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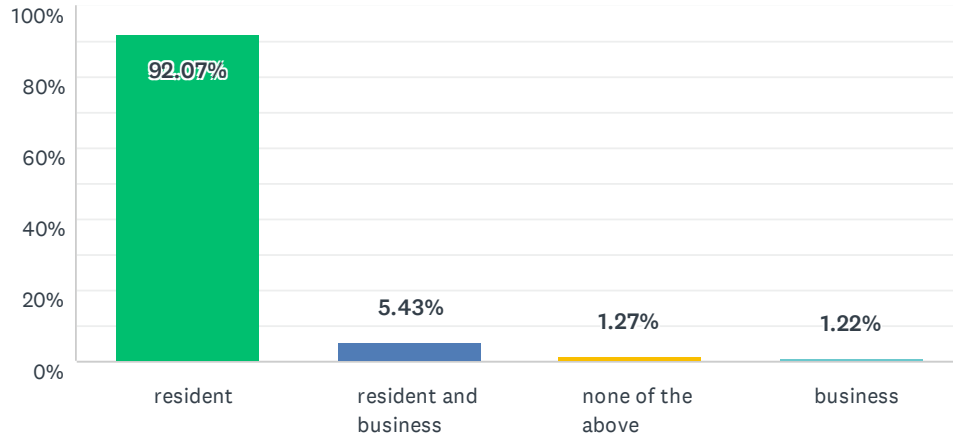
## Q1 Contact Info (Optional -- it's ok to leave this blank if you want to remain anonymous)

Answered: 827 Skipped: 988

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name (if a resident)	98.67%	816
Company (if a business)	5.68%	47
Address	0.00%	0
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	0.00%	0
State/Province	0.00%	0
ZIP/Postal Code	0.00%	0
Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	89.84%	743
Phone Number	75.82%	627

## Q2 I am responding as a(n)... in Amherst, NH

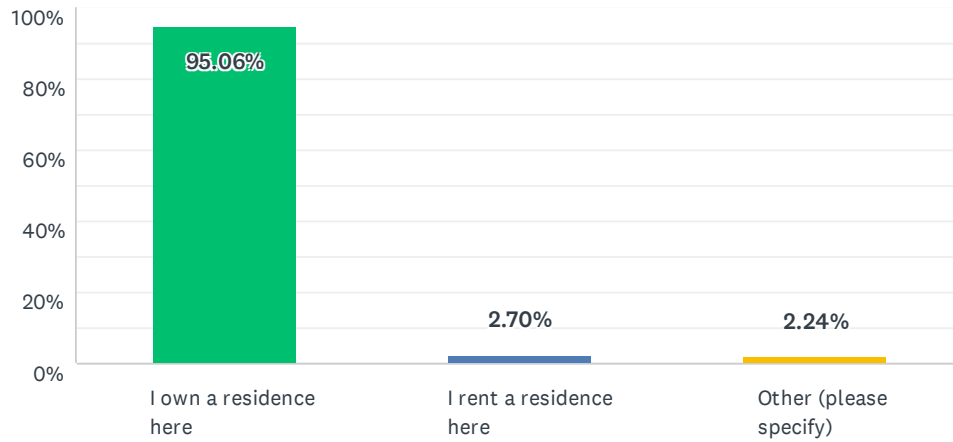
Answered: 1,804 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
resident	92.07%	1,661
resident and business	5.43%	98
none of the above	1.27%	23
business	1.22%	22
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,804</b>

### Q3 Which option best describes your residential status in Amherst?

Answered: 1,740 Skipped: 75



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I own a residence here	95.06%	1,654
I rent a residence here	2.70%	47
Other (please specify)	2.24%	39
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,740</b>

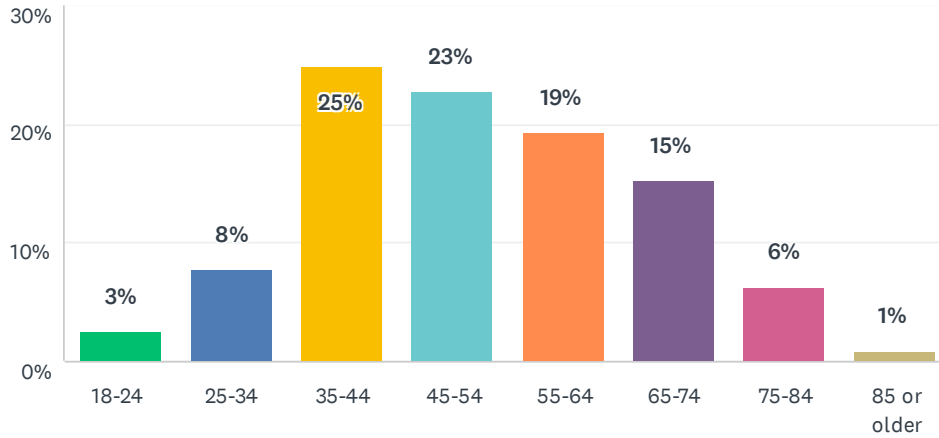
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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	My husband owns the house I live in	1/15/2021 8:57 PM
2	Live with parents	1/15/2021 5:03 PM
3	Home and separate office owned in Amherst	1/5/2021 7:21 PM
4	live in with parents but own a house	1/4/2021 10:59 PM
5	Living with family	1/4/2021 6:50 PM
6	Live with parents	1/1/2021 9:39 PM
7	Live with family	1/1/2021 12:04 AM
8	I live with my daughter & family.	12/31/2020 1:17 PM
9	I live in an owned residence	12/31/2020 12:26 PM
10	My parents own a residence in Amherst	12/31/2020 5:59 AM
11	I work in town full time	12/30/2020 10:18 PM
12	student living with parent	12/30/2020 6:58 PM
13	live with my parents here	12/29/2020 1:37 PM
14	Live with a room mate	12/29/2020 12:49 PM
15	H	12/28/2020 9:05 PM
16	I own a residence & business here	12/23/2020 11:07 AM
17	Living with parents	12/20/2020 7:53 PM
18	Live w parents	12/20/2020 11:31 AM
19	Live in in-law apt. Dad in main house	12/20/2020 10:38 AM
20	Live with my parents who own a residence	12/19/2020 10:39 AM
21	Own	12/18/2020 8:43 PM
22	Buying residence now	12/18/2020 7:46 PM
23	I live with a home owner	12/18/2020 7:35 PM
24	My parents own a residence here	12/18/2020 7:29 PM
25	My father owns a home here.	12/18/2020 7:02 PM
26	We	12/18/2020 3:20 PM
27	Live with parents	12/16/2020 7:27 PM
28	Live with relatives	12/15/2020 11:25 AM
29	My boyfriend owns the house	12/15/2020 9:24 AM
30	Parents own	12/14/2020 2:14 PM
31	Trust owns residence, I am beneficiary	12/14/2020 9:21 AM
32	Former Resident	12/14/2020 8:49 AM
33	Live with family in residence here	12/13/2020 10:46 PM
34	Live with parents	12/13/2020 4:46 PM
35	Reside here	12/11/2020 2:21 PM
36	Live with family	12/10/2020 9:12 AM
37	Rent with plans to buy	12/6/2020 9:21 PM
38	Live with family during Covid	11/27/2020 9:53 PM



