address | 167 Bridle Path Rd |
| Comments | Hello, I am a parent with three children who have been and are active on the PAC swim team. They live and breathe swimming. It is important that we agree to either purchase Edgewood or renovate Ballentine to provide a place for our swimmers and community to compete, practice, and enjoy a quality of life expected in a town such as Southbury. A pool is our children's field for competition and practice, just like a soccer field, lacrosse field, baseball diamond, or any other team sport supported in |

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| | <p>Southbury. We've enjoyed being able to use pool for our team activities and practice, but it has also been a summer retreat for us and many others. The PAC program has helped to build one of the greatest high school athletic sports teams in the state. Our Region 15 Panthers are the number one awarded athletic team in Connecticut across all sports for the past 10 years. Let's keep that going and keep our community a vibrant and desirable place to live attracting young families.</p> <p>Regards, Mark Funderburk</p> |
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| ID | 154 |
| First Name | Krista |
| Last Name | Judson |
| Address | 475 Berkshire Rd |
| Comments | <p>So was overseeing and in charge of maintenance on the tennis courts, pool facilities, and the basketball court? Why were they allowed to get in such disrepair? Where have tax dollars gone? We had a wonderful swimming area on the lake and the town Let it go down hill. We need to take care of what we have not purchase another facility that needs lots of work to correct some glaring issues. I wonder what other hidden issues there are. Buying Edgewood is a poor decision. No Purchase without a referendum. We need to all get through Covid19 crisis before we start looking at buying this facility. Let's be smart Stay safe all</p> |

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| ID | 155 |
| First Name | Tess |
| Last Name | Funderburk |
| Address | 167 Bridle Path Road |
| Comments | <p>Hello, I am Tess Funderburk and I am a PAC and sharks swim team member and my brother, and my sister are to. Swim is my life; it is one of the most important things to me in life. There are also over 100 kids on the swim team, that love swim and need a pool. If you don't get a pool, just think about how many kids you are letting down. This is why me and many other people need a pool, whether it is at Edgewood or is at Ballentine we need a pool. Regards, Tess</p> |

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| ID | 156 |
| First Name | kelly |
| Last Name | buban |
| Address | 35 Old Flanders Road |
| Comments | <p>All PAC swimmers would be over the moon to have our own pool. We would be able to practice 24/7 and have much better pool time.</p> |

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| ID | 157 |
| First Name | Georgia |
| Last Name | Anastasiadis |
| Address | 49 Cedar Grove Road |

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| Comments | The Southbury Town Pool has been a big part of the Panther Aquatic Club community for such a long time and it would be devastating if my children and their teammates did not have a local pool. The pool doesn't only mean a lot to us, but also to all the citizens of our community. The pool was a great environment for families to get together and have fun, which is why it is important to continue to have this kind of environment. |
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| ID | 158 |
| First Name | Lucy |
| Last Name | Suter |
| Address | 99 Skyview Drive |
| Comments | <p>The Southbury Town Pool at Ballantine has earned the nickname, "The Greatest Place on Earth." I have had the honor and privilege to be the Co-Pool Director at this facility for the last nine summers. It is imperative that we promote the existence of a pool in Southbury as it is a melting pot for ALL SOUTHBURY COMMUNITY MEMBERS. I have witnessed parents take their babies to their first swim lessons during Parent & Tot lessons. I have watched our incredible lifeguard staff during swim lessons, gain the trust of our newer and more fearful swimmers, helping them become comfortable and happy in the water. I got to be a part of the incredible Summer Sharks Swim Team where our amazing High School and college staff share their love of swimming with novice swimmers and teach them how wonderful the sport is. We host swim meets where family members come together to watch their swimmers with pride as they compete for the first time! We have invited seniors to enjoy Senior Splash where they have the pool to themselves for lap swim on Tuesday mornings. We host the famous Middle School Party where over 100 middle schoolers gather to have some wholesome fun in the pool during the summer! We host Family night where any member of the community is welcome to a free of charge night at the pool for swimming and games! We team with Region 15 to host special needs swimming every Thursday. Swimming is a life skill that every member of our community deserves to be exposed too. To dismiss the importance of having a community pool in our town would be a terrible travesty.</p> <p>My four children, husband, and I all FULLY SUPPORT building a new pool or purchasing Edgewood.</p> |

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| ID | 159 |
| First Name | lj |
| Last Name | white |
| Address | 1244 southford road |
| Comments | At first, I was in support of buying Edgewood, to save \$\$\$. I now have changed my mind. SBY should stay in SBY. Find a way to keep cost down at Ballantine. |

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| ID | 160 |
| First Name | Allison |
| Last Name | McGahren |
| Address | 18 Turrill Brook Drive |

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| Comments | <p>would like to go on record that I am opposed to the purchase of Edgewood and think that this purchase needs to go to referendum and not be decided on solely by the BoS and BoF. The presentation on April 1st was full of false and misleading information. Slides 9 & 10 - It is laughable that you would compare the Greenwich and Wallingford town pool projects as "comparable" to fixing Ballantine. The Greenwich complex is significantly larger than Ballantine with 2 large pools and a splashpad and a large clubhouse and boardwalk overlooking the LI Sound. The Wallingford pool is also at least 3-4 times the size of the Ballantine pool.</p> <p>Slide 18 - It is not guaranteed that the pool will have a self-sustaining operating model. That will depend on membership which has been very low for Ballantine and decreasing over the last 5 years at Edgewood. The membership assumptions are that almost half the membership will be out of town members paying \$800. Most of the current non-Southbury Edgewood members are from Newtown and there is no guarantee that they will continue to pay \$800 to maintain their membership once it becomes a municipal property when they have 2 indoor and 1 outdoor pool and a town beach. With unemployment skyrocketing due to the pandemic it is likely that membership will decrease not increase.</p> <p>What will be the cost to pay the management company that will run Edgewood. I didn't see that cost accounted for in the financial impact analysis.</p> <p>Also, did you get bids to confirm it will only cost \$50,000 to resurface the tennis courts and basketball court? What about the parking lot repair costs?</p> <p>It is also misleading to allocate the fees that Region 15 will continue to pay to use the tennis courts as revenue. Where does Region 15 get their money to pay these fees? From us, the taxpayers!</p> |
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| ID | 161 |
| First Name | Heidi |
| Last Name | Kossakowski |
| Address | 50 Lake Ridge Road |
| Comments | Due to the outdoor exercise trail being taken down at Ewald, would the Edgewood exercise room be open all year round? |

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| ID | 162 |
| First Name | Joanne |
| Last Name | Jorge |
| Address | 95 River Trail |
| Comments | I would rather keep Ballentine Pool. It's more affordable and closer to home. If that is not an option and Southbury purchases Edgepark then we will not be able to afford it and we will have no where to go locally. |

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| ID | 163 |
| First Name | Anthony |
| Last Name | Bruno |
| Address | 380 Old Waterbury RD |
| Comments | I am reaching out this morning in support of the pool project and hope that you will move forward and purchase the Edgewood property to ensure that the town will have a |

