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Letter to the Editor

No Possible Downtown Location for the Y

As the Westport Weston Family Y seeks its final approval from the P&Z, I am compelled to speak up against the mistruths that are once again being spun about this worthy project. This is the final opportunity for my fellow citizens to understand that there is no possible down-town location. Mahackeno is the only option if there is to be a Y in Westport!

And a terrific option it is! There is plenty of room for the new Y with many acres of open space still preserved. The economics work for a nonprofit like the Family Y because they already own the property, a gift from Leo Nevas.

The Family Y is strategic for our town. It is an amenity that adds to the fabric of the community and to the value of Westport. Having lived here all my life, it is unthinkable to me that we could be without the Y. I want my kids and grandkids and many future generations to have the same opportunities that I did at the Westport Y.

When the Y started to put together the plan for Mahackeno, I agreed to be a co-chair of the capital campaign to raise the needed funds. I am looking forward to the day when P&Z gives its approval and we can begin working to fund and build the wonderful new Family Y that our town needs.

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