## Q4 Please indicate your age group (years old)

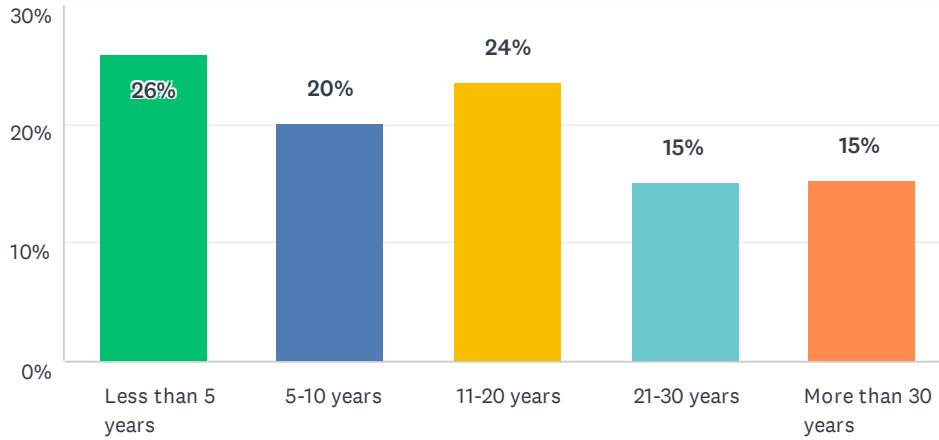
Answered: 1,718 Skipped: 97



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
18-24	3% 43
25-34	8% 134
35-44	25% 428
45-54	23% 392
55-64	19% 333
65-74	15% 263
75-84	6% 109
85 or older	1% 16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,718</b>

## Q5 Please indicate how long you have resided in Amherst:

Answered: 1,723 Skipped: 92

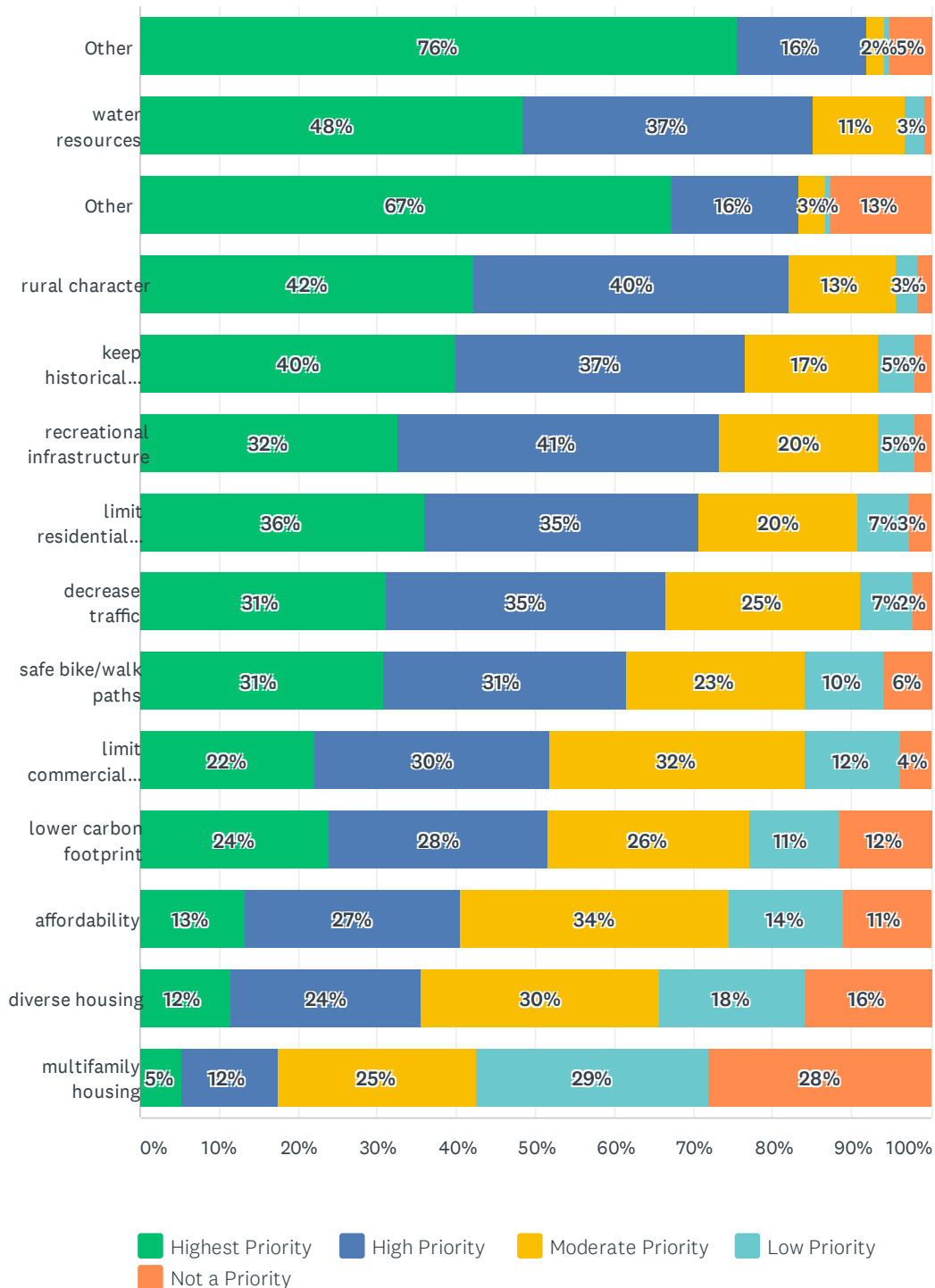


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 5 years	26%	446
5-10 years	20%	347
11-20 years	24%	406
21-30 years	15%	261
More than 30 years	15%	263
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,723</b>



