

Q18 Do you have additional comments, questions, or concerns associated with the Town of Burlington's future use and development of Johnnycake Mountain Park? If so, please feel free to explain in the text box provided below. (250 words or less)

Answered: 259 Skipped: 631

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I think an excellent example of how to use the property is the Lachat Town Farm in Weston, CT. It is a similar property and has a good array of purposes and activities that I think would appeal to a wide range of residents. The beauty of the property is its topography and location. I would be disappointed to see it turn into only an array of athletic fields we don't need more of. Burlington needs a town park that has a diverse use, from athletics to recreational to entertainment. The popularity of the Music Fest is proof residents want and will use a venue like that	4/27/2021 11:22 PM
2	I'd recommend posting the plans as they develop on the town website. For Johnnycake, more passive recreation, hiking, paved trails, a pavilion lots of open space. We have many sports/ball fields that are only at max capacity a handful of times a year. Open areas to relax, walk, enjoy the view, listen to some music, summer movies, garden. It's a peaceful area with a lot of potential. Thanks for listening!	4/23/2021 12:39 PM
3	Would it be the best idea to develop another kind of rec facility on the property when we already have several in town? Why not keep it open and hold the music fest that benefits the whole community and is something that everyone likes	4/22/2021 6:44 AM
4	No more sports fields please. We have so many in our wonderful town, and I believe it is important to dedicate the majority of this beautiful land to conservation and maybe to the arts as well.	4/22/2021 1:09 AM
5	With regard to questions 17 & 18, I only answer that way if the money is put towards outdoor activities other than sports fields. The town, already, has a lot of open playing fields and providing other/new recreational options would be greatly appreciated.	4/21/2021 10:08 PM
6	We'd prefer to keep it natural and open space to preserve the historic nature of the farm. I love seeing kids play lacrosse or touch football, it's a space they know is available for them to use without having to compete with a league or town schedule.	4/20/2021 10:19 PM
7	Please don't raise our taxes	4/20/2021 12:54 PM
8	Any development must respect neighbors right to enjoy their own property. There should not be lights at night that enable sports with the exception of fireworks once a year. The town must actively insure it doesn't become a nuisance area with teens congregating all night with noise, cars etc. No atv or dirt bikes - no paintball activities - and obviously no drugs - even marijuana if it becomes legal - it's a place for families.	4/20/2021 10:35 AM
9	tree arboretum	4/20/2021 10:25 AM
10	Would love to see a development similar to Mills Pond Park in Canton, including a skatepark which is used by ppl aged 3 - 50+. Burlington lags other more progressive towns badly in terms of facilities for kids.	4/20/2021 10:24 AM
11	Any maintenance and equipment fees for organized sports should be charged through the sports program and not to the taxpayers. We pay enough taxes to support the schools already.	4/20/2021 6:50 AM
12	Our sports are way to spread out all over town. Soccer is close, but baseball should not be played at all these different fields. The only good field is for majors, and Malerbo is nice but way out of the way for some of us. Centralized location like for soccer is more preferable.	4/19/2021 8:56 PM
13	I don't think taxpayers should foot the bill for development there=perhaps have the people who use it pay a small fee for using it..We have paid for 26years taxes for the schools & never	4/19/2021 2:37 PM

used any here-I am sure we are not alone-many send their kids to private schools. Would love to see a nice town pool there & have people pay when they use it..

14	My family loves walking and exploring this quiet open space. Please leave the hills and views as they are. Or at least, make minimal changes. Don't overdevelop this spot	4/19/2021 2:33 PM
15	Why, it will fall on deaf ears.	4/19/2021 1:53 PM
16	Burlington needs more Baseball fields and at least one field that can be used for Lacrosse and Football / Multi-use field.	4/19/2021 11:17 AM
17	I am a resident of Harwinton and have participated in Burlington town events and sports for my children. The park would benefit the town.	4/19/2021 11:14 AM
18	We should not spend too much. Lots of activities could be cheap. No need to excavate and make more fields. We have enough fields with proper time management. Low key activities will not cost mega dollars or change the landscape all that much.	4/19/2021 10:29 AM
19	No more soccer fields!!! There are other sports in this town. Go check out what are kids have to play on for football and lacrosse. It is pathetic!!	4/19/2021 9:49 AM
20	The town of Burlington is currently home to some of the best hiking and biking in the state. We don't need more of what we already have. I would be willing to pay additional taxes (in excess of \$200) to see the town *tastefully* developed to add things that we do not have. A town center similar to Litchfield and recreational complex like Simsbury Farms, for example, would be worth investing in.	4/19/2021 9:48 AM
21	I think having a nice swimming and walking/running trail complex would be a great addition to the town. We have utilized Camp Chase but their pool is in need of an upgrade. Foote Path swimming is not very appealing either.	4/19/2021 9:46 AM
22	Resources used instead of developing Johnnycake Mountain could be better spent on town maintenance and/ or lowering overall taxes. It would be a tragedy to develop this park into anything other than what it is. There are plenty of fields all ready. The highschool can also be utilized along with Harwinton fields seeing they share schools with us and join our sports teams. Thank you.	4/19/2021 9:44 AM
23	Whatever is put there should not draw an excessive amount of traffic regularly. This land is surrounded by neighborhoods with limited ways in/out. People move to this area because of the limited access and quiet roads.	4/19/2021 9:29 AM
24	I would be okay with leaving it as open space to be used as passive recreation or an occasional town event.	4/18/2021 2:16 PM
25	It's seems like the majority of recreational space is geared towards school age population, team sports. It would be nice to have areas for other groups and pet friendly areas	4/18/2021 9:43 AM
26	I believe our tax dollar should cover the park use expense. As a Burlington resident there isn't much we do get for our tax dollar that is visible: very few street lights, no sidewalks, where are the benches to just sit and observe Nature. I am sure the town will have insurance on the park, What happens if someone is injured?	4/16/2021 9:54 PM
27	The space should remain open and undeveloped. No more ball fields are necessary in town. And a developed park in the midst of a neighborhood is unwarranted and unwelcome. Traffic will increase and our tranquility shattered. No buildings, fences or crowds please.	4/14/2021 10:32 PM
28	Don't want taxes increased too much to benefit just a few people. Johnnycake is far out for the majority of people in town.	4/14/2021 9:22 AM
29	Johnnycake Mountain Park & this property is a special place. The decisions the commission makes could have a long lasting impact on the community. This could be a positive or negative impact. Don't screw it up!	4/12/2021 8:59 PM
30	Long needed recreation space for all to enjoy.	4/12/2021 8:41 PM
31	I think that first and foremost we should keep the name that has been associated with the property for years, Johnnycake Mountain Farm. If the word park needed to be added after that then that's an idea too. There are many fields that the town has access to already. Considering Region 10 schools combine Harwinton and Burlington I feel that youth sports can also share space as well. This year Burlington Little League is doing just that. We have fields already that	4/12/2021 5:11 PM

need some work so adding more is concerning. For example. Foot Rd. fields are many times unusable due to standing water. Draining seems to be an issue there as many of my kids games have been cancelled or postponed due to this. The farm and the open space is unique and it would be unfortunate to see another space fully developed. It's an amazing property and I hope that it gets to stay that way.

