

<p>My particular interest in the Aya-Po property is the lake. I'm a long-time kayak fisherman fishing primarily for largemouth bass. The lake is a valuable local resource for fishing, but I now vulnerable to overfishing if strict catch & release methods are not employed. I rarely see fishermen in boats kill any fish, but I have often seen shore fisherman kill & keep bass. Without catch & release designation I'm afraid the lake will soon become "fished out," which results is an imbalance in fish population leading to smaller & smaller fish. It generally takes 5 to 6 years for a bass to reach 12" (min. legal length). I would also like to see the lake open for night fishing which is often very productive in the summer months. Restricting parking for nighttime fishing to the road alongside the pond to help control access to fishermen only. No trespassing on land after hours. As one who enjoys a cold beer while fishing in the summer I really don't see a need for a total alcohol ban for fishing</p>	Anonymous
<p>I like the idea of using the park in the same way Broad Brook reservoir does. Charge a fee for residence and a slightly larger fee for non-residence. Daily snack bar and a life guard on duty. Swim lessons and picnic areas. Non motorized boats for fishing and bird watching</p>	Anonymous
<p>Sell as soon as possible. The Town should get of out Rec buss.</p>	Anonymous
<p>Youth Fishing Derby Ice fishing fundraisers Town swimming (residents)</p>	Anonymous
<p>Ayapo sounds like it will become a TAX TAKER not a TAX MAKER. We do not need a facility that will attract drinking, drug use, sexual activity, etc. Just look at what Powder Hollow has become, it is now a filthy pig pen on weekends. Wayne Kozik, 52 Noah Chapin Dr.</p>	Anonymous
<p>Lake: swimming lessons, water safety instructions, canoeing. Bring back tennis courts- lessons</p>	Anonymous
<p>Ice skating, fishing, hiking, theatre, cross country skiing</p>	Anonymous
<p>The trails are beautiful and enjoying to use whenever. My dogs love it and the trails are good. I enjoy it is not crowded and would hope that the trails stay nice and open. The buildings are in good shape but having constant people in and out would take away from the peaceful scenary.</p>	Anonymous
<p>marked trails for hiking & dog walking</p>	Anonymous
<p>Parking for Rec use including room for horse trailers. Boat launch for kayaking</p>	Anonymous
<p>Functions should be limited to Somers groups only. The Town bought the land and Somers residents should enjoy Town sponsored events only. Groups outside of Somers should not have access to running events here. Keep it simple/keep it quiet/keep it fun</p>	Anonymous
<p>Only Somers residents can use the space but family friends of residents can visit and stay with the resident on their land/site.</p>	Anonymous
<p>Town only swimming area</p>	Anonymous

Meeting building for non-profit organizations	
Make trails for hiking and biking. Also stock the lake for fishing. Have a dock for canoes & kayaks	Anonymous
theatre center, boy scouts, girl scouts, schools- teacher's classes, field trips	Anonymous
Bring back the theatre group	Anonymous
Maybe not all buildings be overhauled- perhaps just the large one. Safety is most important. Perhaps it could be a part time job for a person who lives in Somers to be at Camp 20 hours a week to oversee maintenance, deter delinquents, keep a schedule of groups to "barrow/rent space". Open hiking and skating still be welcomed.	Anonymous
Keep it open to as many uses as possible.	
All too often when government bodies get control of anything the restrictions and regulations that start to pile up in favor of one or more influential bodies.	Anonymous
I think Somers could use more truly "free" space	
Small Annual fee to help with costs for residents interested	Anonymous
Night fishing, over night camping, swimming	Anonymous
Trails for hiking, biking, x-country skiing	Anonymous
Keep it open spaces until monies (grant) are secured to pay for repairs of current buildings.	Anonymous
Scout Use & help pick up & clean up	Anonymous
Stone fireplaces, picnic tables, bicycle lock racks, non-motorized boat access	Anonymous
Charge a fee to use for private functions to help with costs	Anonymous
Town should consider providing restrooms with plumbing and electrical. A picnic pavilion. Rent the space for weddings, family reunions, etc to generate income for the maintenance. have open access when not rented. Make sure it is available for use of Somers residents when not rented. Price to rent for events should be more for non-residents. Some balance of public use vs. private use.	Anonymous
Complete the overlook trail so it looks around to the lower lake trail	Anonymous
Fishing, canoe/kayak-paddle board, tennis courts, ice skating	Anonymous
Town swimming- beach already in place. Start simple and add as it evolves- as the demand necessitates.	Anonymous
Ice fishing, picknicking, town day	Anonymous
Survey comment- seems like some of the questions were not related to the	Anonymous

property in question	
Having trails for hiking would be nice w/picnic tables (take away own trash). If feasible, have lake available for swimming (ie Crystal Lake in Ellington).	Anonymous
If outside groups use it, they would pay fees which would help with maintenance costs. The fees would be more if restrooms have plumbing, electric service is provided, buildings, etc.	Anonymous
The most important function of this property would be its watershed/hydrological value to the lake, stream, fisheries, and wildlife. Its critical that outflow from the lake is sufficient to sustain an adequate flow to the brook. The wild trout are a valuable resource that should be protected. A good Watershed Management Plan should look at all aspects of water quality, quantity, etc. It would be great to get volunteers/students to monitor gauging (?) stations and water quality and perhaps to get involved in pool development. Perhaps Trout Unlimited could help. OK, thanks for the opportunity to comment!	Anonymous
No increase in taxes for security, maintenance, insurance, etc.	Anonymous
The original entrance must be gated. The turnaround area attracts cars all night/day with people peeling out in the parking lot and making noise at all hours. Parking should be down by the new clearing by the field. Easier for the police to monitor. Move all parking to the cleared spot by the field, gate the original entrance for good.	Anonymous
Family gatherings	Anonymous
Permit Fees, residential only usage, sport organization fee schedule for usage, swimming availability, fishing availability, boating availability picnic facilities	Anonymous
I envision an open space with trails and camping site, to be used by scouts, civic groups, families- a beach with swimming, boat launch, canoe, kayak, row boat- no motors, have fishing, ice fishing and stocked by Town. Limited buildings, toilets, community pavilion. Overnight camping by groups. Have basketball, volleyball, horseshoes, allow ice skating in winter, and winter camping. Will need security, gate, cameras, motion detectors, lights, etc.	Anonymous
I have only fond memories of going as a camper to Camp Aya Po. I feel it should be available to future campers in the area.	Anonymous
A very happy camper in the 50's. I learned how to save a drowning person, flip a canoe in open water, and how to use the open space in the canoe for air. We had camp fires, archery, potato sack races, learned how to peel carrots and potatoes for meals, made cookies, played baseball, basketball, did crafts, ceramics, had movies with popcorn, went to the Indian Museum and the Piedmont and Summer playhouse,. On Sundays we climbed the mountain- the tree line was cleared and had church service overlooking the beautiful scenery. Do I think there should be a camp for the children? Absolutely!! It can be an open event place at other times of the year.	Anonymous
If a cellular tower were to be installed up there it would be more inviting for people	Anonymous