## Q6 Please rank your priorities

Answered: 1,655 Skipped: 160



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	HIGHEST PRIORITY	HIGH PRIORITY	MODERATE PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	NOT A PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Other	76% 284	16% 62	2% 8	1% 2	5% 20	376	4.56
water resources	48% 794	37% 603	11% 188	3% 41	1% 13	1,639	4.30
Other	67% 117	16% 28	3% 6	1% 1	13% 22	174	4.25
rural character	42% 695	40% 659	13% 220	3% 48	2% 25	1,647	4.18
keep historical character	40% 657	37% 601	17% 279	5% 75	2% 33	1,645	4.08
recreational infrastructure	32% 533	41% 670	20% 331	5% 74	2% 34	1,642	3.97
limit residential density	36% 589	35% 570	20% 328	7% 108	3% 44	1,639	3.95
decrease traffic	31% 507	35% 578	25% 404	7% 110	2% 35	1,634	3.86
safe bike/walk paths	31% 504	31% 504	23% 374	10% 161	6% 100	1,643	3.70
limit commercial density	22% 363	30% 485	32% 532	12% 198	4% 61	1,639	3.54
lower carbon footprint	24% 392	28% 453	26% 420	11% 185	12% 189	1,639	3.41
affordability	13% 218	27% 443	34% 556	14% 235	11% 181	1,633	3.17
diverse housing	12% 189	24% 393	30% 494	18% 302	16% 261	1,639	2.97
multifamily housing	5% 84	12% 200	25% 411	29% 481	28% 459	1,635	2.37

## Q7 If you ranked Other 'A', tell us what it is.

Answered: 362 Skipped: 1,453

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Lower school portion of property taxes. Out if Control! Hi school taxes , LOW value education!	1/19/2021 7:09 AM
2	It is important for the town to set aside funds in their annual budget to put towards the conservation of land and open spaces.	1/18/2021 7:15 PM
3	Keep property taxes lower than surrounding towns.	1/18/2021 11:12 AM
4	Amherst really really needs bike and jogging paths. We are the only nice town I know of that does not have them.	1/17/2021 12:30 PM
5	Tiny homes Green homes	1/17/2021 12:24 PM
6	Would like the ability to safely walk outside my neighborhood. Recommend sideway on one side of Boston Post Road from Merrimack line to Corduroy Road to Rt 122 and from 122 to Amherst Village.	1/17/2021 12:12 PM
7	More business it ok within reason. Building up 101 or 101A more is probably not ideal, but we could use buildings currently vacant. For example, the vacant Southern NH Medical center building is currently unoccupied.	1/17/2021 3:25 AM
8	Keep spending under control	1/17/2021 12:53 AM
9	Keeping our schools up to date, no portable classrooms, 5th grade back in elementary level.	1/16/2021 8:57 PM
10	Update school facilities to meet and/ or exceed current and mid term standards and requirements	1/16/2021 4:41 PM
11	Tax relief for seniors. Raise the \$40,000 + cut off to maybe \$50,000, keeping up with inflation. Can't afford RE taxes!	1/16/2021 1:55 PM
12	To add on to the question about traffic, since moving to the Village a year ago and last living in Amherst 20 years ago, the traffic is horrendous in the village. There is no speed control, it is an expressway for drivers getting out of town. To maintain the character begins with traffic control	1/16/2021 10:40 AM
13	Keeping Amherst property taxes at a reasonable rate.	1/15/2021 6:40 PM
14	The bike path near the high school to the village is of the highest priority.	1/15/2021 6:40 PM
15	Lower property taxes	1/15/2021 6:21 PM
16	Incurring greater debt during these times with huge bond issues	1/15/2021 5:42 PM
17	Amherst is NOT a low income housing community. It's also not fair to its citizens without children in the school system, aged out or are elderly citizens; owners. They should get a significant break on taxes; the inflated amount to goes to our schools.	1/15/2021 5:20 PM
18	Parks and walking/bike paths are essential. But not tennis courts. More good commercial areas that increase town tax revenue e.g. look at Bedford as an example. But separate them from residential areas to reduce automobile traffics.	1/15/2021 2:24 PM
19	Quality Public schools where students can be educated and accepted into highl ranked competitive colleges and universities.	1/12/2021 5:52 AM
20	Equatable housing developments throughout the town. It appears that planning permission is given broadly by the board as long as it is not "in their backyard" ie away from the center. Developing 122 S with little to no regard to wetlands is disgraceful	1/9/2021 9:23 AM
21	As for walking biking question, I just have always thought there should be more sidewalks.	1/9/2021 9:08 AM
22	That Town taxes don't go higher	1/9/2021 12:09 AM
23	We need more space for children in schools.	1/8/2021 6:19 PM
24	Lower taxes, they are astronomical!	1/8/2021 5:54 PM
25	Communications Infrastructure	1/8/2021 2:22 PM
26	public schools	1/8/2021 12:47 PM
27	Great School System	1/7/2021 8:29 PM