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| | <p>community pool for the future.</p> <p>The value that having a community pool is greater than I think some people realize. I grew up in Ballantine park in the summers from 5th-9th grade before becoming a guard. They were some of the best summers of my life as a kid. I learned how to really swim there and start my competitive swimming career as part of the town run swim team. I eventually went on to lifeguard and got my first ever coach position at the town pool. I've since gone on to make a career in coaching swimming.</p> <p>The pool is more than just a place to swim. It's a place where people come to be together. It's a place where families enjoy time together. My wife and I have two small kids, a two-and-a-half-year-old girl and a 6-month-old son. Before our first was born we joined a pool club because we wanted our kids to grow up in that summer community as it was a big part of both our lives growing up. Not having that in my hometown would be a true disappointment. Many young families want a place to enjoy time with the kids where they know they are safe with their other friends.</p> <p>The most successful Pomperaug High School sports program is the boys swim team. It is truly all connected as many of those kids grew up around the town pool and swimming for the town team. Please keep this critical community asset available for the current and future families of Southbury.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Please be well.</p> <p>Tony</p> |
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| ID | 164 |
| First Name | Anne |
| Last Name | Lang |
| Address | 43 Blueberry Lane |
| Comments | <p>Ballantine Park is an exceptionally beautiful and centrally located amenity. The Town Pool has perfectly complemented the playing fields, tennis courts, playground, basketball courts, volleyball area and picnic pavilion in this lovely setting successfully for many years. There is no "running at a loss" for Ballantine pool - we use our tax dollars to provide affordable access to this valuable amenity. If we credited the cost of the Edgewood country club \$2,115,000 against the \$3,729,000 cost of the new Ballantine pool the \$1,614,000 balance seems reasonable to bond. The annual \$53,775 in saved Middlebury Real Estate/Sewer Taxes could be applied to this instead.</p> <p>Regarding the tennis courts - why does resurfacing the courts at Edgewood cost \$50,000 and the renovation of the high school courts cost \$1,000,000? Every high school student should have access to on-site tennis courts without the need for transportation to a remote location. Let's get it done.</p> <p>We should not be in the business of running a country club.</p> <p>Lastly please tell the community why this period for public education and comment is so short, culminating in a decision excluding the townspeople - even in this time of COVID-19 - a less than two week period, when the option on the Edgewood purchase option does not run out until July 31st?</p> <p>Please extend this educational period.</p> <p>I thank you for your efforts to "save" money with a novel idea, but the complication of running a business at Edgewood with the added management, maintenance and tax</p> |

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| | costs instead of investing in our well appreciated current amenities just doesn't make sense. |
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| ID | 165 |
| First Name | Heidi |
| Last Name | Kossakowski |
| Address | 50 Lake Ridge Road |
| Comments | How many people can the fitness area hold? I want to confirm that you said the present owners will fix all 15 items listed as poor condition on the inspection report. What is the acreage that is available for future development/improvements? |

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| ID | 166 |
| First Name | K |
| Last Name | McNeill |
| Address | Georges Hill Rd |
| Comments | <p>Edgewood Questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much have Middlebury taxes and sewer increased over the last 20 and 40 years? What is the cumulative/compounded cost of taxes and sewer to Middlebury in the future and over the life of the Edgewood pool, for instance for the next 5, 10, 20, and 40 years? 2. The task force said Edgewood is an asset because it can be sold for the purchase price or higher. On what basis does the task force believe Southbury can sell commercial recreational business real estate for the cost for which it was purchased? What local recreational businesses have been sold for their purchase price 5, 10, 20, and 40 years later? 3. What other architects were consulted? 4. Bennet and Sullivan were the architects of Edgewood. Did the task force consider conflict of interest? Does the task force have a statement of disclosure of conflict of interest for task for members, the Board of Selectmen, and consultants? 5. What document is prepared that explains the assumptions, and includes the data used to support any assumptions, used for the costs and expected revenue of running Edgewood? How do the task force's assumptions compare the the Edgewood financial actuals? What error bars would the task force put around their assumptions? What people experienced with running a commercial recreational business, other than the owner of Edgewood, were consulted prior to creating the financial statement and what are their qualifications? 6. How has Edgewood's membership increased or decreased since it was purchased? What underlying causes could explain an increase or decrease of memberships? Has Edgewood increased or decreased or discounted membership values over those years? If so, how have those changes correlated with purchased memberships? 7. The task force presented no values for repairing items listed as "poor" or worse in the inspection report. The task force claimed Southbury would keep Edgewood in peak condition. Will those items be repaired? When will they be repaired? What is the cost to |

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| | <p>Southbury to repair those items? Where is this cost taken into account for purposes of understanding the cost commitment to Edgewood?</p> <p>8. The task force only spoke about getting a pool inspection. In January, it was stated there would be a structural inspection. Will the task force recommend inspection of the drainage system?</p> <p>9. Will the task force recommend any other inspections other than the pool?</p> <p>10. The task force claimed it could purchase Edgewood, eliminate Region 15 from repairing the PHS tennis courts, and continue to charge Region 15 for the use of the Edgewood tennis courts. How will Southbury assure Region 15 will remove the tennis courts from the educational budget considerations? Is there an agreement in place with Region 15 to assure the PHS tennis courts will not be replaced if Southbury purchases Edgewood? What is the cost to Region 15 if the tennis courts are not replaced in bussing students to Edgewood with the associated loss of practice time, increase in insurance, paperwork, and personnel to address the additional bureaucracy for the next 5, 10, 20, 40 years? What is Southbury's portion of those costs? How much will Southbury pay in handling costs to tax ourselves for the school budget, transfer the money to Region 15, and then have Edgewood process the costs over the same time periods?</p> <p>11. With Edgewood's tennis courts being used by local high schools and tournaments, what percentage of time is it expected that Edgewood's courts will not be available for the members?</p> <p>12. With Edgewood's pool being used for swim lessons, and swim team practice and competitions, what percentage of the time will the pool be unavailable for the members? This was an issue with Ballantine.</p> |
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| ID | 167 |
| First Name | K |
| Last Name | McNeill |
| Address | Georges Hill Rd |
| Comments | <p>13. Since Edgewood only has a zero entry pool. Ballantine has small pool with fenced in area specifically for smaller children. How will the additional risk of little ones only needing to walk into water above their heads be addressed? Our current pool has the diving/deep area very well marked, well guarded, and designed to be obvious and fairly isolated from the rest of the 3.5' depth. How does the task force propose to secure the deep area of the pool so children do not go into the deep area and so little ones do not wander into water over their heads?</p> <p>14. What estimates did the task force solicit for the pool house? What is the scope of work used as the basis for the estimates? Where are they documented?</p> <p>15. What estimates did the task force solicit for the pool? What is the scope of work used as the basis for the estimates? Where are they documented?</p> <p>16. What estimates did the task force solicit for insurance? Where are those documented? Where are they included in the financials? Did the task force investigate the cost of maintaining a food preparation license and training employees? What expenses are associated with having a liquor license? What other expenses are</p> |

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| | <p>anticipated?</p> <p>17. What estimates did the task force solicit for a recreational management company? Did the task force outline proposed qualifications of a management company? How many management companies meet the qualifications? What is the scope of work used as the basis for the estimates? Where are they documented? How were the estimates factored into the financials?</p> <p>18. Did the task force document and present all of the estimates received?</p> <p>19. The task force prepared nothing for the Ballantine pool site as part of its cost comparison. First Selectman Manville said it was secure to drain the Ballantine pool and lock it. How much will the liability to the town increase for an "attractive nuisance" (as an empty swimming pool was described by Hugh Sullivan)? How much does an abandoned building affect property values? How attractive is a town with abandoned property? What are other possible non-fiscal costs of abandoned buildings and abandoned town infrastructure? What work was done to quantify the effect of an abandoned building and pool to the homeowners and other stake holders in the area of the abandoned Ballantine pool site and users of Ballantine park?</p> <p>20. How much does it cost to fill in the empty Ballantine pool? How much does it cost to demolish the current Ballantine pool house? How much does it cost to landscape the Ballantine pool site?</p> <p>21. What steps did the First Selectman Manville take to identify other stakeholders in the Ballantine pool versus Edgewood pool decision? What steps did First Selectman Manville take to assure the task force represented the diversity of the Southbury community? What steps did the task force take to ascertain the interests of various stakeholders were accounted for?</p> <p>22. What other plans were considered for the Ballantine pool site should Edgewood be purchased? How do those plans fit into the recreation and other long term plans for the town? How were Southbury resident's interests considered? What stakeholders were considered? How was the diversity of our town taken into account? What would those plans cost to implement? Would residents be charged to use whatever facilities replace the Ballantine pool? How much would the plans cost to maintain over the next 5, 10, 20 years? What are those costs compared to purchasing Edgewood?</p> <p>23. The task force emphasized ADA compliance of the pool project and stated Edgewood is ADA compliant for the pool and the pool house. Are the tennis courts, gym, basketball court, paddle ball courts, and playscape ADA compliant and accessible? What were the qualifications of the person who determined the ADA compliance? If they are not ADA compliant, what is the cost of bringing them into ADA compliance?</p> |
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| ID | 168 |
| First Name | K |
| Last Name | McNeill |
| Address | Georges Hill Rd |
| Comments | <p>24. Southbury is a community with people who may need assistance or may not have reliable transportation. Ballantine is within walking distance from the library and the center of town. How did the task force consider the needs of all residents?</p> <p>25. The task force said the average increase in drive time for 30 addresses was approximately for minutes. How much more time is it for people from the Western part of Southbury? Did the task force determine if the additional time to go to Edgewood would serve as a disincentive for people to pay for a membership? If not, why not? If so, what was the process? How did the task force engage with the community to make</p> |