32	To clarify above responses, (#9) I would be support of outdoor events eg music events, etc and construction or rehab of the existing barn(s) (so no stage or 'venue'). Any structure should resemble a barn to maintain identity I am opposed to lighting and any chain fencing. (#17) I am opposed to paying any additional taxes for any disruptive development at Johnnycake. Open space, if acquired, should be used appropriately. Johnnycake Mountain Farm should remain an area utilized for community gatherings and passive recreational purposes only. I would be willing to pay an increase in taxes as needed to develop appropriate open space, such as that recently acquired on Library Lane, for the needed Lacrosse (or other) field.	4/10/2021 7:38 AM
33	There are many active recreational opportunities in the town of Canton that I would like to see in Burlington. They have a pool, tennis courts and a dog park. They have a large outdoor space for concerts.	4/9/2021 12:28 PM
34	I would like to see the park maintain a farm-like presence and identity within the existing neighborhood, e.g. open fields, clear vistas, black farm fencing & multi-use areas.	4/9/2021 7:38 AM
35	Maintain natural and agricultural environment.	4/9/2021 7:24 AM
36	I am concerned about increasing traffic on Johnnycake and Rock Road, noise at the park and increase in litter	4/8/2021 12:09 PM
37	We don't need to have everything that anyone might want. Keep spending to a minimum as far as fixed expenses are concerned. Open space should be just that.	4/6/2021 4:53 PM
38	While we do not take advantage of facilities as much now as we did when we had children at home. We continue to see the necessity to provide close to home activities and support this.	4/6/2021 3:37 PM
39	The town bought the space with fields and activities in mind. Go execute that plan	4/6/2021 2:23 PM
40	1) My opinion there should not be team sports fields as Burlington has plenty. 2) it should appeal to a wide variety of patrons 3) Playground should be Boundless & fenced....be inclusive :-) 4) No dog park & dogs not allowed in playground area, picnic area...people do not clean up after their dogs !! 5) my grand kids favorite park is Buckingham Park in Avon, Brodie park in New Hartford & community park in Litchfield 6)update the playground @ Foote Road Complex	4/6/2021 9:46 AM
41	I have 4 grand children who live in Burlington and spend time with them walking. fishing, at playgrounds, baseball, basketball, winter sliding, bicycling, grilling and other outdoor activities.	4/6/2021 8:37 AM
42	My family has tried to hike the land trust trails near the park, and were very disappointed on how the residential development cut off the trails. So although I think it's a great opportunity for connecting/developing hiking, I am not convinced it will be successful. I am willing to spend tax money, depending on the development chosen, and the maximum benefit for the community. I find it quite disappointing that we spent this money 5 years ago to acquire the property, and the planning is only now occurring. This inaction makes me less likely to vote for future town land acquisitions given the current track record.	4/5/2021 9:37 PM
43	I am coming from a town that made a beautiful Rec park however they opened themselves up to people who did not respect our community. They built baseball fields, soccer fields, basketball courts and a pavilion to hold concerts and parties. Be prepared to have extra patrols and extra refuse collections and grounds maintenance. People come from out of town and do not respect your community. I saw it every day. Garbage was thrown everywhere, I would hate to see the same thing happen here.	4/5/2021 8:53 PM
44	I believe that we can develop this property and be sensitive to the residents of Johnnycake at the same time. Burlington needs to move forward with this project and begin making use of this investment.	4/5/2021 8:46 PM
45	I prefer as much open space and natural beauty to be retained as possible.	4/5/2021 8:01 PM
46	What will the parking plan be? Will it be restricted to burlington residence only? If not, how do you control it being overrun by out of town people. The town needs a softball field that can be used on a regular basis.	4/5/2021 5:22 PM

47	No. Was very happy to be called.	4/5/2021 2:24 PM
48	Johnny cake is beautiful and should stay the way it is. Maybe add more hiking trails, and/or town swimming pool.	4/5/2021 2:07 PM
49	Maintain open space to preserve the bucolic appeal of our community.	4/5/2021 9:45 AM
50	I think Burlington does an excellent job with their parks!	4/5/2021 9:43 AM
51	As a town, we have the unique opportunity to keep Johnnycake, and Burlington a rural area. We love hiking through the farm!	4/5/2021 8:41 AM
52	Keep the rural character. Perhaps it is not the place for a large cultural venue though the town needs more quality public space for families including quality swimming, tennis and golf. Since the area is residential as well, those considerations should be balanced with public use. Community farming sounds fantastic. There need to be facilities for families and shelter on the windy mountaintop.	4/4/2021 5:26 PM
53	Thank you in advance Burlington Land Trust for ensuring that Johnnycake is put to use responsibly, respectfully, and sustainably.	4/4/2021 3:53 PM
54	Johnnycake offers a hard-to-find opportunity to introduce residents to the beauty of Burlington's land and to enjoy the outdoors. As a member of the Burlington Land Trust, I often meet people on our hikes who have no experience in visiting the trails and natural features of our town. Given the integrated residential areas, passive activities seem best suited.	4/4/2021 10:40 AM
55	Only concern is disruption / invasiveness for people living close to the park. Large gatherings / music happening frequently would be unfair to nearby residents who chose this location because of its peacefulness and tranquility. Once in a while is fine, but regular scheduled events would be an imposition --- as would any evening events after dark. Hoping that the town respects the interests of these nearby residents.	4/4/2021 10:28 AM
56	Yes. It seems a shame that the town spent \$2 mil+ on this property a few years back w/a plan for sports fields, etc, and NOW, new homeowners near the location are against anything happening on the property. (except open space). There are over 9000 residents, not just those on Mtn Top who did not do their homework, or were ill advised when they purchased their homes. Have one committee, not multiple.	4/4/2021 9:24 AM
57	thank you!	4/4/2021 9:16 AM
58	Passive recreation only. It's a neighborhood- no need for loud, noisy ballfields or concerts. Just leave it open farm fields.	4/4/2021 7:47 AM
59	I am opposed to night time/lighted fields. We have enough light pollution with the hundreds of homes around us.	4/3/2021 7:51 PM
60	State of CT charges an additional \$10 to the car registration fee to be able to access State Parks/beaches. The Town should not charge any more than that amount.	4/3/2021 7:16 PM
61	Where is the park?	4/3/2021 6:20 PM
62	BURLINGTON HAS TOO MANY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. HOW ABOUT US SENIORS!!!!!!! YOU HAVE NOTHING.	4/3/2021 5:01 PM
63	Last question is ambiguous as taxes are based on assessment. As far as sports there might be multisport fields that can be adapted as far as age, sex and sport. E.g. Lacrosse field for beginner girl can also be used for teenage males. There should be an educational component describing flora, fauna and history.	4/3/2021 2:04 PM
64	This park idea has become forgotten since the purchase. Town should put a high quality presentation on the Town's website that shows what we have, list possibilities, progress, cost to date and solicit input. The biggest hit in Town I remember was the Balloon Festival. 100's-1000's of people and a real fun memorable time. Do a good job!	4/3/2021 12:42 PM
65	Plant some trees along Rock Rd and Johnny Cake Mtn Rd.	4/3/2021 12:29 PM
66	No more ball fields Need picnic area w grills (kitchen in a barn for groups) Community garden near other barn Leave mostly as open space	4/3/2021 11:07 AM
67	Please conserve the natural beauty of our mountain gem. We are very lucky to have it. Don't spoil it!	4/3/2021 9:51 AM