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28	I wish we had more restaurants and a grocery store	1/7/2021 1:36 PM
29	The Community Garden at Joshua Park is a great asset! Greatly enjoy this opportunity and the resources that are provided to support it.	1/6/2021 2:45 PM
30	Top tier school system.	1/6/2021 6:02 AM
31	Funding of extras should be optional. Just because a majority vote for something doesn't mean that I can afford it	1/5/2021 7:00 PM
32	Maintaining and/or improving the educational availabilities for children residing in Amherst	1/5/2021 6:21 PM
33	Maintain the highest quality educational services, which includes the facilities, infrastructure, and services	1/5/2021 2:27 PM
34	It is important to link sidewalks in the village as many residents walk the Village daily.	1/5/2021 1:25 PM
35	It is important for Amherst to utilize the preexisting commercial zones effectively to maximize tax revenue from businesses	1/5/2021 1:11 PM
36	We need sidewalks for our school areas.	1/5/2021 9:43 AM
37	Add more zones to make Amherst a desirable destination: zoning for restaurants and a pub/tavern near the village; more services and activity centers near shops and restaurants, establish centers of commerce to attract visitors to come and use our trails and town and spend money	1/5/2021 9:43 AM
38	Improve our schools	1/5/2021 8:39 AM
39	More smaller homes; no more mansions!	1/5/2021 8:35 AM
40	The Ciardelli company will be building on the land off the 101 and Red Gate Lane. Please have the company pave and maintain rain Red Gate Lane and wooden bridge. Right now there are a lot of nonresidents using this dirt road and wooden bridge; however, only 3 residents pay for and repair this well used road. Traffic will only increase when Ciardelli company builds on the farm land next to Red Gate Lane and Joe English Brook.	1/5/2021 8:19 AM
41	Strong, active rec department	1/5/2021 8:01 AM
42	Maintain quality of Amherst schools	1/5/2021 7:38 AM
43	Figure out a better way to balance the school funding and educational output. Towns like Bedford, Hollis and goffstown rank higher than us, have maintained their town feel yet have lower taxes	1/5/2021 7:22 AM
44	Senior center and activities should be offered	1/5/2021 7:19 AM
45	Encourage and attract a more diverse population	1/5/2021 7:02 AM
46	Quit raising our taxes. It's getting ridiculous	1/5/2021 6:50 AM
47	Need more walking paths and bike paths and the police should pull over speeders around town and those who don't get over 3 feet for pedestrians!!!!	1/5/2021 6:46 AM
48	Keep tax rate affordable	1/5/2021 6:44 AM
49	The Schools are an overreacted joke and embarrassment. Thus, the majority of our tax dollars are wasted. The high class sizes and 3 separate districts must be remedied. We need a Superintendent with experience. The one we currently have is running a popularity contest - not a school district.	1/5/2021 6:43 AM
50	Side walks near school on Boston Post Rd and over Souhegan River	1/5/2021 6:42 AM
51	Invest in education infrastructure, keeping our schools the best	1/4/2021 6:52 PM
52	Better athletic facilities for youth sports.	1/4/2021 5:40 PM
53	Along with being affordable, property taxes need to be reevaluated. Amherst's rate is much higher than Bedford and Hollis which are comparable towns when families are looking for homes.	1/4/2021 5:03 PM
54	There is nothing fair about the Obama administration's Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule. It is fundamentally designed to be a cudgel that will re-engineer nearly every American neighborhood — imposing onerous mandates on residential composition, densifying housing,	1/4/2021 2:50 PM

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requiring small towns to create costly transportation systems, and weakening the authority of our local governments over core responsibilities, from zoning to transportation to education. IT MUST BE OPPOSED IN AMHERST AT ALL COSTS - This opposition is my absolute highest priority. If it resurfaces in a Biden administration, beautiful, peaceful Amherst will cease to be Amherst & we will be faced with a plethora of damaging economic & infrastructure repercussions from which we will never recover

55	It is important to maintain roads and bridges within Amherst	1/3/2021 10:26 PM
56	Maintain existing infrastructure	1/3/2021 7:50 PM
57	It is important that we make maximum use of all public properties which includes adult education and sports opportunities for all.	1/3/2021 11:48 AM
58	What about infrastructure? Sewers, wider roads, sidewalks, safe places to walk or bike? This is a HOUSING questionnaire that is not so subtly directed at preventing commercial development and affordable housing such as apartments.	1/3/2021 9:04 AM
59	Quality public education	1/2/2021 2:40 PM
60	It is important to maintain the culture and history of Amherst, NH. There are plenty of towns in the state of New Hampshire that do not have a established community and a rich historic past. Preserve the town.	1/1/2021 9:21 PM
61	To maintain the history of Amherst, not erase it.	1/1/2021 9:13 PM
62	It is what it is. If you can afford it great. If you can't too bad.	1/1/2021 9:11 PM
63	Reduce property tax burden by allowing as much residential development and new businesses as possible.	1/1/2021 8:04 PM
64	Add new restaurant/bar near center of town	1/1/2021 4:16 PM
65	Lower taxes	1/1/2021 7:39 AM
66	Reduce property tax rate for 55+	12/31/2020 7:41 PM
67	It is important to be welcoming to diverse populations, specifically people of color, the LGBTQ community, and religious minorities (e.g. Muslims).	12/31/2020 1:23 PM
68	Ive seen notices on a plan for a fishing dock with a parking lot across the street at Baboosic Lake. This is a terrible idea. Preserve the history and natural beauty of the lake and surrounding area.	12/31/2020 1:02 PM
69	Encouraging diversity.	12/31/2020 7:22 AM
70	Coffee/wine bar for walkers and cyclists in village	12/31/2020 7:05 AM
71	Schools	12/31/2020 12:50 AM
72	Sidewalks on Boston Post and Cross leading up to SHS and AMS.	12/30/2020 10:41 PM
73	Sidewalks, street lights, town pool/recreational activities for children	12/30/2020 10:22 PM
74	Keep the schools good	12/30/2020 10:22 PM
75	School infrastructure and class sizes	12/30/2020 10:14 PM
76	It is important to have town events and activities.	12/30/2020 9:55 PM
77	Finding ways to lower residential tax burden while improving schools	12/30/2020 9:10 PM
78	Maintain current socio-economic demographics.	12/30/2020 8:51 PM
79	Stop over-developing the town and stressing resources (water, environment, traffic, police, fire, transfer station, etc., etc.)	12/30/2020 8:39 PM
80	Recreational facilities and fields for all ages	12/30/2020 8:39 PM
81	It is of highest priority that we think and plan ahead putting money aside when necessary to pay for large needs.	12/30/2020 8:38 PM
82	Find ways to lower taxes, perhaps by making some changes to the per-pupil spending in our schools to bring them more in-line with neighboring towns.	12/30/2020 8:26 PM