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| | <p>that determination?</p> <p>26. The task force said it thought more seniors would be interested in a pool membership once there was an ADA compliant pool. How did the task force engage with the community to make that determination?</p> <p>27. The task force made reference numerous times to a regional community center as a reason for purchasing Edgewood. What talks has the task force had with surrounding towns to determine the interest in a regional community center? Is the Edgewood location currently set up to be community center? Did the task force investigate any possibility of purchasing Edgewood with additional towns?</p> <p>28. We are in interesting times with the economy during the shut down. Some businesses may close. Some people may lose their jobs. Some people may have gone through their savings and not have money for entertainment. Some people may be behind on mortgage payments. What has the task force done to try to understand how these forces may affect Southbury residents in the short and long term? Who was consulted? How do those considerations change the assumed values for the Edgewood financials? What is the reasoning?</p> <p>29. What did the task force discover about other options that allow swim lessons and swim meets that don't require the town to own a pool? If no other options were considered, why not?</p> <p>30. The task force stated Edgewood serves as overflow parking for Ling Meadow Elementary School and that another buyer may not allow people from LMES to park there. How often does LMES need to use Edgewood for overflow parking? How much did overflow parking for LMES influence the decision to recommend the purchase of Edgewood?</p> <p>31. Six years of membership data from Edgewood show the membership declining every year so it is now 1/3 less. How did the task force take that data into consideration? What experts did the task force consult to understand the decline and determine future trends? What were their qualifications? How was that analysis folded into the financials?</p> <p>32. Waterbury is building a pool for \$1.5 million dollars. Did the task force contact Waterbury to understand why their pool is so much less expensive than our estimates for \$4 million?</p> |
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| ID | 169 |
| First Name | K |
| Last Name | McNeill |
| Address | Georges Hill Rd. |
| Comments | 33. The task force presented two examples of a town owning land outside of their own borders: business offices and a golf course both from Bridgeport. What examples are there of a town similar in size and suburban/rural placing recreation targeted toward all families, including families with young children, outside of its borders? |

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| ID | 170 |
| First Name | Ed |
| Last Name | Edelson |
| Address | 609B Heritage Village |
| Comments | I am unable to reconcile the financial summary in the presentation to the link provided to "Financial Impact". My best guess is that the latter is missing a page 2. Please check if the link goes to a complete view of the detailed financial analysis. If I am right, please send detailed financial impact. |

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| | I am not saying the summary is wrong. For example, I don't see what is assumed for non-resident revenue which appears to be 50% of the expected revenue - a very important building block. |
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| ID | 171 |
| First Name | Joanne |
| Last Name | Thompson |
| Address | 146 Pepper Tree Hill Rd |
| Comments | I would like to thank you for pursuing the option of buying Edgewood. As a family of swimmers we support the town in moving forward with this plan. All of my children spend most of their free time in a pool, whether it be for fun or part of the swim team. We need a place for them to continue this sport and also for adults to be able to use to exercise. We would like to see this purchase go through to support the swimming community we have developed over the years. Thank you! |

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| ID | 172 |
| First Name | Diane |
| Last Name | Owens |
| Address | 127 Cooper Hill Road |
| Comments | I appreciate the diligence of the taskforce and information discovered. However, the location of Edgewood is impractical for a large percentage of the town. For these types of amenities, the town needs something centrally located. While the distance from Ballentine to Edgewood may only be 5-10 minutes, that does not include the time it takes residents to get to Ballentine. For anyone living south of Rt. 67, we're doubling the time it takes to get to and from the pool, and there is nothing more around Edgewood, so there's no opportunity to "make a day" of it. For example, you will find most of us who take advantage of the pool with our families will stop at the grocery store after a day or pick up lunch/ dinner on the way to or from. Many of us even walk to the pool from our homes. None of this is convenient with the Edgewood property being out of the way from both the residents and local businesses. Insofar as introducing a teen community center, which would be a fabulous amenity, having it located remotely- not within walking distance from the middle schools, it loses value. I am concerned if we invest in this property, we will not receive the return on investment in terms of usage and membership. I would implore the board to postpone this decision. I would much rather see the town go without a pool for several years in order to find a more centrally located property, opposed to investing in a property out of town that will not meet the needs of the taxpayers. |

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| ID | 173 |
| First Name | Tim |
| Last Name | O'Neil |
| Address | 1113 Roxbury Rd |
| Comments | This is the Democratic process??? Ask people for questions, quickly read them, formulate answers to fit your agenda and don't address one single individual question submitted? Invest our taxes in Southbury, long term. Ballantine has 4 times the usable land. Pushing this purchase through in this short a timeline is irresponsible and |

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| | reminds me of the time town officials pushed through the unused \$4 million Rosen property off of exit 14. Oh yeah I forgot "there is no land for a Regional Center"! Stop hiring out of town people who have no idea of the wants and needs of Southbury. The property has been on the market for 585 days it's worth \$2 million nothing more. Stop calling is a great deal. Ballantine must be rolling over in his grave. This is a joke and will be the undoing of elected officials in the next election. |
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| ID | 174 |
| First Name | K |
| Last Name | McNeill |
| Address | Georges Hill Rd |
| Comments | How much money is available to rehabilitate the Ballantine pool site once the town purchases Edgewood? |

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| ID | 175 |
| First Name | Robert |
| Last Name | Milkes |
| Address | 92A |
| Comments | Why has the question of not having an adult swimming pool not been addressed. It is only used by approx. 1000 people of the 20000 residents. Why not vote on whether the residents feel an adult swimming pool is necessary at this troubled time. Why not just keep the kiddie pool and perhaps had some splash features? |

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| ID | 176 |
| First Name | Matthew |
| Last Name | Cappiello |
| Address | 1621 Georges Hill Rd |
| Comments | I think this is a great idea. My family and I have enjoyed years of swimming at the town pool and participated in swim team and swim lessons there. It seems to be much more cost efficient to purchase Edgewood than it would to replace existing town pool. |

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| ID | 177 |
| First Name | Wendy |
| Last Name | Monahan |
| Address | 663 Peter Road South |
| Comments | What will happen to the Ballantine pool and the high school tennis courts? Will they remain a blight or will the town spend more money to fence them off or demolish etc? |

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| ID | 178 |
| First Name | K |
| Last Name | McNeill |

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| Address | Georges Hill Rd |
| Comments | We have been told the revenue stream for Edgewood is \$400,000. What is the revenue stream historically? What is the profit? What is the profit historically? Have the values increased or decreased over time? If they have decreased over time, what does someone familiar with commercial recreation businesses believe is the explanation? What evidence leads to those conclusions? If the trend for revenue and/or profit are historically decreased, why does the task force believe the trend will halt under Southbury management? |

