

Preserve Sewataro



Sewataro once a private summer camp, now at the center of a public conversation about its future.

The town is deciding what happens to 44 acres of camp, fields and forest at Liberty Ledge. The Select Board formed the Liberty Ledge / Sewataro Advisory Committee (LLSAC) to study future uses and publish their recommendations by Oct. 31, 2026 — including a Sudbury Housing Trust committee's proposal to get several parcels to build affordable housing and/or a senior housign complex. **Your voice can shape the outcome.**

LLSAC Mission: "The Committee shall explore possible uses of the Liberty Ledge / Sewataro property and offer an advisory report on recommended uses to the Select Board."
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EVERYTHING THE LLSAC IS WEIGHING

Kids Camp

Current & Future Recreation activities

Land Conservation

Affordable Housing 

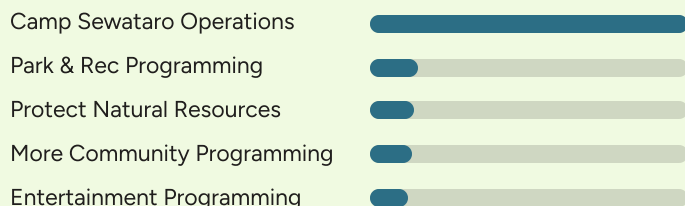
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SUBDIVISION PROPOSAL *(discussed at the 8/11 SHA committee)*

The Sudbury Housing Trust has suggested selling or repurposing three parcels of the park's land for dense affordable & senior housing.

PUBLIC INPUT RESULTS

**What residents asked for most —
public input session, July 2026**



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Ranked by weighted vote score, out of 198 ideas shared. Affordable housing ranked 11th of 17 categories.

KEY POINTS

- Sewataro is an **irreplaceable asset** for the town that provides open space for recreational use.
- A **long term agreement** will allow Operator to invest in meaningful improvements, expand capacity and answer a childcare shortage.
- Property's upkeep costs covered by camp operator
- Revenue generating asset for the town

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Email the Select Board / LLSAC

Share your thoughts or concerns with the boards:

- > selectboard@sudbury.ma.us
- > llsac@sudbury.ma.us

Make sure to sign with full name and address.

Show Up & Speak Out

- > Attend LLSAC public meetings and speak during public comment.
- > Attend the Town Meeting in May



Liberty Ledge / Sewatara

1 Liberty Ledge, Sudbury, MA 01776 — SW of Haynes Rd & North Rd.

FACTS SHEET

44

ACRES

\$11.3M

2019 PURCHASE

2

PONDS

25

OUTBUILDINGS

ON THE PROPERTY TODAY



Fishing pond, swimming pond, four outdoor pools



Twenty-five outbuildings and residences



Complex biodiversity and century-old trees



Open space, walking trails



Natural spring and Pantry Brook water source



Tennis & basketball courts, sports fields

HOW WE GOT HERE

A short history of Liberty Ledge / Sewatara, from the town's purchase to today's advisory process.

- 1959–2019** *Sixty Years as a Private Camp:* Camp Sewatara operates as a family-run summer day camp on the Liberty Ledge land, with ponds, pools, and sports facilities.
- 2018 – 2019** *Owners Signal a Sale — Town Responds: Fall 2018,* The Taylor family (Liberty Ledge LLC) tells the Town it plans to sell. The Town runs a competitive RFP, then the Select Board signs a letter of intent to buy for \$11,269,700.
Town Meeting & Election Approve the Purchase: A two-thirds Town Meeting vote (Article 25) and a Prop 2½ debt-exclusion vote authorize buying the land, preventing a roughly 31-lot subdivision. The Taylors donate the Camp Sewatara name to the Town.
- 2022** *Article 16— Land Consultant Funding defeated:* A \$200,000 warrant article to fund a consultant study on Sewatara's future was turned down at Town Meeting.
- 2022–23** *Resident Access Expands - Summer Camp:* The Select Board extends the operator's agreement 5 years, through Sept. 2027; the full 44 acres open to residents dawn to dusk, 7 days a week (after operating hours on weekdays) - pond, tennis and basketball courts included — while a private operator keeps running the camp under contract..
- Feb 2026** *Article 19 — Consultant Study Rejected:* A \$20,000 warrant article to fund a consultant study on Sewatara's future was turned down at Town Meeting.
Advisory Committee Formed : The Select Board forms the Liberty Ledge / Sewatara Advisory Committee (LLSAC) to explore future uses and report recommendations back to the Board.
- Jun 2026** *LLSAC Listening Session:* The LLSAC held a public input session to gather public opinion on what is the best use for Sewatara.
- Now** *Public Survey:* The community survey is open through September 7, 2026

CRITICAL DECISIONS

OCT

JAN

MAY

LLSAC Report

LLSAC recommendation is due **Oct 31 2026**. The report will lay out the options considered and their recommendation to the Select Board.

Lease Renewal

The camp operator's agreement expires in Sep 2027. A Select Board decision on the next 5-year term (2028–2033) is expected in **Jan 2027** in the form of issuing or accepting a notice of intent to extend the lease.

Town Meeting

An article on Sewatara's future use is expected to go before Sudbury's Annual Town Meeting around **May 2027**.