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83	Maintain our highly respected education program	12/30/2020 8:21 PM
84	Fix transfer station problem.	12/30/2020 7:52 PM
85	More street lights and signals needed in Amherst.	12/30/2020 7:49 PM
86	High ratio of acreage to resident	12/30/2020 6:56 PM
87	So much waste at Amherst transfer station. Improve recycling options, reduce waste by offering more alternative like the still good shed, add composting to the transfer station	12/30/2020 6:38 PM
88	excellent schools run by excellent teachers. SAU admin with teaching experience.	12/30/2020 5:40 PM
89	It is very important that we preserve our natural wooded areas and explore building in places that have already been built upon but are standing empty.	12/30/2020 4:06 PM
90	Recreation center for classes of all kinds!	12/30/2020 3:59 PM
91	We need devices like transfer station and DPW to be more efficient	12/29/2020 4:41 PM
92	To keep student teacher ratio in classroom low	12/29/2020 1:54 PM
93	Traffic enforcement. Vehicles passing through red lights on 101A increasingly widespread. Of particular concern: 101A/122 interchange and signals near Walmart	12/29/2020 12:34 PM
94	The market price should dictate the cost of housing and land and the Town, State and Federal Go. should not be involved.	12/29/2020 9:36 AM
95	Taxes	12/29/2020 8:35 AM
96	With the amount of taxes collected in this town it absurd we have playing fields for all sports.	12/28/2020 9:08 PM
97	It is important to support wilderness-based pursuits like hunting and fishing in Amherst.	12/28/2020 5:56 PM
98	Slow development	12/28/2020 1:19 PM
99	Think it is important to maintain affordability so that people who work for the schools, town, police, fire, and seniors, etc., can afford to live here. In that regard, would like to see well thought-out townhouse developments (and not apartment complexes) that cater to the rural character and New England architecture styles prevalent in town.	12/28/2020 12:28 PM
100	Lowering the tax burden. The tax increases over the years are out of control	12/28/2020 12:21 PM
101	To cut down on police numbers. They spend too much time on traffic control. Organize a slow driving public relations effort that is ongoing, like Smokey the Bear used to be. Make slow driving a point of honor and pride for our town and then fewer cops will be necessary.	12/28/2020 10:23 AM
102	Maintain affordable tax rates for seniors so they are not forced to sell and move when retired. Consider stabilizing their tax rate and increase on their property only when sold, eg similar to "homestead exemption" but for seniors only.	12/27/2020 7:21 PM
103	Lower Taxes especially school taxes	12/27/2020 3:13 PM
104	No Agendas from the UN. We are a sovereign country and do not need the UN telling us what to do. All politics is local...lets keep it that way when planning development.	12/27/2020 8:18 AM
105	Get control of the outrageous costs of these schools and get back to basics. Encourage charter schools and stop one size fits all. Encourage trades.	12/26/2020 11:04 PM
106	Climate change is real. It is important to take steps now to address it's present and future effects. Limiting both commercial and residential development is key to preserving our forested areas which provide, among other things, essential carbon sinks. In the many years we have lived in Amherst we have witnessed a senseless destruction of forested areas and other natural habitat for the sake of development. If we are to be serious about addressing the issues that face us with climate change and maintain a habitable environment for future generations this senseless destruction must stop. When we moved to Amherst many years ago, Amherst was on a reasonable path towards accommodating both development and maintaining an ecologically sound environment. This path included, for example, minimum 2 acre zoning, single family residential development (no multi-family or high density development), and purchase of land for preservation into perpetuity. Somehow through the years the town has strayed from this path. We believe that it is important for the town to return to this path and adopt sensible development policies that prioritize addressing climate change. We owe this to ourselves and especially to future generations.	12/26/2020 11:13 AM

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107	Low taxes	12/25/2020 9:31 PM
108	The school district needs to maintain an affordable budget we can all live with, other than throwing more money at the problems.	12/25/2020 8:24 PM
109	Expand toen transfer station to accommodate increased population. Merrimack's is very efficient and the hours are suited for working families.	12/24/2020 11:58 PM
110	It is important to have a top ranked school system.	12/24/2020 7:37 PM
111	Maintain the library	12/24/2020 3:23 PM
112	Library	12/24/2020 3:14 PM
113	It's important to connect neighborhoods and businesses with bike trails and walking paths to promote community.	12/24/2020 2:05 PM
114	It is important to address over spending on the schools and other budgetary issues	12/24/2020 1:54 PM
115	Capping school taxes and/or tying them to national scores.	12/24/2020 1:34 PM
116	Make Amherst fiscally affordable for seniors.	12/24/2020 12:31 PM
117	We need to develop better athletic facilities.	12/24/2020 10:40 AM
118	Public safety in village - enforce speed limit everyday/all day, improve sidewalks, make it safer for our kids to walk to school.	12/24/2020 8:05 AM
119	Roads are unsafe with many walkers and bike riders	12/23/2020 3:04 PM
120	Lower property taxes. High ,School Taxes cannot be justified by the scholastic results.	12/23/2020 11:57 AM
121	We need a place to gather in the village to socialize and interact, such as a small restaurant or cafe	12/23/2020 11:44 AM
122	It is important to acquire and maintain natural areas in Amherst for the benefit of wildlife	12/23/2020 11:13 AM
123	lower property tax rate for seniors	12/22/2020 3:42 PM
124	It is important to provide scholastically excellent schools within Amherst.	12/22/2020 12:50 PM
125	Keep the Village "as is."	12/21/2020 11:53 PM
126	Allow a way for older people to remain in their homes. Maybe a tiered property tax system?	12/21/2020 9:35 PM
127	Reduce property taxes.	12/21/2020 8:29 PM
128	Be good neighbors: Reduce the time commuters spend driving through Amherst's portion of 101a due to traffic lights.	12/21/2020 3:16 PM
129	Partner with private landowners and related associations to develop additional hiking, biking, skiing trail and/or trail expansion opportunities.	12/21/2020 1:10 PM
130	Using town tax dollars to fix roads and school buildings currently in poor condition.	12/21/2020 1:00 PM
131	DO NOT commercialize the village!	12/21/2020 9:51 AM
132	Safe community for children- and elderly	12/21/2020 7:35 AM
133	More equitable taxation to reduce burden on Senior Citizens, veterans and residents who are responsible for maintaining private roads	12/20/2020 11:14 PM
134	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:02 PM
135	Quality of school system	12/20/2020 11:01 PM
136	Recycling	12/20/2020 11:00 PM
137	It is important to limit new developments to those areas matching the same character as those proposed to be developed	12/20/2020 8:36 PM
138	Keep plenty of open space free from any building or development.	12/20/2020 6:44 PM
139	Multimodal transportation systems to allow all citizens to travel through town on foot or bike as well as by car and to limit the speed of cars in residential areas.	12/20/2020 6:04 PM