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| ID | 179 |
| First Name | John |
| Last Name | Diehl |
| Address | 928B Heritage Village |
| Comments | <p>few items that struck me during the last meeting and additional questions - :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The committee did not directly answer the conflict of interest question, "are members of the committee or BoS members or plan to be members where they will be getting a substantially lower fee to use a private club when bought?" - They talk about replacing the pool at Ballentine as a "remodel" job. It could be like the new Shea or Yankee Stadiums, building a new one and then taking down the old one, easier build because you don't need to fit in an existing envelope and you don't have to lose a season. Should Ballentine be looked at as a new facility? - When they survey for existing pools, courts and fitness areas do they consider Heritage Village spaces and that they don't need to build new ones for us? - Why buy the facility if you are trying to protect overflow regional school parking, should that be a concern for the school district? - Same chatter about buying courts because the school is not fixing theirs, again are we paying for something the school should be fixing? - \$2mm solution for a \$4mm problem but we will pay escalating taxes to Woodbury for the life of the property. They mentioned taxes are a part of the business plan, if you did not have to pay them, would it not be a \$50,000 less per year operation and even more year over year? - my runner up to a favorite comment, paraphrased, "grants are hard to get so lets not try." My old town bought parks, open land, and created facilities and always had a line item for where the fed or state helped with grants or relief. There is also IBM, we could write a grant request to them. Why not give it a try at Southbury? - my favorite quote from the town meeting, "why all the chatter about a leaning fence",,,,, They should read the report, this is the whole sentence in the report, "The retaining wall alongside the rear staircase has washed out behind and is therefore causing the security fence to lean." The leaning fence is due to a washed out retaining wall and I don't see that item in the 15 summary issues in the Edgewood engineering report, what is the value to fix this retaining wall?. |

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| First Name | Tim |
| Last Name | Oneil |
| Address | |
| Comments | When the Committee members say the town would be committed long term to first class upkeep of Edgewood do they mean the same level of care presently experienced at the town parks or over and above the same level of care? If it's the same level of care, Edgewood should last the town no more than 10 years. Will towns people need to bring pictures of deteriorated items for repairs to be made? That's what it took 8 years ago to get the Bennet Park grills replaced (poles sticking out of the ground for years), Community House basketball court rims to be fixed(years), the Community house park Grange Hall to be repair so it wasn't in a condemned state of repair (15 years) and Ballantine Park to have the collapsed batting cages, broken basketball rims, broken tennis court gate, rusted playscape, broken swings, seesaw and pavilion rotted siding to be repaired. Does Middlebury have an interest to purchase Edgewood? Has Manville spoken to St. John? |

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| ID | 181 |
| First Name | Frank |
| Last Name | Durante |
| Address | 56 Midway Drive |
| Comments | <p>Hi, my name is Frank Durante and I am the President of Pomperaug Youth Softball. I have read comments in a Voices Letter to the Editor, which suggested to just build the pool over space that the softball fields occupy. I realize that there are many viewpoints to consider, and you receive an onslaught of suggestions. The softball fields at Ballantine Park are vital to the existence of our program. These are the only fields where we have full use. Ballantine Park to softball is the same as Ewald to baseball. All of our equipment is located at the site (shed, batting cages), and it is the place our program calls home to teach the girls of our community the game of softball. I would hope that a letter to the editor in our local paper isn't enough to be entertained as a feasible idea.</p> <p>I thank you for all the work you are doing. I know it isn't easy but wanted my programs voice to be heard.</p> <p>Thank you, Frank Durante</p> |

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| ID | 182 |
| First Name | Chris |
| Last Name | Manning |
| Address | 81 Lakeside Dr |
| Comments | Ballantine Park is essential for the Pomperaug girls' softball program. The park is perfect for all we do (practice, tournaments, opening day etc.). To be replaced by a pool that is only open for 3-4 months is ridiculous |

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| ID | 183 |
| First Name | Kelly |

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| Last Name | Callahan |
| Address | 91 carriage dr |
| Comments | I read the article in voices re turning Ballantine fields into a pool. my daughter plays travel softball for Pomperaug. this would destroy the program as this is where most of the games take place. Absolutely opposed to this idea as this softball program is a family and this park is instrumental in its continuance. |

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| ID | 184 |
| First Name | K |
| Last Name | McNeill |
| Address | Georges Hill Rd |
| Comments | <p>Has the task force consulted with any qualified management consultants to review their estimates of the costs to run Edgewood? If so, how many were contacted? What were their qualifications? What were their estimates? How did they compare to the assumptions of the financials? What were the rationales? If not, why not? If not, will the task force consult with a management company to get estimates to run Edgewood with expected expenditures over the next 5 and 10 years and compare them and them to the financials where they are different and report recommendations that the task force feels aren't important or shouldn't be counted as an expense?</p> <p>Will Southbury continue the towel service?</p> |

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| ID | 185 |
| First Name | Michelle |
| Last Name | Rutledge |
| Address | 1366 Kettletown Rd |
| Comments | <p>I fully support the Purchase of Edgewood to continue to build our swim program. We have a very successful program that needs to be expanded.</p> <p>My daughter has been an active member of the Panther Aquatic Swim Team since she was in second grade. She also participated in the summer Sharks program at Ballentine and has loved it. She is now in high school and swims for the swim team as well as Panther Aquatic Club. There are so many children who want to participate in the program but are often turned away because of lack of pool space. I know that purchasing Edgewood may not solve this problem, but it may allow a more robust program in the summer as well as offer the ability for our high school teams to train. I also think it would be beneficial for other teams such as the Tennis team.</p> <p>Swimming is the only sport my daughter does, and she loves it. I am fully in support of anything more we can do to expand our program.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Michelle Rutledge</p> |

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| ID | 186 |
| First Name | Jason |
| Last Name | Ambrosio |
| Address | 14 Kyle's Way |

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| Comments | I read an article about possibly getting rid of the softball fields for a new pool at Ballantine Park. I really hope that is not being considered. It is a horrible idea that would greatly impact the Pomperaug softball program. I believe he said diamond in the ruff when referring to Ballantine Park. Don't ruin the 2 diamonds that are already there. |
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| ID | 187 |
| First Name | Andrew |
| Last Name | Mackenzie |
| Address | 348 Beecher Drive, Southbury |
| Comments | Some discussion have been about using the softball fields at Ballantine Park for a new pool location. These fields are constantly used by Travel and Park & Rec softball teams. There are league tournaments played here as well. So, if these fields were an option to be used. I would want to know what location these fields would be moved to? That should include dugouts and bleachers as well. I would expect softball to receive the same support as baseball receives. Just because a pool can fit somewhere does not mean that location is a fit. |

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| ID | 188 |
| First Name | Amy |
| Last Name | Tilford |
| Address | 171 Old Woodbury Rd |
| Comments | Having a town pool is one of the reason we bought a house in Southbury. Once Edgewood was built, we joined and have been members ever since. The Edgewood facility is far better than the town pool and will be less expensive than redoing Ballentine Park Pool. I 100% support the town in purchasing of the Edgewood property. Regards, Amy Tilford |

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| ID | 189 |
| First Name | Wendy |
| Last Name | Blizman |
| Address | 57 Tuttle rf |
| Comments | The Edgewood purchase provides a solution to the aging town pool at a cost that will not affect resident taxes but provides ongoing aquatic opportunities with no seasons lost. Please consider the purchase of Edgewood |

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| ID | 190 |
| First Name | Trish |
| Last Name | Brink |
| Address | 20-C Heritage Crest Dr. |
| Comments | would love to see a side-by-side comparison of existing pool & amenities next to proposed bath & tennis |

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| First Name | Sara |
| Last Name | Smith |
| Address | 87 Colonial Dr |
| Comments | My concern about purchasing a new place for a town pool (regardless if that is Edgewood or any other location/facility), is what will become of the current town pool? Will Ballantine stand as an abandoned building? I can't image that would be a good conclusion regardless if the new facility is purchased. If Ballantine cannot be repaired to a current town pool, we need a plan for its future use (if any). |