to use the property. A cellular tower would also make it easier to contact emergency services in the event of an emergency, plus a cellular tower would bring in additional revenue to maintain the property.	
Hiking Swimming Kayaking Use for events by reservation by town residents and town groups	Anonymous
trails should be constructed for mountain biking and hiking. volunteer organizations would do this.	Anonymous
Its a shame that the place was left so long to deteriorate. I feel that they need to be bulldozed to avoid problems with drugs vagrants etc. Maintain trails.	Anonymous
Camp Ayapo was my first venture outside of my family by going to camp and I loved it - my birth was announced at the camp because my 2 sisters were there in Aug many moons ago. it is beautiful and peaceful and there is no reason that we in town can't take advantage of it for walking, seeking nature, sitting, most of all - chilling.	Anonymous
The problem I have with this survey is the lack of details regarding Hurd Lake. I do not see how Hurd Lake can be separated from this survey? The lake has been off bounds for all recreational use for ages... no fishing, boating, swimming etc. To me, the LAKE is the draw here. The lake can be used for fishing derbies, recreational use--including both fishing and boating, and perhaps swimming. We have no idea what is allowed on the lake, or not. I suggest this survey be tossed, and reopened, with some explanation of what the town is planning besides the 4.5 acres, which really don't mean much. We have the 4 Town fair area, and other recreational areas that can be used or leased. The Mill Pond is a good example of what should be done with both the land and lake, TOGETHER.	Anonymous
A small area used for special events, such as family gatherings, small weddings. Items that would allow for about 25-30 people with limited power. It should be available for reservation. The facility should be offset so that the general public could still be able to use the site removed enough to provide some privacy for the event. The money received/donated from reservations should be used for upkeep and improvements. The improvements could include stocking of fish, unloading area for non-motorized water craft and picnic areas.	Anonymous
Family owned restaurant (Burgers, hot dogs, Ice cream)	Anonymous
When my older children were growing up, the one thing I felt the Town of Somers was missing was a public "swimming hole". There was no place in town for me to take them swimming. We had to go to people's houses who had pools or drive an	Anonymous

<p>hour to relatives whose towns had public ponds. Reopening the beach area at Aya Po would serve many citizens in town and provide lots of childhood memories. It would also prove an attraction if you wish to rent the site out to organizations for special events. I especially think that Avery Hall (the main bldg.) should be saved and renovated. It has a beautiful view of the pond and would prove to be a nice bldg. to rent.</p>	
<p>Use of small boats, fishing</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>I would really only like to see town summer camp and maybe some rare use by the scouts at most. I know this has nothing to do with the 3 acres but I hope the town would include the lots it held out in the protected open space and not sell them off or build on them. It would be a shame to disturb the beautiful property. Y Camp was always a good use, but more than that is going to require a lot of maintenance and money to keep up. It's perfect if left natural.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>Currently, the camp attracts many out of state visitors. There are late night parties and trash is left on site. All of the existing buildings have been vandalized since the camp was purchased as public space. I am concerned about the peaceful and safe use of the camp for the residents of Somers. I am also concerned with the safety of public bathrooms that are left unlocked and unattended whether they are outhouses or fully functioning bathrooms if these are built at the camp. Occasional patrols will not be enough to keep the situation under control.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>The buildings at the Camp should be demolished as they constitute an "attractive nuisance" which creates a liability for the town. The buildings are a hangout for punks and vandals. I walk by and/or through the Camp on an almost daily basis. 2/3 to 3/4 of the vehicles parked at the Camp bear Mass. license plates. The Camp is frequently used after dark in violation of the posted regulations. There is no police presence at the Camp. Given the location of the Camp (the middle of nowhere) unless the town is going to commit to funding frequent police patrols in the area (which I believe is unlikely) no new buildings or facilities should be constructed. Any new facilities or buildings will simply become a target for the punks and vandals that frequent the Camp now. George Schober 98 Rocky Dundee Road</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>I feel IF the town can get funding it would be nice to have one building repaired for day activity's. And remove the remaining buildings that are in sad shape and clean the rest of the area.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>I am involved with a local Nipmonk native American tribe, (the land at the camp) is actually historically belonging to this tribe. The tribe wishes to hold their powow at the site. they were turned down by the Town of Somers office for unknown reasons. I also hold several festivals for the community. I am interested in having the opportunity to hold these at the site. I did propose these ideas originally when the camp was purchased by the town. I would be happy to sit down with you and propose my plans. Several are very lucrative, and monies from these events could go to the town to help preserve the</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>

<p>site for future generations. The group of Native Americans, and my production company are willing to preserve, and maintain the area for allowing us to have our events at the the site. Little or no cost to the town of Somers.</p>	
<p>I'm really sorry for submitting this twice; I didn't finish it the first time! Sorry! A summer camp would be fantastic. I think there should be a main, multipurpose building used for town programs and also available for rent for private events in order to defray the costs. I think that public restrooms would be great if there is an excess of funding, but they may be a burden in winter, and upkeep and repairs may outweigh their benefits. I think that facilities should be open seasonally because it is unnecessary to heat an additional building when other town spaces can be used. A majority of the space should open and available for recreational activities. A soccer field may be nice, and maybe a baseball field. A dog park would be a nice community area, seeing as there is not currently one in Somers. I believe that the community would be supportive of this and it would be easily funded. The East Windsor dog park is an excellent model. Thank you for your commitment to community programs!</p>	Anonymous
<p>I think that a summer camp would be fantastic. I think that there should be a main, multipurpose building that is used for town programs and is also available for rent for private and commercial events in order to defray the cost of the building, the demolition of old unusable buildings, and to support community programs. I think that public restrooms would be a welcome addition if there is an excess of funding, but they may be a burden in the wintertime, and upkeep and repairs may outweigh their benefits. I think that facilities should be open seasonally because they will likely not see much in winter. In addition to the main building, I think that a majority of the space should open and available for recreational activities. A multi-purpose soccer field may be nice, in addition to a baseball or softball field. Another consideration may be a small dog park. Seeing as there is</p>	Anonymous
<p>Hiking trails Kayaking Canoeing Fishing Ability to walk dogs there NO motor boats NO hunting NO fires NO dirt bikes/atv</p> <p>Would like to see it cleaned up. There is broken glass, boards with nails in woods by cabins, cabins are vandalized and dangerous.</p>	Anonymous
<p>Used for equestrian activities with hiking and camping.</p>	Anonymous
<p>Event rental</p>	Anonymous
<p>Town of Somers residents only access. swimming, non-motorized boating, hiking, picknicing</p>	Anonymous

