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## To the P&Z

Amidst the presentations and discussions about real estate values in the vicinity of the Mahackeno site, it is important to also consider the impact on real estate values everywhere else in town.

From my discussions with Westport real estate professionals, it is quite clear that selling a prospect on moving to Westport will be negatively impacted if the new YMCA is not approved and built.

Planning and Zoning can decide to send a strong progressive message to all.

The alternative is to send a message that will make Westport a less desirable community and therefore disadvantage all Westport homeowners.

The financial impact can not now be calculated but there can be no doubt that it would be real and large.

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