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| ID | 192 |
| First Name | Priscilla |
| Last Name | Terhune |
| Address | 23 Heritage Crest |
| Comments | I support the purchase of the Edgewood facility. It will provide a quality pool that all, including the handicapped, can use. The facility will provide the opportunity for residents to play tennis, pickle ball, and other athletic events also. The cost of \$2.1million gives us a larger pool and more facilities than replacing the pool at Ballantine Park at a cost over \$4million. Edgewood will meet all the building requirements in the current code. The Ballantine pool will not be "grandfathered" in keeping the pool as it currently is. It must meet current code requirements, which will increase the building cost significantly. I do not think having this facility a half mile over the town border is a negative, when it is so close to two schools which our children attend. I encourage the Board of Selectmen to purchase Edgewood. |

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| ID | 193 |
| First Name | Sara |
| Last Name | Haas |
| Address | 83 Lum Lot Road |
| Comments | I fully support purchasing Edgewood or updating the town pool. My 10-year-old son is on the swim team and it is a wonderful discipline for him. We need to keep kids active and busy and off their iPads. Swimming promotes health. Having a town pool available can only benefit Southbury whether people have kids on the swim team or not. Thank you |

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| ID | 194 |
| First Name | Sharon |
| Last Name | Lenahan |
| Address | 287 Peter Road |
| Comments | A new town pool could be built by employing every available Business/Contractor who lives in town and could use the work. Our town has licensed: Plumbers, Electricians, Masons, Backhoe and machine operators, Asphalt Pavers, Landscapers, Carpenters, Truckers, and more. Why not use ALL townspeople who are Taxpayers and forget using firms and outside companies? And I will bet that it won't cost \$4,000,000. Thank you |

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| First Name | Edward |
| Last Name | Morris |
| Address | 75 HV |
| Comments | Cannot afford subscription. Too far to go to. Favors Middlebury. |

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| ID | 196 |
| First Name | Richard |
| Last Name | Garrison |
| Address | 622 Heritage Village |
| Comments | Adds taxes. H Hotel, Planet, Gym compete. Bad times, job losses. Ballentime swim pool little used. Travel too far. Fix Our pool. |

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| ID | 197 |
| First Name | Joseph |
| Last Name | Ruggiero |
| Address | 245 Skyview Drive, Southbury |
| Comments | I support the purchase of the Edgewood facility. Economically, it is a no brainer given the purchase price and its value. While some folks are concerned about management costs, I would suggest the town already knows how to efficiently run a facility with a pool (ex. Ballantine Park) and has been doing so for many, many years. Another asset of this facility is that it is very close to the Southbury/Middlebury line, and has the potential to become a successful regional asset that can be shared by both Southbury and Middlebury residents. Middlebury doesn't currently have a pool, only Lake Quassapaug swimming area, and we could open it up to their residents as well thereby making the facility potentially self-supporting via a higher "non-resident" fee or other arrangement with Middlebury. The potential for this place is too great. Please exercise the option and purchase it. In the long run everyone will be glad it happened. |

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| ID | 198 |
| First Name | Liz |
| Last Name | Brown |
| Address | Valley stream |
| Comments | I would like to see the Southbury pool stay at Ballantine park. Repair the current pool and keep the pool in Southbury. |

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| ID | 199 |
| First Name | Cindy |
| Last Name | Keegan |
| Address | 169 D Heritage Village |
| Comments | I am in favor of the Town of Southbury, CT. purchasing Edgewood Pool and Recreational Complex. The Edgewood Pool & property has lots of potential- it will be money well spent! |

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| ID | 200 |
| First Name | Kenneth J |
| Last Name | Carroll |
| Address | 573 C Heritage Village |
| Comments | VILLAGE NOT EFFECTED. WE HAVE FOUR POOLS. |

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| ID | 201 |
| First Name | Patricia |
| Last Name | Gee |
| Address | 839b Heritage Village |
| Comments | My husband and I went to see and looked all around the pool and amenities and thought it was amazing for the families of Southbury!!! We live in the village and look forward to bringing grandchildren on occasion on a day pass!!! This is the nicest pool/park and we think will be a draw for new families to Southbury!!! Win win!!! |

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| ID | 202 |
| First Name | Nancy |
| Last Name | Law |
| Address | 6B Heritage Circle |
| Comments | Why is Middlebury selling the complex? What will be the total cost to Southbury tax payers. Closing cost taxes maintenance cost and etc. How much to fix our own pool and keep the tax revenue in our own town. If Middlebury residents buy a season pass to use it why can't Southbury residents do the same now in Middlebury if they decide to do so. Heritage Village Heritage crest and Heritage Circle have their own pools to pay for so it is doubtful that these residents will use the Middlebury pool We are concerned of the ever going increases in taxes every year as there are always repairs to be taken care of on these complexes especially in years to come. |

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| ID | 203 |
| First Name | Ed |
| Last Name | Hinman |
| Address | 480A Heritage Village |
| Comments | The purchase of Edgewood is a good compromise. It should be done. |

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| ID | 204 |
| First Name | David |
| Last Name | Rentz |
| Address | 295A Heritage. Village |
| Comments | Hi Cindy and George; First let me say thank you for sending this info out. I think it is a good deal maybe a great deal. The extra fees are always expected in the total closing costs and in the long run it is a quick fix for a problem at Ballantine Pool with many added features we would not have added to Ballantine Park. The extra cost to replace |

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| | Ballantine and the time to get it operational will leave a hole in the recreational facility of our Town and a greater cost to taxpayers over the long run. Let's not drag our feet and let the opportunity pass us by. As one entertainer says "Get er done". |
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| ID | 205 |
| First Name | A |
| Last Name | Connors |
| Address | 52 Poverty Rd |
| Comments | Bad time to buy property. Jobs lost. Too far for S residents - favors M residents. Don't purchase. |

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| ID | 206 |
| First Name | Sara |
| Last Name | Blersch |
| Address | 124 horse fence hill road |
| Comments | I think the Edgewood purchase is a very sound fiscal decision. I am a swim parent in town, I also was a swimmer growing up in this town. The purchase of the Edgewood pool would give our summer swim team a practice space and ensure the kids get to continue doing a sport they love! |

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| ID | 207 |
| First Name | Norma |
| Last Name | Cummings |
| Address | 648 HV |
| Comments | Stop effort to purchase. Bad times. Club operation will result in Red an add to tax burden. Cost / Income Estimates are generally wrong. Assess on own, Residents short money. New Budget increase, again coming. |

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| ID | 208 |
| First Name | Scott |
| Last Name | Stewart |
| Address | 901 Kettletown Rd |
| Comments | Your cost estimates are unreliable. You pose risky operation for residents. Will have hefty real estate tax placed on us. Facility too far for most. |

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| ID | 209 |
| First Name | Robin |
| Last Name | Stiles |
| Address | 583 S Britain Rd |

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| Comments | You place big tax risk on us with this purchase. Facility is for Middlebury people, live closer. Most Southbury residents won't use it and don't have money. We are soon getting another tax increase in Budget. Fix Ballentine - much safer. |
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| ID | 210 |
| First Name | Bernice |
| Last Name | Scoville |
| Address | 84 Hollow Swamp Road |
| Comments | Is Edgewood going to run as a club or park? If residents don't purchase a pool pass will they have to pay to use the courts? Are you going to keep the Silver Sneakers program? Will alcoholic beverages continue to be sold there? Is the Edgewood LLC continue to run this facility for the Town? If the Town purchases the property, what percentage of the annual fees collected will the Town receive? |

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| ID | 211 |
| First Name | David |
| Last Name | Peck |
| Address | 128 Burr Rd |
| Comments | Edgewood risky purchase at this time. Cannot rely on estimates. You sticking people with big tax risk. Residents need money for college and rising expenses. Just fix B Park - good enough. |