68	The township has enough sports facilities. Sports facilities sit empty for much of the year and are only used by a small percentage of the population. I would much rather have open space. Once woodlands or farm fields are developed they are lost forever. Burlington is undergoing much development right now, as much open space that can be saved should be before the character of Burlington changes forever.	4/3/2021 9:27 AM
69	Do not want outdoor lighting. Also, need controls on where vehicles would park, so as to not disturb, or intrude on neighboring properties	4/3/2021 9:26 AM
70	Leave it in it's natural state !!	4/3/2021 9:23 AM
71	Traffic concerns should be taken into effect when making decisions. Out of town users on recreational fields would diminish the quietness of why people live where they do.	4/3/2021 9:02 AM
72	We have enough walking/hiking trails around us already. Im not an ice skater but I know people that would enjoy an ice rank.	4/3/2021 8:51 AM
73	Our taxes have gone up so much. It can't continue. Every budget has to go up every year regardless of it it's needed. The more fields we have the more people we need to maintain them, then they need more equipment to maintain them, then they want lights, and maintenance of the parking area, we have created a monster that we can't afford to continue to feed and we have to move south where we don't want to live. We want to stay in our home town where we lived our whole life. It's out of control and so sad. Covid should prove we only need space and create our own fun everything should not be an organized sport. We have lots of indoor space for community meeting like the new library and the schools. Think simple, please. We acquire open space for cost savings not a reason to increase our taxes.	4/3/2021 8:24 AM
74	It is not really a park in my mind. The space has not yet been transformed into anything yet based on my last visit to it in 2019. I love the idea of a community garden, pavillion and even a space that could be used for small gatherings. I would love another bike path as its very crowded on the one along the river with folks walking. A community pool would be great as long as the fee to use it is not outrageous. We could definitely use another playground. When mine were little drove to other towns to use theirs. If the concert venue get approved you could also do movie nights maybe for families.	4/3/2021 7:20 AM
75	Burlington urgently needs an indoor swimming facility but Johnny Cake is not the right area for it because it would interfere with the superb views of the place	4/3/2021 7:02 AM
76	Town should instead develop recreation facilities on land by the library. Johnnycake Mountain land is in a residential area and should not be developed. Broader spending and budget controls need to be audited to reduce taxes.	4/3/2021 6:43 AM
77	Open space is diminishing rapidly. There is no new open space being created. Wise choices for today and the future, please.	4/2/2021 11:35 AM
78	It would be great to have an inclusive playground in town that would allow kids of all abilities to play together. A fenced in area with spaces for kids to gather and pretend with surfacing that is stroller and wheelchair friendly. When I want to gather with friends and our kids, we have to go to Avon or Bristol. https://playworld.com/inclusive-play	4/1/2021 10:20 PM
79	Concern about cost of continued maintenance if sports fields are added and along with those fields... comes the question again of lights? also, would there be restroom facilities that would actually be open and who would be maintaining those? Would this facility be available to the general public or Burlington residents only? Aside from sporting events or concert venues, If residents only, how would that be controlled? This past summer, many people from out of town enjoyed our rails to trails and the river front, and left their trash everywhere. It was really sad, and quite disrespectful to our community. If I am expected to pay additional taxes to support this facility, I honestly would like to see its use only for our residents... but again, how do you do that?	4/1/2021 9:35 PM
80	We have met so many burlington residents at the Canton Dog Park and wish we had our very own. We also are looking for a place in town to take our young grandkids sledding in the winter!	4/1/2021 6:20 PM
81	Johnnycake Farm is not the right place for sport fields or high volume activities. All 3 of my children were involved in rec and school sports and there was never a lack of fields. We have enough sports fields in town. If the land is used respectfully for low volume passive activities, that will hopefully not alter its peaceful natural beauty, which elevates the value of living in Burlington for all town residents. Thank you.	4/1/2021 5:54 PM

82	Town of Burlington is great however there are not much fun places for Elementary school kids. I would like to see more of activities for those kids.	4/1/2021 4:59 PM
83	A playground with splash park would be great- prior to covid, we would often travel to other towns to use their large playgrounds	4/1/2021 2:05 PM
84	I moved to Johnnycake because I fell in love with the farm. I am hopeful that we can still retain the spirit and character of the farm through things like open fields and barns.	4/1/2021 6:33 AM
85	With a beautiful barn, this property would serve as a well- needed town meeting place and agricultural learning center.	3/31/2021 5:44 PM
86	Johnnycake cost ALL the residence of Burlington over \$1,600,000. The park is large enough to have two or three fields discretely placed and hidden from view of the surrounding homes in the area and still accommodate additional passive recreational needs. If needed fields are not developed on Johnnycake, it will cost residence even more money to purchase additional land for needed program expansions. Town residence voted to purchase Johnnycake in the town referendum specifically to expand active recreational facilities that are not available now in our town. You will be throwing that vote out if you disregard what the majority wants. Our vote becomes meaningless. Why vote at all?	3/30/2021 9:26 PM
87	Johnnycake Mountain Farm is a very unique environment. I've lived on the mountain since 1990. I remember helping to hay the fields and feed the animals. There were cattle, sheep, horses, chickens, goats and of course Jake the donkey. Seeing the baby animals in the spring is something we looked forward to every year and greatly miss. We'd hike the trails, walk the mountain top and bird watch. With the mountain top developed, the birdwatching has diminished along with their habitat. I'd like to see the remaining habitat on Johnnycake protected and preserved. Hiking trails, fishing, skating on the ponds and an outdoor venue for events would be great. I don't think it's the right place for sports fields. The land is not flat and would require a lot of transformation which would not only disrupt the landscape but also the rural feel of the neighborhood.	3/30/2021 2:16 PM
88	I really think a town pool would be a good investment for the town.	3/30/2021 11:04 AM
89	Although I agree that we should keep have as much undeveloped land as possible, I didn't vote to purchase this property to be a park, I already own land where my family can do activities, and by the time this gets developed, my kids will no longer need it for activities! If people want to develop the park and use it, then they should have to pay a fee, like Foote Road, don't put this on people that won't use it!	3/30/2021 10:52 AM
90	Regarding question 17. I have no problem funding the preservation and modest development for passive recreation. Turning the farm/park into a sports complex would be a big mistake. Better idea: develop the available flat and vacant acreage adjacent library lane for athletic fields - this would be a win-win solution for the entire town.	3/30/2021 9:12 AM
91	There needs to be a place for people to recreate. Harwinton got it done, and everyone loves it. Mountain biking is already a staple activity in Burlington, so should be included into park - pavilion, skills park, pump track. Bikes are quiet and do not disturb the quiet and beauty of Johnnycake Mtn. The potential for revenue for town businesses is well documented.	3/30/2021 8:04 AM
92	I wish this land was purchased to preserve the open farm space and not for development. Question 16 makes no sense. You have always intended to build and develop the land, not leave it open. I would have clicked yes if that were the case. But it is not. Our taxes are already extremely high. My vote would be to leave it like it is. It is beautiful. Please don't over develop this property and be considerate to the people who live near it. Thank you.	3/29/2021 10:02 PM
93	I believe a skate park and town pool would be a great asset to our town and being property values up.	3/29/2021 9:26 PM
94	More resources for the kids to use is always a plus.	3/29/2021 8:28 PM
95	No, thank you!	3/29/2021 8:23 PM
96	I live near the park and I have young children that would likely take advantage of a recreational area, however we specifically bought our house here because of the rural, bucolic feel and well maintained open land around each residence. It is very important to us that whatever is developed in this space is done so in a low impact and sustainable design, in keeping with the aesthetic beauty around it. It should feel park like and serene and elevate the houses around	3/29/2021 6:48 PM