<p>Have someone living there at one of the larger buildings to keep watch over the drive way and have cameras. The person can be someone who is strong, looks like someone people don't want to mess with and has a FAMILY due to the person going nuts without companionship or human contact. The person would be armed like a cop with a pistol and a taser with multiple radios and such. This would cut down on destruction severely unlike putting up signs that people will destroy.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>It is a beautiful area that needs to be preserved, with or without buildings.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>Expanded town recreation offerings - outdoor/nature activities. Cross-country skiing and trekking in winter, with use of the lodge and bathrooms. Skating on the lake, lighted areas. Swimming and boating in the summer - archery classes, that sort of stuff.</p> <p>We were married and had our reception at the lodge years ago. It was rustic and charming- would like to see the legacy of the lodge continue for generations to come. It's a very special place. Make it free for Town of Somers Recreation offerings, or available for a fee to civic organizations and the like.</p> <p>Somers residents only to start, then reevaluate in a few years to determine future course of action.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>3 Picnic tables, bolted/chained down where old boathouse was; also 3-4 just above the beach; Restoration of amphitheater - perhaps smaller; nature markers along trails for educational purposes; one covered but open pavilion with tables such as is at Valley Falls park; it could be used by individuals or small groups for children's activities/crafts & would provide shelter for sudden showers. restoration of beach for unguarded swimming such as is at Bigelow Hollow markers on trails. Please keep open during the winter. It's a great place for snowshoeing.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>Public Swim area</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>Allow for Somers residents use only.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>There should be access for people to put non-powered boats into the lake, and parking for cars and trailers. Regulations (in the form of ordinances) should be passed. Rules and regulations would have little effect unless they were enforced by town police. Their input should be sought. Organizations like the land trust, Legion, Scouts, and Rotary should be approached whenever projects are considered. This would have the effect of making AyaPo a townwide project that the town's people would adopt as their own. It would also lower the cost of such projects. The town should consider forming a permanent committee for the management of that, and other recreational properties. The state's DEEP should be consulted, and a request for fish stocking should be made to them. All dangerous conditions should be remedied and signs stating "use at your own risk" posted.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>

<p>The intelligent thing to do would be to have it available for other TOWN Activities to supplement the activities at the TOWN HALL OR the Senior Center...rather than expanding the Senior Center. Possible availability for scouting OR even groups like the American Legion OR other town supported groups such as SCHOOL GROUPS (STIC) (Booster Club _)etc.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>fishing.... sitting and reading.... just enjoying the open space</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>I think the camp would be great for summer recreation like swimming and hiking and in the winter it could be used for cross country skiing.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>My reason for not wanting any buildings is the likely occurrences of vandalism that will happen at Camp Ayapo. Associated with that vandalism will be the cost to Somers taxpayers to: repair the damage again & again, put expensive security measures in place, and the disgust and disappointment that will follow acts of vandalism.</p> <p>Unfortunately a small minority of young people cannot be trusted to do the right thing when nobody's looking. And I'm not willing to pay for their indiscretions.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>Live music guides nature hikes wildlife center</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>Community Dance, featuring folk dance like squares, lines, circles encompassing all age groups with live music.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>Camp Ayapo would make a great campsite for everyone; not just for youths. In addition, it should be free for veterans and family. Hopefully this will also bring jobs.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>An enclosed open space for a dog park with some agility equipment for town residents with separate spaces for large and small dogs. Motocross trails which are clearly marked and a distance from the aforementioned dog park for town residents which will keep these vehicles off the road. Use of the lake would obviously be nice for kayakers/canoeing.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>I would love to see the town youth summer camp moved to Camp Ayapo. Although, I no longer have young children, I feel that a good town camp location was lacking in this town. It would have been nice to offer swimming lessons in the summer. The current location is so hot during the summer months and what a great opportunity for the kids to enjoy a hot summer day swimming, canoeing and paddle boarding. I think Staffordville lake behind the elementary school in a excellent example of how it could be run. Both the public and the camp use the lake with very little services. Although the lake is much larger in Stafford I think the arrangement for dual usage of the property is a much better set up at camp Ayapo.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>Why was it bought in first place. If it was for open space then let it be open space and not a drain on town resources and police as well. Due to its remote location this area is almost impossible to prevent it being used for illegal purposes.This is going to be a headache for a long time.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>Use as picnic grounds with tables and fireplaces. Use by all. Maintained by the town.If abused...close completely. Why was it bought in the first place, if they didn't know what to do with it. Looks like a monumental waste of money. Town and State</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>

money.Makes no difference.	
The Town should have never purchased the property, just a large liability.	Anonymous
Some buildings should be razed. Fees charged for use of the facilities/area should be used for maintenance.	Anonymous
Ice skating Outside summer movie nights Bonfires Fishing derby	Anonymous
Boating,swimming fishing derby's,hiking rentals for outdoor party's(like Knights of Columbus hall)	Anonymous
This is a perfect get away pond to spend time with the family. it should be used by the people, no limits to who or what city town they live in.	Anonymous
I think the area should be kept as open space. I would like to see the old buildings taken down. I live just down the street from the facility and I have already seen a large increase of out of state (mass plates) traffic at the site and anticipate this summer is going to be an issue much like the Scantic area in Enfield was last summer. If the facility is going to be open there should be some monitoring of the site to reduce the amount of vandalism and waste left on site. The graffiti has already begun not to mention the old docks being pushed out into the water and left in random spots around the lake. If garbage containers are placed on site they will need to be emptied on a daily basis. It would be nice if the town left it as a hiking area and at the most a gazebo in the field for use during town events at the site. I have enjoyed this facility since I was a child and I am worried that it is going to be a very busy location and become overwhelming for the town to keep up with.	Anonymous
Hiking, mountain biking	Anonymous
Farmers Market Trade Shows Anything to charge vendors rent/fees for booths :) Child carnivals - no mechanical rides; games, face painting, food, etc...	Anonymous
This property would make a good site to be used by campers	Anonymous
I'd like to see at least one operational building put up which could offer some basic services like a bathroom and possibly a snack/coffee bar on the weekends. It would be nice to have picnic areas established along with some nicely marked trails. Possibly a nice boat launch for non-powered boats like kayak and canoes. If possible, locking it down to Somers residents (or Somers businesses) only would be nice to keep out of town people from fishing and blocking the road. A small gazebo or covered picnic area for birthday parties or family gatherings would also be very nice to add (similar to Connors place). The entry road (Camp road) does need some improvements as well.	Anonymous
Fishing hiking sledding picnic tables	Anonymous