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| ID | 212 |
| First Name | Salvatore |
| Last Name | Pace |
| Address | 891A Heritage Village |
| Comments | I am a member of Parks and Rec commission and I personally fully support the purchase Edgewood facilities. In addition to all of the benefits that selectman Bertram has listed thermos also a large parcel of land which could in the future be used for the development of other venues for example an ice rink or an indoor pool etc. Salvatore A. Pace M. D. |

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| ID | 213 |
| First Name | harry |
| Last Name | cohan |
| Address | 34 Turrill Brook |
| Comments | The financials suggest that in order to break even, the town will need to increase resident membership from 111 families to 226 and enroll 160 Out of town families and cut lifeguard expenses in half. This coupled with the operation of tennis courts, children's playgrounds etc. seems to create a liability issue significantly greater than |

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| | the budgeted insurance expense of \$11M. Given the tenuous financial assumptions and potential taxpayer risk, why go ahead without a town meeting and referendum? The current health/financial crisis poses a significant risk and the 20,000 residents should have a say about a matter that benefits a small slice of the town's population |
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| ID | 214 |
| First Name | Cathy |
| Last Name | Somers |
| Address | 148 Georges Hill Road |
| Comments | Since our local basketball and tennis courts are not revenue generating as you intend Edgewood to be, will they ever be repaired and maintained or will they now be abandoned. Since the tennis courts were so bad that the high school team couldn't use them and had to rent at Edgewood, is it logical to assume that they will be left in their current state of disrepair? |

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| ID | 215 |
| First Name | john |
| Last Name | stien |
| Address | 614 A Heritage Village |
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| ID | 216 |
| First Name | harry |
| Last Name | cohan |
| Comments | tonight reinforced my belief that it would be inappropriate to proceed without a "give & take" town meeting and referendum. My question about the financial viability of the operating plan was mis characterized as an insurance question. even on that level, the insurance aspect was not competently addressed . I spent 25 years as a risk manager for Fortune 25 companies working in Treasury function and know that the response provided was naive and uninformed. What bothered me more was the dodging of the question that the viability of this project rests on questionable modeling and reliance on income streams from non-residents. It would be a disservice to the town to use the Covid-19 crisis as an excuse to proceed without genuine dialogue and decision input from the citizens of our town |

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| ID | 217 |
| First Name | Jim |
| Last Name | Mable |
| Address | 560-A Heritage Village |
| Comments | Would Southbury Police be allowed to patrol the complex (especially at night)...or would Middlebury Police do patrols? Security would be a concern (I was young at one |

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| | time) and a pool, tennis, etc would be an attraction after hours...No fence was high enough when I was younger... |
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| ID | 218 |
| First Name | Ann Marie & Michael |
| Last Name | Galus |
| Address | 333 Luna Trail Ext. |
| Comments | The pool at Ballantine was so important to our family during the summer. For family recreation, summer sharks when our children were younger, and later for summer PAC competitive swimming. Although I truly wish a pool build could be worked out in our own town (and not in Middlebury so far from the center of our town), I strongly believe that a pool is an asset to our community and would support this purchase so that our swimmers (some of the best in the state!) could stay competitive and families would also have the benefit of recreation. |

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| ID | 219 |
| First Name | harry |
| Last Name | cohan |
| Address | 34 Turrill brook drive |
| Comments | tonight reinforced my belief that it would be inappropriate to proceed without a "give & take" town meeting and referendum. My question about the financial viability of the operating plan was mis characterized as an insurance question. even on that level, the insurance aspect was not competently addressed . I spent 25 years as a risk manager for Fortune 25 companies working in Treasury function and know that the response provided was naive and uninformed. What bothered me more was the dodging of the question that the viability of this project rests on questionable modeling and reliance on income streams from non-residents. It would be a disservice to the town to use the Covid-19 crisis as an excuse to proceed without genuine dialogue and decision input from the citizens of our town |

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| ID | 220 |
| First Name | Jennifer |
| Last Name | Carnes |
| Address | 15 CARRIAGE DR |
| Comments | I think it is important for the families of Southbury to have access to a town pool. I support the town purchase of the Edgewood facility for the new town pool. I support the community tradition of a town pool and the recreation of swimming. Respectfully submitted, Jen Carnes |

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| ID | 221 |
| First Name | Tim |
| Last Name | O'Neil |

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| Address | 1113 Roxbury Rd |
| Comments | How irresponsible is it for this Ad Hoc Task Force to arbitrarily pull figures out of thin air to ram this purchase through in 3 months? Do you seriously think people are going to believe it cost \$5 million to construct Edgewood in 2010? Come on that's absolutely ridiculous! This property wasn't even built to "municipal building specifications". Numbers given by this committee are a joke and can easily be refuted simply by looking at similar properties sales at that time. Reinvest our tax dollars in OUR town! We're abandoning our properties to invest in another towns property? Ludicrous! This isn't a "\$2 million solution to a \$4 million dollar problem"! The problem will still exist! Fill in the Ballantine pool and secure the property with the existing fence? Seriously? That's your recommendation? I know, I know too many questions within the same question to answer any of them. Please! Ask the townspeople for questions and never answer any. Have you seen the conditions of our town parks? Disgraceful! |

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| ID | 222 |
| First Name | Bernice |
| Last Name | Scoville |
| Address | 84 Hollow Swamp Rd |
| Comments | All of the current analysis of Ballantine park pool say draft that are posted online. An important decision such as this should not be made based upon non finalized reports. If these reports are finalized they should be posted for full transparency. Will these final reports be offered to the public or finished before a decision is made? Please note, I would also consider this question to follow under FOI guidelines if the reports are completed and not stamped draft. |

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| ID | 223 |
| First Name | Dagmar |
| Last Name | Pfanzelter |
| Address | 292A Heritage Vlg |
| Comments | I think George Bertram's well written outline of the Edgemont project has convinced me that the purchase should be made. I also think there should be a referendum for Southbury voters done when time is appropriate. My one question is should Edgemont be purchased will there be any remediation done to Ballantine Park if so what would be needed and what are accompanying costs?? |

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| ID | 224 |
| First Name | John |
| Last Name | Diehl |
| Address | 928B Heritage Village |
| Comments | two questions I thought George was going to reply back in e-mail with earlier but has not so now I will ask publicly: |

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| | <p>Do you know from the finance reports, is there a breakdown of the \$434,713 Edgewood revenue? How much of the current revenue is from membership that would be replaced by the proposed \$124,460 membership?</p> <p>An additional financial question, also on the town's Edgewood_finance_impact-BOF.pdf sheet. On Edgewood's P&L there are two lines: "Infrastructure Reserve" and "Non-Annual Maintenance" that are blank. Does that mean they don't save any cash for reserve or that the profit is the reserve? Am I correct to think that future annual maintenance is equal to next years reserves and then \$37,290 maintenance is more than \$36,708 profit so Edgewood is actually running at a loss or under funding maintenance?</p> |
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| ID | 225 |
| First Name | Robert |
| Last Name | Milkes |
| Address | 92A Heritage Village |
| Comments | Who made the determination as to whether a person was for, against or undecided in responding to the questionnaire? I hope there were people there from all sides, not just one side when that decision was made. I do not recall a specific question, yes or know. Am I wrong? |

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| ID | 226 |
| First Name | Fernanda |
| Last Name | DiMichele |
| Address | 476 Bagley Rd |
| Comments | As a Southbury resident for over 25 years I am not in favor of the Board of Selectman making the decision to purchase Edgewood Bath and Tennis Club in Middlebury. I don't see how this benefits Southbury. The 2 million dollars should be invested in our town. Why should Southbury residents pay taxes to Middlebury? I hope the people of Southbury will be able to make this decision by voting on this upcoming referendum. |

