

On the November ballot we will be voting on the purchase of the CYO facility that we rented for the past 14 years. In an effort to keep this as simple as possible and straight forward, we simply are trying to purchase the property in order to maintain our summer day camp.

In the current budget the town has \$125,000 for the park bond and \$85,000 for the rental fee (\$210,000). These numbers would be used toward the \$1.9 million bond for the purchase of the property. That payment should be approximately \$180,000.

We have proposed this purchase because it makes the most sense for the town. It would put approximately \$30,000 back into the budget and allow us to continue to offer the summer camp, as well as other recreational options down the road.

Common questions:

Additional Maintenance - 80-90% is already accounted for by what we have been doing for the last 14 years. Changes are minimal and may require simple adjustments in our work schedule.

Hours - As with any park, the hours will be dawn to dusk and open for scheduled activities outside of those hours. Access will be granted to the public outside of the normally scheduled camp hours as per safety regulations. (We will have use all year round as well.)

Access - We currently have a system in place for camp and other activities that has been in use for as long as we have run the camp. Once traffic increases or we open the facility for public traffic, the town will develop an alternative route that will make the most sense for the community and surrounding neighborhoods. (currently working with the necessary boards on options)

Pool - While the facility is not yet set up for a community pool, we will be able to run various swim programs throughout the season (weekends and evening and probably a week or so before and after camp season). Running programs simply means there will be registration and will give the control needed in order to maintain staff and safety requirements. Maintenance is already being done for the camp, so this would be a non-issue.

Rentals - The facility will also offer additional opportunities by being able to rent the fields, cafeteria, stage area/ rec facility and other available spaces. Currently the town rents over a dozen similar facilities with great success.

NOTICE: *Please keep in mind that if we purchase the camp and do nothing but continue to do what we have been doing, it will be approximately a \$30,000 savings to the Town. On the other hand, without the purchase, the rate of the increased rent coupled with cost of living increases may price us out of running a camp at all.*