It should be what it always was. A place for families and groups to gather. Scouts, church groups, all at minimal costs. It's the activities at places like this that keep our community whole and keeps the children connected	Anonymous
Trail Riding, 4h camp	Anonymous
Great space for families, boys/girl scouts, school groups, and environmental science/education	Anonymous
The town really needs a water play area for kids.	Anonymous
hiking trails	Anonymous
Sprinkler park or climbing park like soaring indoors	Anonymous
Preserve the main hall for plays, concerts, arts and crafts for children. Rental for town residents only.	Anonymous
park/recreation	Anonymous
Educational events for students and adults	Anonymous
Sport fields, swimming, pavillion rental,	Anonymous
If you could gain access to the pound you could have fishing event,swimming classes, ice skating or water rescue classes.Be nice for nature teaching also.	Anonymous
Hiking Dog park (Bike) trails Picnic area(s) Kayaking	Anonymous
Dog park	Anonymous
Available for swimming and non-motorized boating.	Anonymous
Hiking trails. Cross country skiing on same trails.	Anonymous
Keep it like state forest property sun up to sun down patrolled by the troop, don't make this an attraction for the already problematic Massachusetts vandals.	Anonymous
the space is beautiful! being used for camps or hiking trails would be lovely. A place for familys to come together ,maybe even reunions. while enjoying the great outdoors. Theatre events are always beautiful at camp Ayapo.	Anonymous
We need a well rounded educational camp/activity center for all children/families in Somers. We are paying money for these types of functions/activities to other towns - we need to keep the dollars in Somers.	Anonymous
a low cost camp for SOMERS RESIDENTS ONLY would be nice. I attended Camp aya po as a child and think my chidren would enjoy it as much as I did	Anonymous

<p>I live within 100 feet of the boundary line of the camp and have used the property for over 30 years. It would be nice to have the pavilion available for weddings, parties or picnics however vandals have already sprayed graffiti on the buildings and urinated in the structures. As feared when we voiced our opinions at the town meetings before acquisition of the property, it is not being monitored by the police or fish & game. Most of the patrons are from out of state and are destroying the property unchallenged.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>Triathlons or running events to help kids and families stay healthy!</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>Ropes course Movie Night Campfire story series Campfire music night Somers Triathlon series Pond Hockey Tournament Maple Sugar operation</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>An area where people can hang out. In such a small town there really isn't a lot to do, so if there were small concerts, an ice cream stand, ect, then it would be utilized to the fullest extent.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>Open swimming in summer for Somers residents</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>Mountain bike specific areas including man made features. Man made structures have proven to help reduce impact on fragile sections of ecosystems. Along with building skills. A public archery range. An adventure park with zipline. All of these could have a fee to help offset costs.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>Town Residents no charge Non-town residents must pay a fee</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>non-motorized boat launching area</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>I suggest keeping and restoring the main, large building and also the seating benches below it that overlook the lake.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>Make a beach where you can swim and picnic during the summer, canoeing, hiking trails. Charge a minimal fee for town residents. No other buildings but restrooms should be built for high cost of maintenance. A splash pad would be nice amenity to add to the beach area.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>I grew up near Wickham Park in Manchester and we used this open space all of the time. We had a family reunion there once, various high school events, and I had my wedding pictures done there. Wickham Park charges a fee to drive into the place- is it possible to charge to enter so that this will help maintain the place. We would also go there for walking, running, and hiking. The buildings at Camp Aya Po could be useful for picnicking and you could even charge a fee to use a pavilion. I realize camp Aya Po is a lot smaller, but things can be done on a smaller scale. But I think it should be open to the public.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>Would like to have it as a town facility open to town residents for hiking, picnicking</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>

and swimming.	
Scout camping, youth group camping, hiker camping, trail days	Anonymous
Boy and girl scouting along with you children camps	Anonymous
Summer concerts, fishing derby, hiking trails, tent campground, things the town can do to rent the propert to pay for buildings and maintenance	Anonymous
Public swimming pool Youth place for dancing, gatherings that are supervised	Anonymous
Dog park for sure!	Anonymous
I DON'T THINK THE TOWN SHOULD HAVE BOUGHT IT. IT IS NOW OFF THE TAX ROLLS AND WILL COST THE TOWN MONEY WE DON'T HAVE TO KEEP IT.	Anonymous
Recreational Use by State DDS Disability Client Nearby Group homes or Allied Rehab in Enfield for Special Events	Anonymous
The main "mess hall" should be refurbished and rented out for club and social events. The view across the lake is too beautiful not to take advantage of. It is a wonderful (and only place in town that I know of) to ice skate, kayak, and ride horse back without motorized vehicles wrecking the trails by kicking up rocks and making ruts. This land is a treasure for our town. I think it would be a prudent measure to rebuild the caretaker's cabin and have a full time person there to prevent vandalism. Having spent time picking up other's garbage and filling in holes on trails where signs used to be I resent out of town (& townies) who abuse this space. At one time trees and plants were labeled for educational purposes and trails were garbage clear. It is disgusting how the camp has fallen into disrepair in recent years. Please restore this beautiful land to what I'm sure the original owners hoped it would be.	Anonymous
School field trips. Student community service activities. Retreat area. I would love for the schools to be more involved with Camp Ayapo.	Anonymous
Summer concert series, Summer camp for children, Weekend camping rentals, Weekday retreat events	Anonymous
Kayaking, hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing,swimming.	Anonymous
A place for families and recreation.	Anonymous
If the town and our so called great first selectman can't find it in the budget to maintain this property after hiring a full time fire chief and police department and all the new vehicles then the town should sell this property and this problem is solved !!!!!.	Anonymous
Allow it to be as is! Enjoy the natural setting without changing it. Keep it open year	Anonymous