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140	It is important to obtain and encourage more open natural space.	12/20/2020 5:50 PM
141	Keep the Tax Residents Pay At affordable levels. they seem to be spinning upward at a rate that will drive more & more residents out of Amherst. Taxes have increased 33% over the past 5 yrs . 2 to 3 times faster than inflation on an annual basis. This is unsustainable and reckless.	12/20/2020 4:49 PM
142	It is important to ensure developers are charged appropriate fees to support the infrastructure required for new developments being built by them.	12/20/2020 4:47 PM
143	reduce unnecessary tax spending on pet projects such as the bike path, which was ill conceived and only voted in due to low voter turnout ( covid related )	12/20/2020 4:23 PM
144	Amherst should invest in a proper recycling system.	12/20/2020 3:38 PM
145	An ice cream shoppe or casual restaurant/bar within biking distance from the village if not in the village itself	12/20/2020 2:32 PM
146	Keep property tax increases in-line with inflation	12/20/2020 2:30 PM
147	Schools must be better equipped physically	12/20/2020 1:53 PM
148	Get the school finances down so taxes are affordable	12/20/2020 12:50 PM
149	It is important to maintain town educational facilities and have them match the quality of education provided within them.	12/20/2020 12:44 PM
150	It is important for Amherst to provide education that will prepare our young residents for further education and life	12/20/2020 11:38 AM
151	Lower property taxes for all residents!	12/20/2020 11:21 AM
152	It is important for the town to do a better job on winter clean up.	12/20/2020 11:14 AM
153	Like to see expansion of Meeting Place plaza. Coffee shop, bakery, dry cleaners. Alternative place to 101A for basic services	12/20/2020 11:08 AM
154	Ensure preservation of the quality and reputation of the local schools.	12/20/2020 10:47 AM
155	Attract commercial investment to lower property tax burden	12/20/2020 10:38 AM
156	Keep up an amazing school system	12/20/2020 10:37 AM
157	It is important for Amherst to avoid multi-family (other than duplex) apartment complex style buildings.	12/20/2020 10:09 AM
158	Education quality and facilities	12/20/2020 10:01 AM
159	Walking/snowmobile trail	12/20/2020 10:00 AM
160	Lower property taxes for seniors so they can afford to stay in Amherst.	12/20/2020 9:50 AM
161	Sidewalks near the Middle School and High School are desperately needed. The children that live nearby walk to school and it is getting more and more dangerous for them to do so.	12/20/2020 9:44 AM
162	Quality education for children	12/20/2020 9:26 AM
163	Lower property taxes.	12/20/2020 9:09 AM
164	Stop putting all of your affordable housing/condominium developments on route 122! put them closer to the "Amherst village" and you'll be a lot smarter as to how you design them and how Many units you authorize	12/20/2020 9:03 AM
165	Low crime	12/19/2020 8:53 PM
166	Amherst town government--perhaps not unlike other small towns--has a reputation with residents as run by "insiders" who have cozy personal relationships with special interests and developers where agreements and deals are made quietly behind the scenes and questioning of those decisions/arrangements is met with hostility and limited accountability. The perception is that the town works well for those who are connected, who are part of the "in" group, but not for everyone. This feeling is more enhanced the further one lives from the village.	12/19/2020 8:45 PM
167	Taxes need to be lowered	12/19/2020 6:57 PM
168	Preserving the tranquility of Baboosic Lake	12/19/2020 6:27 PM