	it. An unsightly complex will not benefit the surrounding houses, town or its residents. If the land is going to be developed, this is an opportunity to do something beautiful, useful and make it a focal point for the community.	
97	No lights, activities at night please. It will be a disturbance to a quiet neighborhood.	3/29/2021 6:21 PM
98	Would love to see the Park and Rec department have a home at Johnnycake with a space for community programs indoors as well as a small flat space outside for community programs like yoga. Also a storage area for local youth sports and a place to store the rowing shells for the crew team.	3/29/2021 5:57 PM
99	I feel it is important to retain the peaceful character of the land and the farm. It is one of the last few open parcels with all the unique features that accompany JCP and is more suitable to passive recreation, such as hiking, dog walking, and gardening. If we need to create a Lacrosse field, it should blend into the landscape and the parking should be tucked in so that it is as least visible as possible. No paved lots, no lights. We should build an old fashioned central barn that can be used by the community for indoor passive activities such as wine-tastings, art shows, chess tournaments, nature lectures, and things of that nature. For concerts we need to be sensitive to the neighborhood in terms of frequency and noise level.	3/29/2021 4:01 PM
100	This land should be put to its intended use ASAP. Get kids outside, get them active and give them something productive to do. The lack of progress is shameful and shouldn't be further hampered by spoiled, selfish elitists. This issue was previously voted on and the town spoke in volumes on the need for active recreation space. If the Johnnycake elite want to do something else with the land let them put in a bid to purchase it from the town. To say I'm disappointed in my neighbors is an understatement.	3/29/2021 3:55 PM
101	Do not turn this land into sports fields. We have Malerbo, we have Nassahegan, we have Foote Road. We have the school properties, too, for sports. - We have close access to Harwinton, Farmington, Bristol for extras. ...Keep it a leisure area, something similar to Wickham Park in Manchester with nice gardens, picnicking, nature trails. ...And, a few evening summer concerts. A place for people to unwind and feel a sense of calm.	3/29/2021 3:05 PM
102	School crew storage	3/29/2021 2:49 PM
103	If a playground which I indicated would be nice, I feel a natural one would be best. With natural features like stumps and hills and places to dig. Swings are a godsend with littles and maybe a little stream area that nobody would drown in but could splash around. Would love a town pool as Foote rd is beautiful, but freezing. We still use it anyway. I support mixed use for all. Adding a cultural element for even acoustic music would be nice. Something the bands of the schools could use too to put on performances. Preserving the beauty of the site is great and finding ways to have sections for different ages is something I am for. If adding sports fields keeping them away from the prettier areas or more wild spaces would be best to keep tranquility. Lookout spots or nicely placed benches will appeal to older walking residents and young kids needing a cool social media photo spot.	3/29/2021 2:37 PM
104	I know I can speak for others when I say that I do not want to see this land turn into housing developments. The land should be used to keep residents in town instead of allowing them to drive to other towns to participate in activities.	3/29/2021 2:05 PM
105	Will the results be shared from this survey with the residents/tax payers?	3/29/2021 1:54 PM
106	Burlington should have better recreational areas for kids. The ones in Harwinton are very nice, Burlington should have something like that.	3/29/2021 1:43 PM
107	I think there are already enough sports grounds in Burlington and surrounding areas. A place for the community to gather for concerts and the like is a nicer idea along with the natural beauty being kept and being used for hiking etc. the rest of the time. Don't level it all to make more sports grounds.	3/29/2021 1:33 PM
108	The willingness to pay taxes depends on what it is. We already have enough athletic fields, so in that case, zero. If a pool were built, I would gladly pay extra for that.	3/29/2021 1:19 PM
109	Please ensure that the park is developed as committed to in the referendum that was passed in 2015 to include both Passive and Active recreation. Should include a minimum of 2 multiuse fields.	3/29/2021 1:17 PM
110	Question 17 is a loaded question. I put zero, but if you put in a snowmobile trail, I'd be more than happy to shell out some extra taxes. Most folks (including myself) would most likely be	3/29/2021 1:13 PM

	willing to pay more taxes if it was something they would utilize. Not so much if it is something they wouldn't use.	
111	A safe flat surface for walking would benefit an older and special needs residents	3/29/2021 1:09 PM
112	I think the Burlington Town should budget their money just like the rest of us. We pay enough taxes and do not need an additional tax increase! It is hard enough trying to make a living during these times were we are all struggling to make ends meet. Thank you!	3/29/2021 12:54 PM
113	I think that any plantings done should be native and that no pesticides or herbicides should be used on the property.	3/29/2021 11:31 AM
114	Original proposal for park was that money for park would be raised through donations, fund raising, etc. and not by taxes.	3/29/2021 11:28 AM
115	None	3/28/2021 10:11 PM
116	We live near Johnnycake Mountain and are very much against sports fields being built on this property. The 400 families who are here bought their houses or property because of the peace, quiet and beauty this neighborhood provides. I would feel as though sports fields and traffic would significantly decrease the value of my home. However, if this survey proves that many Burlington residents would like sports fields, the request would be to build them as non-invasive to the surrounding neighbors as possible. We would not like to see metal fences, stands, lights, etc. and would absolutely request trees be planted to block views of private homes.	3/28/2021 8:41 PM
117	I believe that there are better uses for our tax dollars instead of developing a piece of property that will cost money whether you develop it into playing fields or for something passive. The town should be using this money for economic development to build revenue, which would help the property taxes, which are considerably high.	3/28/2021 8:40 PM
118	If this space is further developed there needs to be a small parking lot for people using the facility.	3/28/2021 8:37 PM
119	look up kingdom trails in vermont. Nassahegon and sessions with addition of johnnycake could make a mountain bike destination. Majority of mountain bikers are middle aged with high incomes. Create a quality mountain bike network and businesses in the area will attain additional revenue eg. gas, food etc..	3/28/2021 6:14 PM
120	We voted for this years ago under the auspices that it would be used for sports fields, now that isn't happening? Feel like the vote would have gone much differently had fields not been included in original proposal.	3/28/2021 5:46 PM
121	I am all for open space and love the drive to and from my home because of it. We live on Johnnycake. I am afraid that although I fall on the side of preserving open space, I can understand the needs and desires of town residents who are behind the original plans of developing the space for sports and recreation. I am hoping that the commission truly does have people from both sides of the issue well represented.	3/28/2021 5:07 PM
122	Identified parking	3/28/2021 4:46 PM
123	I think it's important to help our youth have a place to succeed at their sports. Picnic area would be fantastic for all the residents.	3/28/2021 4:46 PM
124	I hope you can make it into a park with something for everyone in the town. Not just a field and some paths, but slowly evolving it into a park that whole families can go to spend the day with a variety of activities for all ages and activity levels.	3/28/2021 4:07 PM
125	As a town, we support facilities for our children's sports. The one sport that is NOT supported is our Crew Team. As a mother of 2 crew members - both of whom won state championships in 2016 and 2018 - I hope this town will build a boat house to store the teams boats. I was an active member on the crew booster club. We raised a lot of money to buy boats for our team but the school or town has yet to build a facility where we can store these boats. They range in price from \$20,000 and above. The LSM football team is also supported by a parent run booster club yet the school made room for a field. I do not think it is unreasonable to ask the town to provide room for a storage facility for the crew team. Many of LSM seniors have gotten into great schools on crew scholarships. It's time the town recognizes us as a team and supports us too. Not one mention of the crew team on this survey - VERY UPSETTING. The	3/28/2021 3:54 PM

