

Open Space & Recreation	Does Canaan need additional recreational facilities?	Yes 51%	No 49%
	Does Canaan need a Youth/Community Center?	Yes 64%	No 36%
	Do we need to increase adult recreation?	Yes 31%	No 49%
	Do we need to increase elderly recreation?	Yes 53%	No 47%
	Should conservation lands and waters be more accessible to the general public?	Yes 67%	No 33%
	Do we need to increase individual recreation?	Yes 46%	No 54%
	Do we need to increase team recreation?	Yes 41%	No 59%
	Should tax dollars be spent to develop these?	Yes 47%	No 53%

Comments?

A community building would be great.

Additional recreational facilities as businesses.

Need to increase adult recreation in the winter months.

do not need to increase elderly recreation because the Senior Center is great!

Again, the tax question is not a simple yes or no....there is much the answer depends on. I think it should state would you be "are you willing to consider" Should tax dollars be spent!

Are you kidding? Let these form at will and support themselves!!!!!!!

Canaan has the potential of being a community for eco-tourism.

Canaan needs more community which these activities would bring. We also need an auditorium, whether it be at the high school or in town.

Combination of tax dollars, grants, and private contributions, Good recent example is Town Library.

Community garden for low income and elderly.

I think that the whole community should be involved in raising funds. People then feel they helped build it, and helped save money.

Fund raising and town people involvement on the recreation team would building community and make us stronger.

Happy to help with this as well Cheryl.Tourville@hitchcock.org

get new sand for Canaan St. beach. Continue swim lesson at beach.

How many residents have memberships a other facilities? Why should tax dollars support something to be used by minority of tax payers?

I drive by the current rec field and it is largely empty. Has there been a lot of conflict in scheduling the field?

I say yes to tax dollars being spent on these, but to a limit. I would think if there is any recreation that there would be some kind of fee charged with this. Other town will charge a smaller fee for residents and a larger fee for non residents. This would certainly help pay for some of this.

I see the town growing in a good way.

I support improvement and expansion of all our existing recreation opportunities.

I think that increasing the recreational opportunities for all ages is extremely important.

I'd say yes to the town developing recreational facilities if the facility was a municipal golf course - a

wonderful opportunity for all ages. And a draw to bring in non-resident spending.

If people have time for recreation, they can use other sources, such as meetup.com to get together and pay for it with like minded people.

It is important to provide opportunities for both adults and children to have safe things to do and places to go. I do not know what kinds of recreation is available to adults locally or what they are interested in. Promoting what is available good be a good thing. Adding to it, especially family friendly things like a mini movie theater, an arcade or bowling alley, miniature golf, etc, would be fun, and possibly attract outsiders to our community.

Conservation areas need to be protected, so it is important to make sure you do that while allowing access from the public. Otherwise they don't know why we are conserving those places.

Many people I have spoken to would love to volunteer their time if they felt they would be appreciated and be treated with a little respect. Canaan doesn't necessarily need a youth center, but we desperately need somewhere teens can go without the police harrassing them the way they do now. I have seen the police harrass my son while he was outside Papa Z's filling his gas tank.

Maybe tax dollars should be spent to develop these or use creative grant-writing
minimal tax dollars should be spent on this, good ideas will find private funding

More recreation for children especially. Become appealing to families with children and teens. Our best asset is the natural beauty of this region and we should play that up.

more things for teens to do

More youth league teams for teens - not all kids can make the varsity/JV team in school but want to play.

Most people can develop their own recreation.

New recreation facilities should be utilized by all ages.

no opinion

no opinion on any of these

No place for winter recreation; IE basketball, soccer, b. ball

not sure what is meant by adult recreation & elderly recreation and team recreation

Not the town government's place. If people want it, let user fees alone pay for it.

Not yet, we need more tax base to help his town cover costs.