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| ID | 227 |
| First Name | Allison |
| Last Name | McGahren |
| Address | 18 Turrill Brook Drive |
| Comments | I am very disappointed with how the task force and selectmen keep promoting and pushing the purchase of Edgewood and dismiss residents who are asking valid questions and raising valid concerns as being "misinformed". I was publicly attacked by Selectman Bertram on Facebook yesterday of posting false information when I was merely citing numbers from the Financial Impact Statement on the town website which he stated is not actually accurate. (he has since deleted his controversial post). I have absolutely no trust or faith in this administration. |

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| ID | 228 |
| First Name | Sharon |
| Last Name | Wirt |
| Address | 463B Heritage Vlg. |
| Comments | <p>Dear Southbury BoS Members,</p> <p>Because the question of which community center would best serve Southburians is contentious among residents, with major cons & pros on both sides & a lack of due diligence on the part of the task force, I strongly urge that the decision go to referendum. A majority of townspeople should be the decision makers, not the BoS (one of whom admitted he wouldn't even use the facility). And I'm sure our governor would be fine with a referendum.</p> <p>By the way, among the weightiest cons against Edgewood is the cost of membership, taxes, & needed repairs--at a time when already c. 450 townspeople have lost their jobs & likely their health insurance, while others dependent on the stock market for their income have had to tighten their various belts, some even compelled to use the Food Bank. Save for the administration in D.C., many (economists & financial advisers) are predicting a Great Recession/Depression rivaling that of the 1930s. That, & some folks will still be chary of gathering in large groups because of the pandemic. Not a propitious time to have to pay heavy property taxes while revenue isn't coming in from Edgewood. Better to delay a decision, IMHO, & a referendum would shed light on what the majority favors doing.</p> <p>Thanks kindly for your consideration,</p> <p>Sharon</p> |

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| ID | 229 |
| First Name | Trey |
| Last Name | Skinner |
| Address | 130 Ichabod Rd. |
| Comments | I'm all for Edgewood. I have four kids and think it's a great investment. |

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| ID | 230 |
| First Name | Ashley |
| Last Name | McEvoh |
| Address | 108 S Georges Hill Rd |
| Comments | Don't purchase Edgewood! |

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| ID | 231 |
| First Name | Katalin |
| Last Name | Carrieri |
| Address | 145 Grandview Rd |

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| Comments | Don't purchase |
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| ID | 232 |
| First Name | Christine |
| Last Name | Eaton |
| Address | 42 Silver Beech Rd |
| Comments | The citizens of Southbury should be given the opportunity to vote for or against the purchase of Edgewood through a referendum. I also believe that actual bids for the replacement of Ballantine pool should be part of the information available to tax payers, not just an estimate thrown out there by an architect. I think we can do better than dropping a couple million on a 10 year old pool/ facility |

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| ID | 233 |
| First Name | Christine |
| Last Name | Edelson |
| Address | 609b hv |
| Comments | I am against the purchase of Edgewood. |

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| ID | 234 |
| First Name | Candida |
| Last Name | Fitts |
| Address | 943B heritage village |
| Comments | I'm very much against the purchase of the Edgewood property. There should be a referendum for this important issue. |

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| ID | 235 |
| First Name | Laurie |
| Last Name | Lewis |
| Address | Kettletown rd. |
| Comments | No to Edgewood!!! |

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| ID | 236 |
| First Name | Carol |
| Last Name | Sormilic |
| Address | 570 Patriot Road |
| Comments | Don't Purchase |

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| ID | 237 |
| First Name | Joseph |
| Last Name | Sormilic |

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| Address | 570 Patriot Road |
| Comments | DONT PURCHASE |

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| ID | 238 |
| First Name | Amanda |
| Last Name | Tarsi |
| Address | 105 Sachem Road |
| Comments | I am against the purchase of Edgewood. I'm for a Ballantine renovation. I'm willing to pledge a donation to get some fundraising started from the community, similar to the friends of the library when the library was built. The idea of purchasing a library in another town is asinine I think a town pool in a different town, even one we share a school district with, is just as STRANGE. Our attention needs to be placed on figuring out a way to ensure a referendum. |

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| ID | 239 |
| First Name | Leah |
| Last Name | Grace |
| Address | 233 Ichabod Road |
| Comments | Please do not purchase a pool in a town outside of Southbury. Waste of a town owned property and so inconvenient for everyone in town |

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| ID | 240 |
| First Name | Megan |
| Last Name | Gavin |
| Address | 98 Mistletoe Drive |
| Comments | Require a referendum before acting. |

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| ID | 241 |
| First Name | Maureen |
| Last Name | Garofalo |
| Address | 301 Kettletown Road |
| Comments | We shouldn't be purchasing Edgewood Pool Club. First due to the economic conditions of our town due to COVID-19. The tax revenue will dramatically decrease with so many businesses closed currently. Also with many people out of work who is going to be able to afford the fees. 2nd, do matter how you look at the acquisition why would we buy a pool club in another town. Southbury should be investing in Southbury not Middlebury. Our town needs to have the people vote on this purchase and let their voice be heard. |

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| ID | 242 |
| First Name | Evelyn |
| Last Name | Russo |
| Address | 38E Heritage Village |

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| Comments | Require referendum before decision |
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| ID | 243 |
| First Name | Kim |
| Last Name | McNeill |
| Address | Georges Hill Rd |
| Comments | I am against the purchase of Edgewood in Middlebury |

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| ID | 244 |
| First Name | Michele |
| Last Name | Miller |
| Address | 1208 Purchase Brook Rd |
| Comments | I understand that there is a time concern with the purchase of the pool, however, now is NOT the time to be making a purchase like this. I feel as if it is being pushed through. This absolutely should require a referendum. If that can not happen then I believe we should not make the purchase. |

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| ID | 245 |
| First Name | John |
| Last Name | Dennis |
| Address | 223 N. Poverty Road |
| Comments | Don't Purchase. Rebuild Ballantine |

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| ID | 246 |
| First Name | jon |
| Last Name | norris |
| Address | 145 hornet nest rd |
| Comments | I favor the purchase of Edgewood and look forward to it providing many years of economical recreation. |

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| ID | 247 |
| First Name | Roberta |
| Last Name | Stewart |
| Address | 901 Kettletown 3 |
| Comments | Do not purchase At the very least, there must be a referendum |

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| ID | 248 |
| First Name | Sherry |
| Last Name | Thomas |

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| Address | 496F Heritage Village |
| Comments | I am not in favor of purchasing the Edgewater property. |

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| ID | 249 |
| First Name | Scott |
| Last Name | Stewart |
| Address | 901 Kettletown Rd |
| Comments | Fix the pool we have - do not purchase a pool in Middlebury |

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| ID | 250 |
| First Name | Christine |
| Last Name | Fenn |
| Address | 137 Coachmans Dr |
| Comments | Purchase |

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| ID | 251 |
| First Name | Lisa |
| Last Name | Segal |
| Address | 675 Jacob Rd |
| Comments | Purchasing the Middlebury Town Pool is a dereliction of care to the Southbury town property we already known. There MUST be a referendum vote to hear from the whole town. |

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| ID | 252 |
| First Name | Molly |
| Last Name | Schoener |
| Address | 280 Patriot Rd |
| Comments | I really do not think it is appropriate to make a massive purchase like this in the midst of an unprecedented global pandemic and the ensuing financial insecurities. Myself and my husband are two adults who are NOT in favor of this purchase. Please update the tally as such. Thank you. |

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| ID | 253 |
| First Name | Jennifer |
| Last Name | Murphy-Pitcher |
| Address | 389 Jeremy Swamp rd |
| Comments | Require referendum before purchase |

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| ID | 254 |
| First Name | Ruth |