round for all people... if it became a camp, we would not be allowed to use it while it was in use. Put trash cans at parking lot. I love exploring it and my children do too!!	
Town swimming , skating, dirt biking , quading, row boating , paddle boarding, picnics , horse backriding , etcetc	Anonymous
Family Beach with swimming and lifeguards. Swimming lessons offered through the town.	Anonymous
American Legion. Summer swimming classes, boating courses	Anonymous
keep it simple. Open space, minimal parking. Similar to the Scantic area located at Powder Hollow. BUT - that site, for instance, has a lot of out of town usage which results in abuses such as excessive littering. To rectify that issue, I suggest having a town pass - town residents only.	Anonymous
No buildings unless there is an existing pavillion in servicable shape. meaning - minimal investment	
T-Ball Baseball field, Youth Soccer Field, Town sponsored swimming lessons in the summer.	Anonymous
hiking and biking trails, bird/nature sanctuary, gardens	Anonymous
emergency telephone near water, allow trolling motors/no wake on water, buildings would be great, but not opposed to knocking down what's there and rebuilding when funds can be raised. scouts would use the property very much, for hiking, fishing, possibly swimming/boating,group camping, but bathrooms (plumbed or outhouse) needs to be addressed. Hwy Dept has done EXCELLENT job so far!! Had an idea I shared with several town groups if some/all the buildings come down: use the wood to make adirondack chairs with authentic ayapo graffiti. would likely be a hot seller due to nostalgia, but would need lots of groups to pull it off. However, could raise a good sum of money to start improvements.	Anonymous
Open swimming (swim at your risk), non-motorized boating and fishing, hiking and cross-country skiing, picnicking with tables, dog walking (but with clean-up signage), casual but maintained playing field, nature viewing, and possible town fireworks location.	Anonymous
Private events, craft fairs, day camp, retreats, hiking activities, dog park, nature facility, learning experiences, historical site with information offered... The options are endless!!!!	Anonymous
Keep nature available to those who love it	Anonymous
Dog park boat launch I picnic aread	Anonymous
Hiking Trails Cleaned up area for swimming in pond	Anonymous

For nature use of water and trails	Anonymous
All of my childhood summertime memories developed from Camp Aya-Po. I had attended other Y summer programs and nothing compared. As a child, Aya-Po offered so many different cognitive, physical and social developmental opportunities unlike any other summer program. I made friends that I still talk to (I attended at the age of 7 and grew to be a counselor and my last year working there was the year I graduated high school and shortly ran off to college, I am now 30). I will never forget archery, kayaking, 'nomading', flag pole time, I still remember most of my counselors names. At Aya-Po is where I learned to care and nurture others, I learned responsibility and taking ownership of my faults, it began my journey towards becoming an RN, which of course at the time I had no idea what I wanted to become. Aya-Po had a hand in molding me into who I am today. I would be devastated if my children were not provided with the same experieces and enrichment.	Anonymous
Frisbee Golf Course Hiking Trails Recreation Office/Rec Center Pavilion Rentals for Parties Playground Splash Pad Nature Center	Anonymous
Love it there beautiful property went to camp there and worked at camp there	Anonymous
Camp Aya-Po is a very special place. Aya-Po means to "carry on," and that is what should happen with the camp. We should carry on the tradition of making it a special place for children and young adults to find themselves, and give them the opportunity to make lifelong friends. To fish, and boat, participate in theater and art, learn archery, learn about nature and survival skills, hike, play sports, swim, be silly, and most importantly be themselves in a place that would never judge them or make them feel bad about it, but only embraced them. Camp Aya-Po should be a summer camp. It should be there every year, for each generation. I know they would love it as much as my friends and I still do. Even though it's no longer there we still talk about our amazing times at camp. Every one of us has said, "if I ever win the lottery, I'm going to buy camp back, and restore it." Hopefully the town can see how special it is, and bring it back to life.	Anonymous
I attended Camp Aya-Po from 2002-2009. I learned many life skills there, such as fire-building, outdoor cooking, fishing, boating, swimming, archery, performance arts, singing, and how to build shelter outdoors with minimal supplies. Camp Aya-Po has always been a place where children could go and feel safe, supported, and loved. It was the only place I, personally, felt comforted from the bad stuff happening at school and home. It was the only place that I could be myself. Now, as I am nearing completion of my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, I see the need in our communities for places like Camp Aya-Po. Places where children can learn life-skills, and retreat to a place where they will not be judged.	Anonymous

<p>Aya-Po means "To carry on" and at camp we always talked about carrying on the tradition. In that spirit, I would love to be involved in an effort to turn Camp Aya-Po back into a functional summer camp, so other children can have the life-enhancing experiences I did.</p>	
<p>Disability accessible, seniors able to visit, sidewalks, benches picnic tables ,kids have dances like prom there, fishing .It's very beautiful place to figure even way to go and read a book ,relax ..</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>live action roleplay such as this (known as LARP) http://www.larping.org/</p> <p>though probably not even considered in the original plan events such as larp regularly us public parks and provide a much needed source of revenue (especially if the site has power and toilet facilities)</p> <p>and here is the local group i suggest you get advice from them</p> <p>http://www.nerohartford.com/</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>Swimming classes</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>I attended and worked at Camp Aya-Po for 15 years and have been back for hiking over the years. If it isn't possible to continue as a youth camp alone, the buildings and property could be made functional again. I currently help run a rental facility, Powder Mill Barn, in Enfield. There are many events and groups that would be interested in renting the buildings at Aya-Po. The floor in Avery is beautiful for folk dancing events or classes and there are large communities for this in the area. Some other ideas for use of the facilities are weddings (the view from the porch of Avery is beautiful), local acoustic music concerts, weddings, group meetings, fife and drum corps events/musters, dance/music festivals, Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts campouts, etc. I know the condition of the buildings, but I know they aren't completely beyond repair yet. I would love to see them kept as part of the history of our beloved camp and be put to use, along with the land. Thank you.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>In an ideal world - all buildings should be preserved, to varying degrees, some functional and useable, others just foundations left with a memorial as to what once stood there. One building dedicated to a museum with history of camp. A day camp in the summer, crafts/antique fairs in spring/fall, sports fields used, plays/music at the main building. Perhaps have small business run a seasonal food service business there.</p> <p>In reality, bathrooms, restore main camp building. Make property safe, marking foundations of demolished buildings, notice board with camp history.</p> <p>Good luck and thank you for all your hard work.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>
<p>As a father of a child with Autism, I would like to have a summer camp that works with children with special needs. There are other camps that deal with Autism but we would have to travel to southern Ct. Im not saying the whole summer should be</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>