	crew team consists of BOTH girls and boys. Please support them as well and INCLUDE them on this survey. I would gladly pay more yearly if ALL teams were supported	
126	let people livwe their lives	3/28/2021 3:32 PM
127	Keep it small. Small parking lot Small playground Small number of fields. We live near plenty of neighboring towns with resources as well. One town doesn't need to have it all.	3/28/2021 2:44 PM
128	Please no petting zoo or camping. That is not appropriate for the property in this suburban neighborhood that is very open visually. Petting zoos tends to not look clean and can smell or bring flies. Camping should be done elsewhere. I didn't invest in a home on JM so I can drive home after work and see campers, pop-ups and tents or listen to late night parties....not to mention campfires out of control. Harwinton baseball fields are beautiful and Burlington needs to invest in similar quality. We very much enjoy the orange and blue trails and hope any athletic fields will be balanced with natural setting already here. We support athletic fields and the ice skating on the ponds etc...wholesome family activities that any affluent town ought to have and maintain well to support its youth.	3/28/2021 2:23 PM
129	Mountain biking is a sport that continues to expand exponentially in popularity. Burlington should look seriously at areas like Kingdom Trails VT, Conway, NH and other destination mountain biking areas to see the kinds huge boost to tourism dollars and property values. Burlington is uniquely positioned to become the mountain biking destination in CT or even New England with the right sort of visionary leadership.	3/28/2021 1:09 PM
130	If a final site plan is that difficult a decision, I'm all for selling the property and wait for other property to fill the needs of the Town The best use of JMP is a very large community barn and LaCrosse field. Let time go by before developing the whole park . Burlington already has hiking/biking and nature trails around town and so these activities do not belong in JMP. I do not support a complete site plan it this time.	3/28/2021 12:38 PM
131	I feel question #12,If we live near the park, is irrelevant.All money used is all taxpayers money used not just an area of town.	3/28/2021 12:14 PM
132	If I lived in a town that was planning on developing open space, I'd be willing to pay more in taxes for it. As a resident of a neighboring town, I just want to say thank you to Burlington for continuing to invest in your natural areas.	3/28/2021 11:54 AM
133	Happy to drive to Burlington and spend my out-of-town money there before and after using Mountain bike trails etc. The more trails ya have the more my family visits Burlington rather than other towns like Rockland park for example in Madison etc.	3/28/2021 11:31 AM
134	We live on JCM and I worry about the traffic given that there is limited access to the mountain. There needs to be another access point on the west side of the mountain. If there is a concert or event, people living on the west side of the mountain are literally locked in until all traffic has dispersed. Keep the land for natural land use, hiking, snowshoeing. People moved up on JCM because of the quiet, peaceful atmosphere. We are not interested in extensive traffic and development on the mountain.	3/28/2021 10:24 AM
135	I would like to see the mountain bike trail system grow, it's nice having these trail just down road from home	3/28/2021 10:22 AM
136	It would be useful to have a large open space (no trees) for flying r/c airplanes, drones and model rockets. The high school running track is currently the only reasonable place to do so but conflicts with walkers/runners.	3/28/2021 10:18 AM
137	Please consider a space for the crew team to store their boats and put in a swimming pool	3/28/2021 9:40 AM
138	This commission is moving in a good direction, this survey, which is really a needs assessment, is a first step in obtaining useful data to support outcomes.	3/28/2021 9:32 AM
139	Again, Burlington is in need of a artificial turf field to support Spring Sports for youth through high school aged kids. Also the high school football field is less than adequate to host home games.	3/28/2021 8:59 AM
140	Town swimming pool would be a great addition	3/28/2021 8:16 AM
141	I would hate to see athletic fields become a focus of this property. This town lacks park space with an open pavilion, a playground, a splash pad, fishing, etc. many towns in the surrounding area's have these in their parks. We pay a lot in taxes for not a lot of recreation services. This	3/28/2021 7:52 AM

property is an excellent opportunity to ameliorate that. It should be welcoming to all in town, not just those who are playing on athletic fields.

142	This development could be used for social activities that benefits the town, generate income eg weddings, parties and other social gatherings.	3/28/2021 7:32 AM
143	Burlington could be a mt bike destination,so having a bike park would be a huge plus !	3/28/2021 7:28 AM
144	We could use something similar to Simsbury Farms with a nice pool for adults/kids, outdoor grill for causal meals and music area for outdoor concerts	3/28/2021 7:00 AM
145	No concerns	3/27/2021 11:00 PM
146	As a resident of Johnnycake Mountain my family would be devastated if this beautiful, unique piece of land was ruined by athletic fields. The idea of this would not only ruin this farm but, would over populate a neighborhood, which we moved to for our children. Over population would bring about an unsafe area for our children to ride bikes, and stroll around freely and safely in their own neighborhood. We also fear an increase in littering, destruction (pond area is an example of this) and loitering /crime which would make our neighborhood unsafe and decrease our property value . Our home looks over the farm which would rob us of our backyard, worry us of contaminated well water and most of all take away our privacy. We are hopeful that this is taken into very serious consideration. We moved here for the beauty of the small town not athletic fields. The rehab of the barns for community only activities and place for animals would be a recommendation. No pavement, fences, lights or metal structures should be present. If field is necessary one Lacrosse field on corner of Rock road would be enough. Thank you	3/27/2021 10:13 PM
147	Should be left as is for passive recreation. Barns should be removed and replaced with newer ones. Repair board fence and keep the farm-like feel of the property.	3/27/2021 9:25 PM
148	Burlington has the opportunity to make a profit from mountain biking through tourism. Already through word of mouth within the mountain biking community, Burlington has become a destination spot. Burlington has some of the best trail systems and I would love to see the trails further maintained and potentially expanded to further encourage the health and well-being of the community.	3/27/2021 9:12 PM
149	The beauty of nature relies upon humanitys interaction with un developed land.	3/27/2021 9:01 PM
150	Burlington's trails are fantastic and bring in people from all over. Even though I don't live in town, they're the reason I took a job in Bristol and moved to the area. I'd love to see more advanced bike trails, e.g. like Burr Pond in Torrington or Norbrook Brewery in Colebrook.	3/27/2021 8:59 PM
151	Lacrosse is a much needed field for Burlington. Making it a multi use field so field hockey, football and just plan fun can happen. Full size regulation Baseball field is also needed for the older youth, should be long term goal. These fields should be use for burlington based programs and if opened to out of town programs there should be a charge to off set maintenance. Our tax dollars should be for our town residents. I feel you can do this and keep some areas for passive recreation.	3/27/2021 8:44 PM
152	The committee has grossly underestimated the amount of funds that will be required to get just the land to a usable condition. This does not include the expense of sports fields, hiking trails, concert area etc.	3/27/2021 8:36 PM
153	As mentioned above, the school district owns well over \$100,000 worth of crew boats and related equipment that sit outside every winter. A space needs to be provided to house this equipment. I'm sure other programs run into the same issue. Perhaps a barn could be saved from the existing complex for this?	3/27/2021 4:15 PM
154	Please keep in mind that LSM Rowing depends on the park's outbuildings for winter storage of their boats. There is currently nothing else in Burlington or Harwinton to accommodate the size of the boats to keep them out of the elements during the winter months.	3/27/2021 3:00 PM
155	For a smaller town, it seems like Harwinton offers a lot more.	3/27/2021 2:32 PM
156	I would love to see the space put to good use but not be too overdeveloped so we can appreciate the beautiful field and scenery	3/27/2021 1:53 PM
157	I don't think we need more ball fields in town. It would be nice to have walking paths that could be used for snowshoeing/cross-country skiing in the winter, connectivity to mountain bike	3/27/2021 1:10 PM