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169	Outdoor recreation	12/19/2020 1:23 PM
170	Slow growth so crime rate stays low	12/19/2020 12:58 PM
171	Limit historic district rules as to environmental improvements such as solar panels and new energy efficient windows, doors, roofing, etc.	12/19/2020 9:42 AM
172	It is important that Amherst maintain large tracks of land for multiple recreational use (walking, snow shoeing, biking, running, trail riding) and to maintain indigenous flora/fauna; we are witness to incredible wildlife and must continue to share the space. The newly available and maintained mt. biking trails are wonderful for bikers, trekkers, and dog walkers. The Mt. Biking community is mindful of ensuring that the trail system remains navigable and doesn't erode.	12/19/2020 9:10 AM
173	Affordable housing for seniors that are downsizing. Condos that are moderate in price, not luxury. Condo Communities for all ages, not limited by age. Could be young people trying to get into market. Families, seniors. Research shows this to be a very healthy Community for all ages helping each other out.	12/19/2020 9:00 AM
174	It is important to keep large open spaces without any construction or density	12/19/2020 8:12 AM
175	It is more important to get more businesses in town to help mitigate the tax burden here in Amherst. Since I have moved to town 10 years ago my tax burden has increased by over 20%. When does it stop increasing?	12/19/2020 8:07 AM
176	Lower taxes	12/19/2020 6:14 AM
177	Improve green/center, better grass maintenance of green, improved sidewalk, lighting and general infrastructure for pedestrians. Make a place people want to congregate let's park and Rec take over to provide more community events on the green.	12/19/2020 12:08 AM
178	Improve to nationally excellent schools.	12/18/2020 11:59 PM
179	Better schools to compete with surrounding towns and the other elite schools in this state. They are good , but can be much better. Many Amherst families send kids to private school due to lack of college preparation.	12/18/2020 10:03 PM
180	Reduce property tax	12/18/2020 8:09 PM
181	To foster educational a s cultural opportunities	12/18/2020 7:21 PM
182	Making the People of Color in our community feel welcomed, safe, as well as making Amherst more affordable and accessible to non-upper middle class white folk.	12/18/2020 7:06 PM
183	Affordable housing for people 20-30 years old that work full time. Houses are astronomical priced	12/18/2020 5:29 PM
184	I am a realtor and the property taxes in Amherst just keep going up and up, I own rental properties in Nashua and Merrimack and both towns have lowered taxes over the 7 years I have owned there but Amherst never does. I have found many properties under assessed which would allow the town to make up for some of the income they need. I feel if you look through the sales of the past year and then pull up the assessed data for each property you will see that some are so under valued. There needs to be a assessed value check, do a little research to make sure values are fair. I'll give you an example why is 6 Mack hill assessed at \$633,800 but sold for \$975,000 or right down the street 11 Manchester Rd assessed at \$800,000 when it sold for \$925,000 2 and a half years ago, plus they put a huge new barn on the property. Instead of raising the tax rate across the board these homes need to have their assessed value increased.	12/18/2020 1:00 PM
185	It is important to avoid compromising the character and values associated with Amherst, as Merrimack has done, just to attract businesses and developers that due to incentives, won't yield tax dollars for a decade.	12/18/2020 12:19 PM
186	Don't turn into Merrimack.	12/18/2020 12:12 PM
187	Sidewalks so students and walk to school and families can safely walk their babies and dos!!	12/18/2020 10:36 AM
188	Property taxes are quite high - especially for seniors. I would like to see a limit to plans & parks that would increase our costs. Our roads, other than immediately in town, need serious repair and we do not want to add any more expensive to maintain facilities, when our roads & bridges are in need.	12/18/2020 10:32 AM

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189	Lower school taxes.	12/18/2020 10:09 AM
190	Control taxes	12/18/2020 8:13 AM
191	It is important that commercial or housing outside of single family models be positioned on the 101 or 101A corridors where roads can handle traffic and you do not lose the historic value of Amherst.	12/17/2020 6:53 PM
192	It is important to quit treating folks who live in S Amherst, particularly those near 101A as second class citizens beheld to commercial development	12/17/2020 5:00 PM
193	Retrofit 101A corridor to make it bike and walk friendly. Create passages for cars between developments so you don't have to get back onto 101A	12/17/2020 3:44 PM
194	It continues to remain equally important to support and "protect" (through adequate funding) our Amherst Police, & Fire Departments as well as EMS First Responders - both personnel and facilities/training.	12/17/2020 2:44 PM
195	be aware of property taxes as they increase and burden seniors on limited income when adding low income housing with children which impact schools	12/17/2020 2:21 PM
196	Residential and commercial density, rather than sprawl. Coupled with larger tracts of natural multi use (hike, bike, equestrian, hunt, etc)	12/17/2020 12:20 PM
197	Encourage small businesses via grants or loans to find affordable leasing options near the town green for optimal business success. i.e. coffee shop, bakery, etc.	12/17/2020 10:39 AM
198	I do not want to see tons of apartments or condos in Amherst	12/17/2020 8:38 AM
199	Roads need to be safer for biking such as making walk-ways and wider shoulders. Also, paved bike trails away from traffic would benefit many citizens.	12/17/2020 6:54 AM
200	Since we cannot stop new housing, we need to do something to develop alternative routes to Boston Post Road so that the town doesn't end up being cut in half. I live by the traffic light and it is often already difficult for me to get out of my driveway. Paving Thornton Ferry I would help. Educating residents about alternative routes would be key.	12/17/2020 6:31 AM
201	Keep the cost of school taxes down. If that can't be done pro-rate the taxes for Senior Citizens so that they don't pay school taxes after 75 years of age if they have lived here for 15 years or more.	12/16/2020 4:02 PM
202	Control tax increases.	12/16/2020 3:15 PM
203	Restrictions on all the clear view water sources and housing to be built	12/16/2020 3:11 PM
204	Limit traffic and congestion within the historic district and school locations	12/16/2020 3:01 PM
205	freeze property taxes	12/16/2020 2:54 PM
206	Increase the tax base with light commercial industry and give the homeowner a reduced tax rate.	12/16/2020 2:33 PM
207	There is less commerce than ever in the village. We should remedy this.	12/16/2020 1:28 PM
208	It is important to spread out the tax base	12/16/2020 12:56 PM
209	It is important to work with adjacent towns to improve the traffic flow on 101A. More people would want to live&work here if it wasn't so incredibly annoying to travel 101A. The lights should be synchronized (not set as trip lights) to maintain flow and to avoid the very real and very often cases where you hit EVERY SINGLE LIGHT as you travel back and forth to Rt 3.	12/16/2020 11:09 AM
210	Senior citizen services including help services, activities, and meeting location.	12/16/2020 10:28 AM
211	It is important to me that we don't try to turn Amherst into a version of another town. We have maintained the character of Amherst while surrounding towns have not. I don't like the sentiment that we "need" to conform to be more like other towns.	12/16/2020 10:23 AM
212	No bikes on Baboosic Lake Rd for safety reasons! There is no visibility up and down hills and around corners! If you build specific places for bikes and walkers then signs on Baboosic Lake Rd should forbid such activities.	12/16/2020 9:03 AM
213	Maintain the many scenic routes in Amherst.	12/16/2020 8:46 AM
214	Expand natural gas infrastructure. It is vital to lowering residential and business energy costs.	12/15/2020 6:51 PM