special needs camp, maybe several weeks. Im not sure of the amount of Autistic children within Somers, but with the other area towns, I feel that there would be enough campers, and there should be state or federal aid for this type of camp thank you	
Walking trails, movie nights on projector, fishing tournaments, kayaking on lake, outdoor concert series.	Anonymous
I think before the town puts any \$ into property, cameras should be placed that can be monitored live by police or group of volunteers to avoid more vandalism.	Anonymous
Mainly walkers, bikes and horses is awesome	Anonymous
it would be nice to have all the buildings restored and put back to use. It is a beautiful area and should be enjoyed by town residents.	Anonymous
Most of the buildings are beyond repair and should be razed. If buildings are restored, consideration should be given to minimizing on-going maintenance costs. Consideration should also be given to maintaining the beach/swimming area and improving the hiking trails. This site has great potential	Anonymous
The beach clean and docks replaced! A good area to launch kayaks and canoes. An area designed for horse trailers. A common area for day picnicking. Possibly repair the buildings so the town could rent them to groups for meetings or functions. Move the summer rec camp up there. So many more things could be offered if they did and it would be nicer than down at field road .	Anonymous
Cross-country skiing Hiking picnicing	Anonymous
The building at Aya-po are in such a poor state of repair that it seems the best option now is to demolish all existing structures (except maybe the recently built pavilion). If at such a time in the future the Town feels that an extra recreational facility is required, a four season custom building would be the way forward - I'll highlight Crandalls Lodge in Tolland as an example of a purpose built woodland facility. The current buildings are a magnet for vandalism in their current state and we are almost in a postion where they cannot be saved.	Anonymous
To whom this may concern I think the field area would make a great dog park! I also think a dock for fishing and maybe the possibility of getting the state to stock the lake would make a great experience for all. I would make there be a designated beach area where no fishing is aloud within like 50 feet of each side. This to protect swimmers from stepping on hooks! This lot of land has a great potential to be a hidden gem for the town of Somers and its people!!!!	Anonymous

Regards, Lincoln Clark 196 turnpike rd. 860-819-0367	
Picnic tables	Anonymous
Would like to see the litter picked up.	Anonymous
swimming lessons fishing derby	Anonymous
Finish the outlook trail so that it loops to the lower lake trail	Anonymous
Dog park!!!!	Anonymous
Open space with trails	Anonymous
Swimming, Boating and Canoeing, Ice skating	Anonymous
I think groups should be able to get permits to hold small, non-impactful events perhaps in the field and maybe in one or two buildings - such as dog training, nature hikes, maybe use a building if they stay and get bathrooms. I would not want to see heavy regular use or large groups there or alcohol permitted. It should remain a peaceful place and mostly allowed to return to natural state.	Anonymous
a common building would be appropriate to be used for an activity shelter for a youth camp, town-sponsored environmental education classes, rental for area organizations/non-profits. not supportive of private uses such as weddings, etc.,	Anonymous
We live very close to Camp AyaPo. I'm hoping that the police are keeping a watchful eye on the camp, particularly on summer nights. I believe parking is not allowed after sunset but we've seen cars there after dark often. I'd like to see a summer recreational Day Camp start again at Camp AyaPo for our Somers kids!	Anonymous
I think the space needs to operate as fully as possible to dissuade those currently destroying the property. Hopefully additional people being around will lower eliminate the amount of vandalism currently occurring up there.	Anonymous
I think that the Town Recreation Department should use this space to offer classes such as swimming lessons and a summer day camp. These funds could be used to offset the cost of maintaining the property.	Anonymous
I also believe that having (at minimum) the pavilion available for private party rentals (similar to the park on Field Rd) would be great for the town and another potential revenue source.	Anonymous
A family safe park with picnic areas or hiking trails. I think that putting a splash park in there would be amazing and many families would use it all the time.	Anonymous
I don't want to see tax payer dollars invested in recreational areas for the town. Maintaining open land is ok, however recreation should be privately funded and	Anonymous

costs for the land should be covered only by those using it.	
cross country ski trails, hiking	Anonymous
Playgrounds	Anonymous
I think it would be a great resource for our town girl and boy scouts as well as other organizations looking for buildings to use.	Anonymous
I'd like to see the Day Camp moved to Ayapo. Day Camp and general usage fees (ie; campsites on the balance of the property, private parties, etc) could create the revenue to support the operation and strategic development of the property. Moving the day camp to Ayapo, would open up more capacity at Field Road Park (ie; town leagues could begin practices/games earlier, etc) - allowing the Town to generate additional usage fee revenue to support and develop that park.	Anonymous
Make an area for camping	Anonymous
Paved running paths, so kids can run or ride bikes, people could run with jogging strollers without having to be on major roads that are very busy and offer no sidewalks. Other wise I'd you run with kids or bike with kids you are stuck to the 1/4 mile or half mile of sidewalk on Main Street. Looping back and forth a bunch of times to get a good run or ride in. It's curetly very frustarting having no safe place to walk and ride with kids in this town.	Anonymous
Some sort of overnight camp like what they used to have there years and years back would also be great for kids! These days there is too much time spent on electronics. A week of overnight camp sessions enjoying the outdoors is such a valuable thing for kids and in today's world would only be a great thing!	
I would really like to see the for town residents only. If that can't be done a camp ground with just the site and no hook ups (tent) only could make revenue to help cover any bathrooms or maintenance that is required for the rest of the ground.	Anonymous
Town only swimming and beach use	Anonymous
Open space. Nothing else	Anonymous
Being a town property, it should be available to residents at a significant discount vs. non-resident use, including parking. Many other towns have been able to operate their natural resources successfully and this should be no different. Serious consideration should be given to hiring experienced staff that are capable of operating this resource with the optimum goal of being revenue neutral. Lack of supervision will result in a great resource open to anyone, with the financial burden squarely on the shoulders of Somers residents.	Anonymous
Scouts, church groups, veterans,campers	Anonymous
Something similar to the model used at Crandall's park in Tolland with a building/lodge area available for rent or use by non profits, town organized activities, and perhaps even a summer camp open to Somers and other towns.	Anonymous

Seasonal (summer) recreational camp.	Anonymous
<p>My property abuts Camp Aya Po hiking trail system. In the last 6 months or so, we have dealt with people getting lost and ending up in my back yard, people taking pictures into my back yard, and a complete loss of privacy. We have found people camping out in the woods, creating makeshift fires, and have found significant amounts of empty liquor and beer containers.</p> <p>I'm all for using the camp for recreational activities, and it's wonderful to see the area being cleaned up. It is a beautiful piece of property here in town. I would like to see the community be able to enjoy the area more for the use of the lake. Fishing, kayaking, ice skating, swimming, etc.</p> <p>I appreciate the town taking the time to ask the people their opinions, however I feel as though we could be better notified of upcoming meetings concerning the property. If the town could possibly email the people that are on this email list of upcoming events/meetings concerning this, it would be greatly appreciated.</p>	Anonymous
Families maybe could rent space for parties and picnics. It is a beautiful wasted space that the town could really enjoy. This town needs more areas for family recreation! A camp would be a wonderful use for the space as well.	Anonymous
<p>Walking trails</p> <p>Water jet park for children</p> <p>dog park</p> <p>flower gardens</p>	Anonymous
<p>1. Scouting groups grow vegetables & sell as a co-op. Teach young people about the importance of growing food.</p> <p>2. picnic area</p> <p>3. Fishing</p>	Anonymous
Would love to see a rec camp in town. As a dual working parent household, it is difficult to find options for summer camps. I would like to have the option on the # of days per week that my children would be in attendance, such as 2 days per week rather than all 5 days, considering I have flex time during summer months. I am personally looking for more town operated "child care" whether it is seasonal or year round. Many towns have programs where children can attend a rec camp on days off from school when most parents may have to work	Anonymous
Summer rec camp for kids, scout activities, land trust - ? More sports fields, cross country skiing	Anonymous
Mountain Biking Trails	Anonymous
I realize this is outside of the scope, however, the area should be a recreational swimming area as well. Currently our family is required to leave town to visit a swimming area. I have long believed that this area would be a great place to allow	Anonymous