	trails, maybe a pond for various uses including ice skating (trying to think of things that would be used year-around).	
158	Our children are aging out of little league, but for future generations, it would be wonderful to have additional fields - the ones used at the t-ball and coach pitch level are not in great condition, often causing cancellations.	3/27/2021 12:52 PM
159	I think JMP is a great piece of open space and I am happy we bought it. Had it been developed for housing we would all be worse off. In keeping with the rural, agricultural, and natural character of the property I think it should be used for "outdoor recreation". Activities such as walking, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, youth-camping, fishing, bird-watching, horseback riding and dog walking. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Outdoor_recreation , An excellent definition of outdoor recreation vs "sports". I am less certain about the dog park. The details would be important. Community gardens would seem like a good fit and in keeping with the agricultural history of the property. I support the RSD10 Make-a-Mark Music Fest and would love for it to continue on Johnnycake. I think once-a-year parking on field grass would be low impact and manageable for the land and the neighbors. The ability to stargaze there is excellent. In Burlington unobstructed views of the horizon are rare. I feel we have enough sports fields and disturbing the natural landscape to create parking lots and large manicured fields is not in keeping with "open space". In addition, sports facilities incur a higher maintenance cost and generally preclude many other activities. If "lights" happens not only will the dark sky be lost for Johnnycake, but also for the neighbors. I am not opposed to more sports fields if/when they are needed. I do think they would be better located adjacent to existing field sport facilities to take advantage of existing infrastructure.	3/27/2021 12:49 PM
160	If you really want a recreational space for all the citizens, young and old, then please explain your agenda. I believe that we should have an indoor pool facility in the town center for senior citizens and school water sports programs.	3/27/2021 12:44 PM
161	Keep Burlington beautiful and a great place for families. I like the idea of the park so long as it doesn't change Burlington.	3/27/2021 12:23 PM
162	If high school crew team could have a little area for safe secure storage of boats in off season plus maybe have it so crew team could even practice during off season	3/27/2021 12:12 PM
163	Johnnycake Mountain has provided storage for the LSM Crew team for multiple years now, and is an essential location for our team. A proper storage building for our team's equipment would be very helpful and would help keep the team going as a whole and allow us to put money we wouldn't be spending storing the boats somewhere else, towards bettering our team. Thank you for your consideration	3/27/2021 11:59 AM
164	PLEASE utilize this space for the LSM Crew Team (rowing) to store their boats. This team does not have a boat house- like many local crew teams... this team needs a place to call their own and safely have a place of storage!	3/27/2021 11:49 AM
165	Baseball field with lights please. It is ridiculous that our town does not already have a facility of this nature for school and public use.	3/27/2021 11:41 AM
166	LSM crew team in desperate need for boat storage area/shed to protect expensive equipment off-season	3/27/2021 11:26 AM
167	The Lewis S. Mills Crew team has been around since 2002. Every season it has been up to the team leaders to find temporary storage for the boat trailer (containing 40,000 dollar boats). There have been times that the trailer has been left in an open lot exposed to the elements. Delegating some space for the crew trailer would mean so much to rowers past and present.	3/27/2021 11:14 AM
168	Please consider boat storage for the high school rowing team	3/27/2021 11:00 AM
169	Yes you bought the land 5 years ago and have done nothing I also think you need an indoor facility as well everyone has to leave town to play because we've got nothing . Throw in a market as well .	3/27/2021 10:55 AM
170	I don't think Burlington needs anymore sports fields. Splash pad, pool, hiking/walking trails, and outdoor concert venue would be great.	3/27/2021 10:50 AM
171	It should be developed in harmony with nature, ease of accessibility and benefit all of the residents of Burlington	3/27/2021 10:10 AM
172	I feel there are adequate fields for youth sports in town, but we need to give adult residents a	3/27/2021 9:48 AM

safe space for passive recreation. But the balloon and music festival is what first attracted us to Burlington almost 30 years ago.

173	The rowing team needs a small building to store equipment in the off season. This area was acquired to help students so let's actually use it for that.	3/27/2021 9:31 AM
174	Eye appeal is important. Make it beautiful and people will use it. Have something for all ages. Seating, gardens and fountains for the elderly. Playgrounds for the youth. Courts for young adults. A concert area for all. Think big.	3/27/2021 9:31 AM
175	Younger kids need more activities in order to stay out of trouble, skate parks, playgrounds, tennis, basketball courts all allow them to meet with their peers for some wholesome fun.	3/27/2021 9:16 AM
176	As a relatively new resident I have not explored the location but am interested in hiking and biking trails. Open spaces for community use are good to preserve nature as our town develops further. I drive by the park each day but walk primarily next to the river but feel an alternative location in a park setting would be nice.	3/27/2021 8:53 AM
177	Disc golf!	3/27/2021 8:43 AM
178	When/where can we see the survey results?	3/27/2021 8:28 AM
179	I think keeping the area as open and undeveloped as possible. It's beautiful just how it is now maybe just redoing the barns. So much wildlife use these fields daily. If anything additional maybe a small area to play for young children with obstacles made to blend in with nature like wood stumps obstacles which could blend into the Mt top. Please no black top or cut thru roads as I feel it would take away from the beauty of this piece of land. Whatever is decided on should be a low amount of work for up keep so it doesn't cost the town and taxes are raised. Also any events to be minimal and not too often as that brings in so much traffic.	3/27/2021 8:28 AM
180	It's my recollection that this was done already. The town and us taxpayers voted and bought the land with specifics things in my to build like trails, lacrosse field, etc. now it seems there's a movement to change that. That part seems frustrating to me.	3/27/2021 8:17 AM
181	Concerned about potential traffic. Concerned that the beauty of the farm will be destroyed. The farm and the beauty of the area are the reasons many of us chose to live here. People don't move to Burlington for the extensive rec facilities, they move here because of the open land and country setting. Let's not change that. Any town can build fields but you can't recreate what we already have on the mountain. Build the fields in town if necessary. They'd me more accessible and traffic control is already in place.	3/27/2021 8:16 AM
182	Would love to see a town pool.	3/27/2021 8:15 AM
183	I would like to get a full grasp of available things that are avail to offer. Then I can make an assessment and better evaluate potential needs and suggestions. I can be made avail anytime with notice.	3/27/2021 8:12 AM
184	Gated Playground with paved track for strollers would be great for young families. Ideally-would love a pool - as we have to travel outside of the town to Bristol for swimming lessons (as Foote Rd pond only has limited/select summer hours).	3/27/2021 8:08 AM
185	I live on an Johnnycake Mountain Road and I am afraid this park is going to bring in too much traffic down our quiet street. I would like to see the light actually remain a vacant lot.	3/27/2021 8:02 AM
186	Thank you all for your time and commitment to this project.	3/27/2021 7:54 AM
187	I know there is a need for more practice space for youth sports. Would like that balanced with open space and other activities.	3/27/2021 7:52 AM
188	I would be so excited to see a pool. That is what Burlington is missing. A place for families to gather in the summer!!	3/27/2021 7:44 AM
189	It's disappointing that we go out of town for so many of our activities with the kids. I don't want to see the town over-developed like Southington, but it would be nice to have some variety in town with businesses and provide opportunities for our kids IN town.	3/27/2021 7:43 AM
190	A multi use turf field would be ideal	3/27/2021 7:01 AM
191	When we moved to Burlington, we thought we had so much access to the outdoors. Once we started exploring, we realized MDC owns everything. It truly is disappointing and if this doesn't	3/27/2021 6:49 AM