Our children do not have enough constructive options for recreation. Most everything requires transportation. About the only place for them to go after school is the library. I definitely think a youth center would be a worthwhile thing. It could even be used in the evenings for adult classes or programs.

our tax dollars should not influence any of the above we cannot maintain our roads should we build a ball field with tax dollars and not repair our roads?

property taxes are already too high for what little we receive

re youth center: maybe?

recreation is a personal choice not a town responsibility

Recreation is not a function of government. Again we do not need to grow a bigger government

bureaucracy.

We need to keep costs down.

Recreation is not a priority use of town money when some infrastructure is far lacking.

Recreation is not the responsibility of the town's taxpayers.

Recreation is very big. Canaan has a very poor recreation department for this town for kids & adults (seniors included). One ball field in town & one by the race track. These two fields are used mostly by kid events. No ice skating rink! This would go over well in the winter - if it was maintained. This is a town that is wanting to get more people involved in sports, keep kids busy in all year round, but no one wants to do much about it. This is just my observation.

Removal of town docks a detriment. Children + other used it for fishing-Elderly placed canes partly out on dock + were supported in water. Refusal of grant was based on out-of-town participation! Everybody who uses the beach knows that many out of towners use our beach?!

should tax dollars be spent to develop these in relation to what?

what in heck is meant by last 3 questions. more information is required before able to answer.

Skip individual recreation...there was a question mark, not an answer, but the computer wouldn't let me take it off.

Some tax dollars need to be spent on all the items above, we should also be finding other funding to support these items.

some tax dollars should be spent to develop all of the above

Sorry. No real interest

Stop spending my children's money!

tax dollars in conjunction with business' focused on that specific recreation activity can be asked to be a sponsor trail construction dock building signage, and maintenance thus enticing them to bring their business into the town. e.g. trails for horseback riding can bring in ranches, bike paths can bring in bike shops, stocked fishing spots can bring in fishing enthusiasts. The business can generate clubs and vacation activities thus possible expansion to resorts or hotels and motels. bring revenue in by both avenues work and play.

Tax dollars plus smart grant efforts to build a community center. Also access to school after hours.

tax dollars should only be spent for upkeep of town owned or shared fields or community building.

Team sports and better access to conservation lands invite visitors. I know that people with money come in from Hanover and Norwich to hike Mt. Cardigan. They all pass through Canaan. Does Canaan profit from those visitors? If not, maybe we need to fix that before promoting more tourism. (Tourism also encourages people to move here—people see a place on vacation and love it and then want to retire there.)

The biggest problem with downtown Canaan for visitors is the eyesore factor. It doesn't say "nice place to stop for lunch." It says "local town that serves local needs."

The best way to do it is to let people learn to enjoy the outdoors. Teaching wise outdoor education and hunting and fishing practices will benefit the community in multiple ways. Protecting land and water from development and pollution should be high priorities. At the same time, the natural areas should not be over-developed as to take away from the natural beauty. Running programs through the

schools and town rec department, maybe partnering with the NH Fish and Game would be beneficial. the Elderly are adults and do not require a separate designation

There is no reason for separate recreation centers... one multi-purpose facility could suffice.

They are needs but they should be self-supporting through user fees and grants. We are taxed enough. to a point if the need is expressed by a majority or large number of citizens

Trails in the town forest, better access to goose pond, team sports, use of canaan elementary for the gym for adult rec programs, better maintenance of the rail trail. A youth or community center would be a welcome addition.

Two question marks next to individual recreation and one next to team recreation.

We could then charge a small fee for the use of equipment or facilities to offset the towns' fees.

We need a school renovation before any of these.

We need sidewalks, and/or attention to safety for those walking.

Rte 4 road is rough with potential for falls.

We should encourage private enterprise and local wealthy patrons to support these endeavors. Also look for grant aid.

Who constructed "these" questions?

Would prefer resources be concentrated in maintaining & updating schools. Would love to see space above library renovated for a community center, yoga studios, etc