Somers residents to enjoy swimming, fishing and paddling as well as hiking and picnicking. Please make this happen.	
Hiking trails and cross country skiing.	Anonymous
An in-town sleep over camp for resident children of the town run for several weeks in the summer would be perfect for our kids. Along the lines of summer sleepover/4H camp we all attended as kids! Potential to open up to neighboring towns also. If costs could be kept reasonable with some scholarships available to families in more need would be perfect. Keeping kids local, but "away at camp" would be great.	Anonymous
<p>Currently there is no supervision at Camp Ayapo. If the buildings are restored a caretaker or surveillance will be required. The parking lot should be gated and daily parking should only be on the new on-street parking recently created. Gate opened for organized activities only. A quicker response time from the town constables and State Police would also be helpful (20-30 min is unexceptable).</p> <p>Swap vacant land assigned to lots for beachfront property so it could be utilized for town "permitted" swimming, leased food vendors, with rec and rental facilities. This would change the income and usability of Ayapo.</p> <p>Great site, town history and historic structures some worth saving.</p> <p>If the buildings were restored can they be self funding and not a liability for the town?</p> <p>If the structures are removed the site should be converted into open space with no permanent facilities.</p>	Anonymous
I am concerned about preventing vandalism if buildings are renovated, it may be easier to clear the land for open space	Anonymous
<p>Mountain Biking!</p> <p>Hiking and Fishing</p> <p>Swimming - currently we have no swimming facilities at Somers</p> <p>yoga retreat</p> <p>Scouting events</p> <p>** The more we put into this area, the more we benefit as a town.</p>	Anonymous
After a good security system is in place, to make it a destination for schools, organizations like scouting and town groups. We should look into funding via history of native american history, corporate involvement, match grants or straight grants, make it educational destination for area schools, open up the waters and have swimming and skating in winter, an alternative site or summer camp programs from Park and Rec department. A destination for the senior citizens, peaceful location for art groups and day trips for schools. There is much we could do,	Anonymous

provided we have the funding, and we will not be able to get funding without providing a secure area to invest in. Close circuit monitoring with cameras and tied to state trooper in town. once we have area secured, we will see that investors will be more inclined to participate in the resurrection (it's Easter today) of this incredible area in town.	
<p>Mainly should be open space. Trash service and some sort of restroom facility for the upkeep and longevity. Special use permits should be looked into and require a permit and fee. This could be a way to generate some revenue to offset costs. Minimal serve is trash for the site!!!!</p> <p>I also don't think it would be a bad idea if we entertained leasing to someone who was going to use it as a recreation area. Camp for kids, day camp for the elderly, etc.. Making the property pay for itself while still allowing the use of the property to the public as open space would be nice.</p> <p>Existing building so need to be addressed. I hiked with my son around the area this year and some of the buildings are a hazard. The town will have to spend some money on the property soon and should be done before we have an issue with an existing structure that is unsafe.</p>	Anonymous
Possible to rent or for bands/ town events	Anonymous
<p>Fishing derby</p> <p>Town Lifeguards and use of lake, as we do not have any pool in town.</p> <p>Polar plunge to raise money for the facilities.</p> <p>Kayak lessons and other water sports.</p>	Anonymous
Public swimming pool and spray park	Anonymous
Organized summer day camp	Anonymous
I would like to see the Camp left as open space at this time, with the possibility of walking trails. Given the economy and expenses going up, I am not in a position to offer additional monies to this effort. Being on a fixed income (single and living alone) I am making every effort to pay my current bills so I can stay in my home. I realize this would be great for younger families but I just couldn't support at this time.	Anonymous
Canoeing on hurd lake, hiking, if any buildings, a velodrome for indoor track cycling	Anonymous
Sunrise Park in West Suffield is a great place for their residents. It would be great to have something similar here in Somers. We've had school reunions, family BBQs and other events there with special permission from the park officer with a West Suffield resident on our planning committee. We paid a reasonable fee for the building use...it was a day outdoors where families came to enjoy the day with old friends.	Anonymous
Local business donations	Anonymous
I have actually thought about the possible uses for Ayapo...It would be nice to have a nature center (similar to Northwest Park in Windsor) where there is an	Anonymous

educational building explaining the natural history, indigenous animals and people of the area, as well as a building offering resources and equipment for cross country skiing / snowshoeing and possibly ice skating in the winter and canoe / kayak rentals in the Spring through Fall. A picnic area as well as swimming area in the lake would be nice and provide a nice recreational space for area residents. The town could charge a small entry fee for use of the area to help defray the cost if necessary.	
PLEASE THINK OF ADJACENT LAND OWNERS.....if you have meetings let us know. Drop us a letter in the mail. I really don't like sitting on my very private lot and having people come on the property to take pics of the view.	Anonymous
picnic area for families swimming area? hiking trails	Anonymous
Hiking trails	Anonymous
Must have restrooms and some sort of shelter from the elements. It is very important to refurbish the area to meet standards of the population so as to not have regrets and look to update it at a later date.	Anonymous
Allowing youth groups i.e. Boy Scout Troop(s), Cub Scout Pack(s) to utilize space for weekend camping, day events, adult leader training, etc.	Anonymous
Swimming for the kids during summer if appropriate, somewhat like Crystal Lake in Ellington.	Anonymous
I would prefer the town to invest time and money in other locations such as the park adjacent to the school and the location of the Somersville Mill prior to investing in Camp Ayapo. The other locations are easier to access.	Anonymous
Community farming Classes Similar to Sonny's place activities, to bring in weekend people. Think ropes courses, leadership seminars, retreats	Anonymous
Pool, splash pad	Anonymous
If Aya Po was used for rec camp I think it could be used for other groups off-hours. For example, when camp ended or on weekends. Potential funds could be generated by renting the area out to other organizations for their activities.	Anonymous
Regularly maintained hiking trails would be nice up there. Maybe non-motorized boating for fishing, canoeing, or kayaking. The hiking trails could be used for snow shoeing or cross country skiing in the winter. If the buildings are in such poor condition I really don't see the need for the town to invest in repairing them. Just tear them down and add an outhouse. The parcel of land is not big enough to really do much else with.	Anonymous

