

Westport Needs The YMCA

I'm writing in support of the YMCA's plan to build a new facility at Camp Mahackeno.

Two of my children are Y members and Water Wrat swim team members but over the years, we have used the Y for many other purposes. They have taken swim lessons, gymnastic classes, music classes and attended Camp Half-a-day. We have also had several birthday parties at the Y. Next year, my daughter wants to take dance

classes and where do you think she wants to take them? At the Y, of course.

I read all the letters in the Westport newspapers encouraging the Y to stay where they are or consider an alternate location and I want to scream, "They did! There is no alternate location!" and "They can't stay where they are!"

I believe that the majority of people writing these letters realize there is no alternate location, just like they realize that staying in the current building is not an option. But the reality is that they know if they write a letter urging Planning & Zoning to deny the application and let our town have no Y, they would not get much support. So they pretend there are viable options but there are not. Mahackeno is the *only option!*

Please support the Y at Mahackeno. The Y is good for our community.

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