	work out, I wish the town would work to make more outdoor spaces available to residents.	
192	Burlington feels decades behind surrounding towns with its lack of modern playgrounds and skate parks.	3/27/2021 6:49 AM
193	I would like to know top activity needs from last survey	3/27/2021 6:42 AM
194	The acquisition of Johnnycake Mountain property was purchased with town approval with athletic fields as a selling point. Not all athletics require a field. The LSM Rowing team is in dire need of a portion of a building to store their boats. The kids on this team deserve the recognition that their sport is valued in town. They are the only sport that required equipment that cannot be stored on school grounds due to the length of the boats (80ft). As a tax payer, this need must not be over looked but incorporated into the plan. I would also recommend having a facility to offer 4-H opportunities for our young citizens.	3/27/2021 6:10 AM
195	COVID-19 is not a risk	3/27/2021 12:30 AM
196	The land was purchased to be a recreational area. You can not change your mind after the fact because the proximal residents object. The town voted now please respect the vote.	3/27/2021 12:12 AM
197	Budget our money appropriately without raising taxes!	3/26/2021 11:40 PM
198	The park is situated in the middle of large residential areas that do not need additional infrastructure. Money should be spent elsewhere, like the center of town.	3/26/2021 11:40 PM
199	The town chose the space for a specific purpose, that should not be altered by the neighbors of the space chosen. The town recreation department needs to take a more active role in our day to day life and also many more camp and sports and recreation activities for our town. Look at the offerings of Canton and Granby for similar sized towns and what their recreation departments offer.	3/26/2021 11:37 PM
200	Strongly disagree with more athletic fields being built. The structures/outdoor recreation meant for this space and people would greatly benefit from nature and community centered themes. This would appeal to people of All ages, young and old, to encourage and foster appreciation for natural outdoor spaces and also preserve the authenticity of this land.	3/26/2021 11:33 PM
201	I think that Johnnycake Mountain Park is best kept as a place for passive recreation or informal gatherings of people to play pick up kind of games like frisbee. I think attention should be given to the type of road that winds through the property. In my opinion small parking areas would be best. Large parking areas may attract too many late evening groups who may find their way into trouble.	3/26/2021 10:40 PM
202	I do not want sport fields we have way to many fields we need more activists for people over age of 18 and things for our seniors to do and not everyone enjoys sports how about someplace for craft book clubs social outing	3/26/2021 10:32 PM
203	Questions 12, 15-17 intentionally not answered	3/26/2021 10:11 PM
204	I support purchase of open space but not if it becomes a big suck of tax dollars, especially from the same demographic that already overconsumes our tax dollars and causes our taxes to be out of control.	3/26/2021 10:03 PM
205	For a town that has a solid little league program, the current fields available to them are laughable. Not only poor for players but also for spectators. And my son's travel soccer team doesn't even get a full field to practice on because youth lacrosse doesn't have its own fields. Modern playground structures are also severely lacking. My family enjoys both open space activities and decent active facilities for myself and my kids. We need a central place to gather and do a variety of activities - one that is well maintained. Something we can be proud of as a town.	3/26/2021 10:01 PM
206	The largest factor in our decision to move here was the community interaction clearly evident at the music festival. This needs to remain an annual tradition and would love to see a more permanent area to have this event and a few more like it on a small scale throughout the nicer weather. Concerns that concerts do not run too late into the evening for the surrounding residents.	3/26/2021 9:25 PM
207	Concerned about ruining the beauty of the mountain and farm with dramatic increase in traffic, influx in people/noise, and changing the aesthetic that is unique to this part of Burlington.	3/26/2021 9:16 PM
208	Please consider naming this area, "Johnnycake Mountain Farm Park"	3/26/2021 9:11 PM

209	I woke prefer no athletic fields. But if there has to be one, please keep it away from mountain top neighborhood.	3/26/2021 9:07 PM
210	Do not ruin such a great piece of land.	3/26/2021 7:51 PM
211	Please we do not need more athletic fields. The town is not comprised of only children, and should not be our only focus.	3/26/2021 7:34 PM
212	Please keep open space and rural look	3/26/2021 7:23 PM
213	A town run 18 hole golf course would be great... Golf is a game a person can play all his/her life. It allows one to be with nature and get the benefit of the exercise.	3/26/2021 7:16 PM
214	What was the dog and pony show the town put on a few years ago to buy the land for more fields...and yet we are still trying to decide what to do with it and face potential tax increases? Glad its not developed into housing. Lets make the best of what we have. Keep it mowed do the best you can on limited budget. Build a pavillion, put in a few grills and let people enjoy the open space and whatever light use activities can be developed without significant cost. (Pavillion can be rented for personal use to offset costs?)	3/26/2021 7:14 PM
215	I feel that we don't really have a good place for public swimming and water pads in the area. There are plenty of athletic fields but no swimming pools. I think learning how to swim is a life skill that could save your life as well as others . Canton pool is always over crowded and swimming lessons are packed .	3/26/2021 7:04 PM
216	We have enough ball fields. Johnnycake (before it was developed) WAS a beautiful place. I would like to keep the remaining land as natural as possible. I would have a community garden alongside one of the barns and a planted (trees) picnic area (with grills for family use) alongside the other. There could be picnic tables and a kitchen (locked when not in use) inside that barn for group outings/meetings	3/26/2021 6:52 PM
217	Question 16 response choices are not adequate. I say 'Yes, please develop into a community usable space'	3/26/2021 6:49 PM
218	I would be willing to pay extra depending of what the land is developed for. I don't want to see that land overdeveloped any more than it already is.	3/26/2021 6:23 PM
219	The citizens of burlington previously voted on a proposal to purchase the johnnycake property park with described uses. It does not seem very transparent to then change the use of the property after it was purchased under the pretense of said described uses.	3/26/2021 6:22 PM
220	My taxes on a mortgage free house are almost \$12,000 as a retiree. When are senior citizens going to be given a break???? Only break we get at the moment is to BREAK out of our town that we have so generously supported for decades!	3/26/2021 6:01 PM
221	We have enough fields as is. Why throw extra money at another field. It's a beautiful neighborhood that doesn't need a parking lot.	3/26/2021 5:39 PM
222	I don't get why this is open for discussion we as a community voted for athletic fields and it passed by over 60% so why are we talking about it again let just keep with the original plan and get going. We can't let one community change the plan. Plan was in place before all the people on Johnny cake mountain built there houses if they didn't want to be near athletic fields they should have bought land elsewhere. The kids are the ones who's are suffering when we have to jam soccer and baseball and lacrosse onto field all together with young kids and high school kids it is unsafe currently	3/26/2021 5:25 PM
223	Answer to #17 depends on what's made available. Would not pay to use sports fields	3/26/2021 5:21 PM
224	While I understand there is a need for a lacrosse field in Burlington, my fear is that Johnnycake park will turn into an over developed sports complex. I would like to see the land kept mostly passive for the entire town to enjoy. If a field is necessary it should be placed strategically away from houses	3/26/2021 5:19 PM
225	I would love to see an area that meets all the needs, ie outdoor concert area, sports field, swimming pool, playground. What Burlington needs is a Mills Pond area much like Canton. As a Burlington resident I would love to spend my summers and free time in town and not go to surrounding town for those needs.	3/26/2021 5:13 PM
226	I checked off 0 above because is depends upon which active and passive activities you mean.	3/26/2021 5:12 PM