hiking fishing picknicking	Anonymous
Town should build a recreational center - gym, exercise, game room - or solicit YMCA to build.	Anonymous
Seasonal camping	Anonymous
I would love to see some town office (recreation dept) relocate to camp property (caretaker cabin) so that the grounds are regularly occupied. This will keep vandalism down.	Anonymous
A volunteer day for people helping to clean up would be greatly attended.	
use as a fishing camp/ derby.	Anonymous
Bike trails, hiking trails (cleared somewhat to eliminate tick issue), fishing, sledding or snowshoeing area	Anonymous
Dog Park and hiking lodge	
Skating warming lodge	Anonymous
Kids Nature Day Camp	
Wouldn't mind if all Somers residents charged admission, so as to keep it for residents of Town only as well as some money for general upkeep. Also, wouldn't mind if an annual residential charge were levied.	Anonymous
Possibly a new pavilion or bandshell for charitable outdoor events	Anonymous
I use to live in suffield and would like to see it used like there sunrise park. Place for fishing, canoeing, pick nicks, scouts in town use.	Anonymous
Include winter activities such as snow shoeing, cross country skiing. Provide weekend equipment rentals. A building can be a warm house with fireplace for people to warm up after winter activities.	Anonymous
Bike trails, cross country ski trails, snow shoeing, canoe/ kayak - be nice if a company set up rentals.	Anonymous
I would very much like to see a day camp for children in this space. Currently my child attends a ymca camp out of state and I would welcome the convenience of one in town.	Anonymous
Facilities avail for rent by town residents and town civic orgs (reserve the pavilion, stage shows).	
Got to save some of those wonderful buildings!!!	Anonymous
Install a water park for little kids in the summer (like hamden has).	
Fix up the field, encourage games there by the town camps, teams.	

School field trips, afternoons at Camp Somers. Sunrise to Sunset open times. Have a donation box, suggested use fee (Like Camp Nahaco): \$5. Require town pass (Somers Resident Use Permit) Facilities/ Outhouse-porta-potty - seasonal (April-Oct).	
cub scout meeting	Anonymous
Camp, public swim and fish, hiking, tent camping, concerts, scout activity. I don't mind my taxes being increased.	Anonymous
I'm unsure; I'd like to see a Children's Camp available, with other uses when the children are not present. If there is going to be an ongoing camp, then we can maintain restrooms on the site for availability during non-camping periods for other (rental potential?) uses. If the site is going to be largely open and natural, however, and not used for the kids or for a nature discovery program, then there seems little point in paying to provide plumbing/electrical services. It's hard to answer the questions within the framework.	Anonymous
Intro to kayaking lessons	Anonymous
Community pool	Anonymous
Youth summer camp would be fantastic.	Anonymous
Hiking trails, fishing	Anonymous
We need a day camp for kids in town as well as other towns. Camp Massassoit in Springfield is wonderful but hard to get into because it's so popular. The day camp at field road is not well managed at all. This should be more like a YMCA camp.	Anonymous
Ice Skating in winter	Anonymous
Summer camp Swimming lessons	Anonymous
I think the restoration of a few buildings to accomodate a seasonal camp for the kids in town or for surrounding towns would be a great.	Anonymous
I love the idea of having Camp Ayapo used for camps. My only worry is putting a lot of money into this and having it ruined by vandals since there is zero security up there.	Anonymous
Playing fields	Anonymous
Yearly Triathlon / endurance sports events. Not for profit organizations that promote healthy lifestyle for all kids. Example kidswhotrisucceed.com	Anonymous

<p>Also for community events to bring families together outdoors, similar to the park on field road but with hiking, kayaking and charity walk/run events.</p> <p>Any interest in discussing further please let me know. I would love to meet with the committee.</p> <p>Mike</p>	
<p>The town should solicit bids from third party contractors and developers for proposals on development.</p>	Anonymous
<p>Use the space similar to Forrest park or something similar where there are a combination of buildings trails etc. Admission could be charged to non-town residents to help offset some of the expense.</p>	Anonymous
<p>DOG PARK!!!</p> <p>Hiking, picnics, family centered activities.</p>	Anonymous
<p>If Camp Ayapo was available for summer camp, I would not hesitate in sending my children there.</p>	Anonymous
<p>Rec Camp at Ayapo and use for Town operated recreational services</p>	Anonymous
<p>See if Town Civic Groups would take on the fund raising duties. What costs are involved with Maintaining property ?</p>	Anonymous
<p>I have fond memories of going up there for the Village Players Fall Shows. Crisp evenings overlooking the lake. My children went there for camp in the 1980s and enjoyed it. Maybe the science teachers in our schools could use it for field trips.</p>	Anonymous
<p>I can honestly say that with community support that this land and the buildings associated could provide a "Sky's the limit" opportunity for engaging the community. There could be opportunities for educational extensions of the classroom, and not too mention that the water itself is a huge opportunity for creating opportunities for families. Fishing, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, swimming lessons, boy scouts, job opportunities for young adults in life guarding and water safety instruction. Teachers could bring students on field trips...the wild life...this land has so much to offer Somers residents....if you sell the land to richest of the rich then we lose integrity an culture as a town...</p>	Anonymous
<p>Swimming, Fishing, Canoeing, Camping, Hiking, Ice Skating.</p>	Anonymous
<p>If a Recreation Department DayCamp is to be scheduled for (6) weeks in the summer (M-F 8AM - 5 PM) that is the time for restricted use in order to keep campers safer. Non camp time should be open to the public. Supper time picnics M-F plus weekends should be encouraged in order to keep traffic of the area high enough to discourage other types of partying... Renovation of the caretaker's cabin to then be used by a trooper with a K-9 is a perfect example of an onsite overseerer. Encouragement of training Search and Rescue dogs on camp and trail property</p>	Anonymous

<p>should be looked into.</p> <p>Signage stating non-motorized sports should be balanced with signage showing areas that ARE handicapped accessible. Someone with a motorized wheel chair should not feel excluded. (If outhouses are to be used at least one (must?) should be handicapped accessible.</p> <p>Town special events: Owl howl (evening hike specific to owl sighting), canoe races (police vs FD or other group) to raise \$.</p>	
hiking trails, recreational swim, fishing, picnics, cook outs, civic meetings, etc	Anonymous
I would like a shooting ground and In that area it is legal to have guns on that property	Anonymous
School based environment science program.	Anonymous