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| Last Name | Harney |
| Address | 56E Heritage Village |
| Comments | I have written to the Board of Selectmen members, John Michaels, and Parks & Rec Chr. that I feel it would be a big mistake for the Town of Southbury to purchase Edgewood. It is not convenient to Southbury citizens, involves property tax debt and really amounts to the Town purchasing a business, which might be a violation of state statutes. |

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| ID | 255 |
| First Name | Victoria |
| Last Name | Thomas |
| Address | 390 Roxbury RD Apt 102 |
| Comments | Regardless if you buy the Edgewood pool or not, it really doesn't affect me. People need to get over themselves and realize Southbury and Middlebury have been apart of each other's townships for decades. Have your pool and fix Ballentine pool both. Why not? Make plans. Why limit ourselves? Just because the pool is in another town doesn't mean it's not in our community. Region 15 schools has worked hard to establish community between the 2 towns. Buy the pool. It's not going to change my financial situation to be able to purchase a membership but I'm all for it because too many people look down on what could be a great project. |

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| ID | 256 |
| First Name | Ruth |
| Last Name | Springer |
| Address | 337 Peter Road |
| Comments | Do not purchase |

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| ID | 257 |
| First Name | John |
| Last Name | Dennis |
| Address | 223 N. Poverty Road |
| Comments | With reducing the number of lifeguards working at the pool, this summer and in future summers, the safety of patrons is heavily reduced just to save money. Southbury Town Pool is well known for its effective safety record which speaks for itself with the lack of serious incidents season after season. This committee is interested in replicating Edgewoods guard schedule and rotation at Ballantine and at the future pool. According to numerous lifeguards I've spoken to working at Edgewood, they have serious incidents nearly every week. This is due to their more strenuous guard rotation and schedule. If the lack of safety is apparent now at Edgewood, imagine the danger that a more populated facility will impose on not only the patrons, but the town as well. In my opinion, we should continue the well-staffed, safety-oriented lifeguard policies at every pool the town operates. Yes, it will cost a little bit more short term, but will save the town lots of money if a lawsuit were to emerge from an incident at the pool, which is incredibly likely if we reduce the number of lifeguards. Thank you |

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| First Name | Beth |
| Last Name | Comerford |
| Address | 251 Rocky Mountain Road |
| Comments | I am adamantly opposed to the purchase of Edgewood pool/property. A referendum is critical on this issue. |

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| ID | 259 |
| First Name | Shelly & Joe |
| Last Name | Montanaro |
| Address | 93 Stiles Rd |
| Comments | We vote NO on the purchase of the Edgewood club. It makes no sense to us that this would be a consideration outside of Southbury. |

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| ID | 260 |
| First Name | Janelle |
| Last Name | Chandler |
| Address | 731 Berkshire Rd |
| Comments | Do not purchase Edgewood. |

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| ID | 261 |
| First Name | Eric |
| Last Name | Chandler |
| Address | 731 Berkshire rd |
| Comments | Do not purchase Edgewood |

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| ID | 262 |
| First Name | Mike |
| Last Name | Skelly |
| Address | 121 Horse Fence Hill Rd |
| Comments | Do not purchase without referendum |

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| ID | 263 |
| First Name | Holly |
| Last Name | Brenn |
| Address | 1111 purchase brook road |
| Comments | Not in favor of purchasing Edgewood. |

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| ID | 264 |
| First Name | Mari-Carol |

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| Last Name | Britt |
| Address | 1748 Kettletown Rd |
| Comments | For the record I am not in favor of the Edgewood purchase. |

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| ID | 265 |
| First Name | Jessica |
| Last Name | Roach |
| Address | 327 oak hill drive |
| Comments | Not in support of Edgewood pool purchase. |

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| ID | 266 |
| First Name | Don |
| Last Name | Hanson |
| Address | Roxbury Road |
| Comments | Not in favor of Edgewood purchase. |

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| ID | 267 |
| First Name | Jennifer |
| Last Name | Theeke |
| Address | 452 Heritage Road |
| Comments | Do not purchase pool in Middlebury. Spend the money on Ballentine Pool and Park |

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| ID | 268 |
| First Name | Ritesh |
| Last Name | Vidhun |
| Address | 170 Eagle View Rd |
| Comments | Hold a referendum prior to purchasing. |

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| ID | 269 |
| First Name | Lori |
| Last Name | Karp |
| Address | 288 Lakeside Rd |
| Comments | I do not agree with the purchase of Edgewood, however I believe there should be a referendum, by mail if necessary due to the pandemic. |

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| ID | 270 |
| First Name | Elizabeth |
| Last Name | Demeyer |
| Address | 144 Brown Brook Rd |

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| Comments | Please have a referendum on the purchase of Edgewood. |
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| ID | 271 |
| First Name | Krista |
| Last Name | Judson |
| Address | 475 Berkshire Rd |
| Comments | I asked this question before and did not receive an answer. Why and how were our tennis.courts at the High school allowed to get in such disrepair . Why were they not repaired and maintained as needed? |

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| ID | 272 |
| First Name | harry |
| Last Name | cohan |
| Address | 34 turrill brook drive |
| Comments | The June 24 Voices article said the new revenue and cost projections are posted on the website. Where are they? When will the new pool inspection and appraisal reports be posted? |

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| ID | 273 |
| First Name | harry |
| Last Name | cohan |
| Address | 34 turrill brook drive |
| Comments | Has any consideration been given to repurposing the Edgewood reserve to cover Covid 19 expenses and revenue shortfalls? Is there any current estimates of what the Covid 19 budget issues might be? Items such as lower tax collection rates and Region 15 reopening expenses?. Lenders and credit companies are reserving billions for an expected wave of defaults related to future white collar layoffs, Nationally 10% of mortgages are already in for bearance. |

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| ID | 274 |
| First Name | Joan |
| Last Name | Korowotny |
| Address | 452 Spruce Brook Road |
| Comments | After just having read the email regarding Edgewood - the tone I am getting is that it is a done deal. No one seems interested in getting quotes for repair of Ballentine because it would cost hundred of thousands. But no one is baulking at spending \$2million. |

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| ID | 275 |
| First Name | Thomas |
| Last Name | Adamski |
| Address | 18A HERITAGE VLG |

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| Comments | What research has been done on the long term effects of the COVID 19 pandemic on future memberships. Will people continue to be avoiding close contact, and will the surge in private pool building affect future signups and thereby future revenue. |
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| ID | 276 |
| First Name | Rick |
| Last Name | Feeney |
| Address | Old poverty |
| Comments | I hope that rescheduling the date of the referendum does not indicate that this purchase will not take place. Unless there is some legal issue or some technical with the building/systems, this is an excellent idea and I believe that the purchase should be made. I'd also like to complement the task force for the superb evaluation and communication process that it has followed on this initiative. |

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| ID | 277 |
| First Name | Michael |
| Last Name | Matusic |
| Address | 43B Heritage Village |
| Comments | I vote NO on purchasing this pool club. It seems like an open pit for expenditures of taxpayers money. Who knows if and when public pool use will even be possible again with the virus situation. |

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| ID | 278 |
| First Name | Don |
| Last Name | Winter |
| Address | 189 Palmer Road |
| Comments | Will you please post the non-disclosure agreement signed between the Town of Southbury and Edgewood? |

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| ID | 279 |
| First Name | harry |
| Last Name | cohan |
| Address | 34 turrill brook drive |
| Comments | Has any consideration been given to repurposing the Edgewood reserve to cover Covid 19 expenses and revenue shortfalls? Is there any current estimates of what the Covid 19 budget issues might be? Items such as lower tax collection rates and Region 15 reopening expenses?. Lenders and credit companies are reserving billions for an expected wave of defaults related to future white collar layoffs, Nationally 10% of mortgages are already in for bearance. |

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| ID | 280 |
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| First Name | harry |
| Last Name | cohan |
| Address | 34 turrill brook drive |
| Comments | what is the current status on the Edgewood purchase and when can we expect the next status update |