227	The town has now owned this property for three years and has not put it to much use, I am glad to see that the planning is now taking place. A town pool would be great. Has the town ever looked at taking over camp shade? Looks like a place that could be a great town asset with a modest investment.	3/26/2021 5:07 PM
228	This town is not very community oriented in that children in middle school can't go to library without a parent, tax payers are not allwed to use community room at library for group meetings, library is still closed and doesn't even offer limited hours, we have no place to gather. Parks and Rec does not offer enough programs for youth and community and when they go the cost is double other towns identical except programs. We pay a lot of tax money already for facilities that are only available to a select few. I have to go outside of town to other towns to use what they have to offer as well as for programs. I would like to see better managed and expanded opportunities for our community in a range of activities and not just sports.	3/26/2021 4:57 PM
229	I don't think we need more sports fields. I realize this is a debatable topic. I think we need a swimming pool, like Mills Pond in Canton. Foote rd is not a good replacement for a town pool.	3/26/2021 4:24 PM
230	I would not have voted yes to the purchase if we were not going to make athletic fields out of it. We were mislead if that option is changed.	3/26/2021 4:17 PM
231	JMP was purchased without a plan and that is a concern. I understand the referendum requires at least one active field. The building and maintenance of one field will be pricey considering this is a mountain and not level. I think we should consider future cash flow and low maintenance development. My taxes paid for the property, I shouldn't have to pay again you use it. Keep noise and light pollution to a minimum. My son is an active baseball player - we don't need more fields. Area, larger, towns don't have designated lax fields. We need to work with BOE to allow town use of LSM fields. Natural space for pick up wiffle ball and flag football is great - we have that today without additional investment.	3/26/2021 4:12 PM
232	I am concerned that the johnnycake park will be made up of sports fields when there are already plenty around the town. Good playgrounds beyond the schools, swimming pools, and other activities are needed for the people of Burlington and their children beyond "sports families".	3/26/2021 4:11 PM
233	More passive recreation activities, not organized athletics.	3/26/2021 4:07 PM
234	There is no reason to go to Johnnycake. A better investment would be Burlington center area. There could be youth sports and a place for families to eat/shop.	3/26/2021 3:55 PM
235	I live in the Johnny Cake development area and our family accesses the park often. We were drawn to this area because of the attention Burlington pays to their space and the openness. We would not want to see that changed by installing a complex with parking, lights, etc.	3/26/2021 3:48 PM
236	I like the idea of a sledding area for the winter. Also a "pickup" field for people to meet at for games. for soccer, ultimate, etc. doesn't have to be a perfect size.	3/26/2021 3:42 PM
237	Our property tax is already high, maybe not by mill rate, but certainly by gross dollar value.	3/26/2021 3:37 PM
238	I don't understand question 16. In general, I think the town could use more recreational space and I support the development of Johnnycake. But I think that will be enough and wouldn't look for the town to acquire more open space after that.	3/26/2021 3:28 PM
239	Burlington has great trails for mountain biking, but they are too challenging for younger kids with the steep hills. A pump track and skills park is a great way to get kids outside and riding. It's a fun alternative to the paved greenway. Feel free to contact me, I'd be glad to discuss the proposal.	3/26/2021 3:24 PM
240	Please keep in mind the beauty of the open space when making decisions for parking spaces. Also, please, no additional lighting, should fields be erected.	3/26/2021 3:19 PM
241	Again, I'm being objective here my kids are beyond playground age, a playground is so needed in Burlington. The only ones we have are at the school and Foote road which barely counts. Also, I have watched all the Johnnycake meetings and I'm really tired of hearing from the Johnnycake Neighbors complaining about fields going in up there. That's already been decided. That was decided on a town vote, that it was going to at least partially be used for fields. It has felt to me like the Johnnycake neighbors feel that they are more entitled to a say in what goes in up there than others because they live up there. That is not true, they don't get anymore say than any other taxpayer in Burlington. I especially had to laugh at the person the other night	3/26/2021 2:51 PM

that spoke and said he didn't think it should be developed at all because they like their view. This gentleman bought his property AFTER the town vote to purchase the property so he knew what was coming and now he doesn't want it. Please DO NOT give special treatment to Johnnycake neighbors, they should get the same treatment as everyone else in town.

242	Would like to see more defined walking/hiking trails. Some MTB trails to tie into existing trail network. Keep the parks farm like atmosphere. If there is a sports field no lights for night play and no Chan in link fence. Use existing entry. Would not like new access roads cut in, would impact the visual appeal of the park.	3/26/2021 2:27 PM
243	What a wonderful way to bring the community together. Looking forward to the development.	3/26/2021 2:24 PM
244	Feel this town has adequate sports fields. The park should be used to passive activities.	3/26/2021 2:04 PM
245	I am unsure why this is taking as long as it is to get started? I feel you should stick to your original plan about mixed use with both passive space and fields. More young families are moving in and our outdoor fields are limited. Would love to see some open space there preserved(fishing, hiking, etc) but this town is full of forests, trails and such already- we are very lucky. Let's get some additional field options for families with children.	3/26/2021 2:04 PM
246	With the initial votes to make the area a sports use area , you need to honor that . These folks that oppose the initial vote didn't seem to care about voicing their opinion.	3/26/2021 2:03 PM
247	Parks, and family friendly areas will attract what this town needs....Young thriving families.	3/26/2021 1:46 PM
248	Not sure why we spent the money some years ago to still be wondering what to do with the property and are just now getting to think about a plan. Doesn't reflect well on that decision.	3/26/2021 1:29 PM
249	Keep up the good work I know it is difficult to please everyone but Burlington could definitely use more community centric locations and services!	3/26/2021 1:26 PM
250	We spend enough on children in this town. More funds should go to adult activities.	3/26/2021 1:24 PM
251	I would love to see a small sports facility in the level entrance to the park, specifically with a space for outdoor lacrosse in Burlington, and the hillier rear used as a hiking/outdoor nature area. Thank you for reaching out for feedback!	3/26/2021 1:15 PM
252	Would love to see a space that families (with and without children) can use for passive recreation, picnics, etc, and it would be nice to have a gazebo/bandstand for concerts and events. Too much recreation emphasis on youth sports in town - leaving the rest of us with no recreational facilities.	3/26/2021 1:08 PM
253	I am not a Burlington resident, but I would think there should be opportunities for neighboring townfolk to be more involved. I would like to see the communities come together more.	3/26/2021 12:59 PM
254	Yes, so far this has been a giant waste of tax payer \$'s. It would appear we made the previous property owner wealthier and gotten zero benefit as taxpayer. I understand local residents have concerns but now is not the time to address them and any progress will always upset "local residents". FORGE AHEAD!	3/26/2021 12:45 PM
255	Since there are currently no lacrosse fields in Burlington, it would be nice to have one. I know it is a scheduling nightmare to find field space. The number of kids playing lacrosse in Burlington is quickly growing making the need for a town field more relevant than ever.	3/26/2021 12:40 PM
256	n/a	3/26/2021 12:39 PM
257	JCMP could become the "start" of many mountain biking rides and hikes but would need better signage to prevent people from getting on neighbors property . Also, we could lay out a short easy loop for those not very experienced in the sport.	3/26/2021 12:27 PM
258	This is a beautiful suburb. I believe 70% of town budget is already spent towards kids activities. Johnny cake should not solely be an extension of this. (More kids sports fields) Think bigger and broader.	3/26/2021 12:26 PM
259	This was already voted on and approved with the original purchase of the property. It doesn't seem to me that only a few years later we need to try and change the development purpose it was bought for. In my opinion it was bought for passive outdoor activities and adding field space which is much needed today and into the future. Our current fields are well used and adding a couple more will add to the flexibility needed here in town.	3/26/2021 11:50 AM