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	Natural gas is 1/3 the cost of electricity, 1/2 the cost of propane and heating oil.	
215	Maintain an affordable level of taxes by not adding even more public projects.	12/15/2020 6:23 PM
216	Lower the cost of the schools which have gotten very expensive without the educational return we envisioned when moved here. Take some of that money and improve roads which are in horrible shape.	12/15/2020 6:09 PM
217	Provide opportunities for recycling.	12/15/2020 5:31 PM
218	These questions must be considered relative to the development of southern NH and Amherst's place in southern NH.	12/15/2020 4:10 PM
219	The town has limited financial resources, so public health and safety come first (police, fire, rescue and Public Works for roads all seasons. All other Town activities....including education are secondary	12/15/2020 3:58 PM
220	maintain and add to nature preserves such as Joe English	12/15/2020 3:27 PM
221	Costs are way too high for senior citizens! A tax break would be wonderful! Stop spending funds on biking paths and other frivolous agendas that most residents don't want!	12/15/2020 3:06 PM
222	Important to work with schools to make changes affordable over time without huge impacts.	12/15/2020 3:00 PM
223	Diversity of businesses in Amherst, we dont need another Dunks or more big box stores.	12/15/2020 11:28 AM
224	Continue to engourge commercial development on 101A and support existing businesses that have been approved in other areas	12/15/2020 10:36 AM
225	It is important that Amherst find ways to reduce/control the tax rate as part of keeping Amherst affordable.	12/15/2020 9:46 AM
226	It is important to avoid social engineering in planning regulations. The market should determine how development occurs. If people don't want large, 2 acre lot homes, they won't sell, but it isn't right for a small group of people to impose their agendas on the town as a whole.	12/15/2020 9:35 AM
227	Do not mandate low income housing and push those problems on the taxpayers. People who can and want to live here will and will take pride in the great town Amherst is. Forced diversity will ruin this town.	12/15/2020 8:33 AM
228	Lower Taxes	12/15/2020 7:37 AM
229	It's important to lower taxes	12/15/2020 2:28 AM
230	Better cellular coverage, esp in the town center.	12/14/2020 11:05 PM
231	Stability of tax increases. The burden is becoming excessive on the homeowners.	12/14/2020 10:26 PM
232	maintaining the roads	12/14/2020 7:58 PM
233	Affordable housing is not a priority.	12/14/2020 7:35 PM
234	continue to obtain and maintain conservation properties.	12/14/2020 6:46 PM
235	Allow restaurants in the village. Not chain but classy, upscale restaurants	12/14/2020 6:42 PM
236	Quality schools are essential! We must support them.	12/14/2020 6:19 PM
237	Stop development projects	12/14/2020 5:26 PM
238	Keep school improvements in proportion to the school population. Needs vs wants. I'm retired and have fixed income, the proposed 100 million \$ spending is not realistic. Prop. taxes will drive elders out of town.	12/14/2020 5:02 PM
239	Bike path from SHS to center of town WAY more important than the one to Milford, on a road that is already wide. Waste of \$\$\$\$\$	12/14/2020 4:13 PM
240	Make developers in Amherst pay their fair share of impact fees.	12/14/2020 3:33 PM
241	Availability of Primary Care Physicians, Specialists and Dental within Amherst	12/14/2020 3:20 PM
242	Don't encroach on our hiking trails and forests.	12/14/2020 2:40 PM
243	It is important to continue to provide a high quality, cost-effective education for our community's children.	12/14/2020 2:33 PM

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244	Making public land and trails accessible from all neighborhoods	12/14/2020 2:18 PM
245	More affordable housing so our young people can stay in town as well as our employees can live in Amherst.	12/14/2020 2:11 PM
246	Maintain roadways and wider shoulders	12/14/2020 2:08 PM
247	Allow smaller homes to be built for people who want to stay in Amherst but do not want to maintain a large home	12/14/2020 1:36 PM
248	It's important for Amherst to plan ahead, especially in consideration of technology and transportation needs.	12/14/2020 1:23 PM
249	Eliminate random gun discharge and target practice in any areas surrounding, approximate to and adjacent to residential areas, homes and businesses though zoning restrictions or any other means!!!	12/14/2020 1:00 PM
250	Limit large commercial vehicles on residential streets... making some streets one-way would limit those by-passing NH101A	12/14/2020 12:55 PM
251	Reduce Taxes immediately	12/14/2020 12:39 PM
252	Mixed use neighborhoods would be attractive as people age, and don't want to go to a senior citizen retirement home. Having neighbors, places to walk, pick up a library book and maybe even shop close by would be ideal.	12/14/2020 11:35 AM
253	It is important to keep land open for hiking, mountain biking etc.	12/14/2020 11:16 AM
254	Keep green spaces intact and existing trees standing... This is most important to me. It's crucial for our mental health, as well as the health of the planet. The trails in conservation areas around Amherst are a big attraction for visitors and especially to me!	12/14/2020 11:16 AM
255	Fixed income residents who have raised families here in Amherst should not have to leave Amherst in retirement. A tax model should take this into consideration.	12/14/2020 11:10 AM
256	Lower Taxes (specifically Real Estate)	12/14/2020 10:06 AM
257	Encourage business development. Having lost the revenue from FW Webb in a non-residential area of Amherst is viewed as a mistake. There is property to be developed by business in the non-residential area. This would assist in lowering the ever increase taxes imposed on homeowners. Have you noticed once kids graduate people flock out of Amherst because they just can't afford to live here any longer.	12/14/2020 10:03 AM
258	No extreme construction projects- would clog amhersts roads	12/14/2020 10:02 AM
259	Housing density and increased traffic dramatically decrease the rural appeal of Amherst. A drive down 122 south of 101a with the new housing developments is a good example of how to kill the rural feel. I don't want Amherst to look like suburbia. I moved here to get away from dense housing and thought the 2 acre minimum lot size would stop that from happening.	12/14/2020 9:54 AM
260	Control developments through ordinances so that they fit the character of the town. Many very appealing towns have been reduced in their appeal because of tasteless, mass developments and businesses that can build anything they like. Mike's auto is an inspiration and looking to areas like Nantucket, Goffstown's downtown, Martha's Vineyard, coastal towns in Maine etc there is a model for how businesses can thrive but not diminish the character of a place.	12/14/2020 9:48 AM
261	No high density housing in Amherst	12/14/2020 9:07 AM
262	It is important to stem the growth (commercial and residential) in southern Amherst so that Amherst does not become two "different" towns, one south and one north. This reduces unity among the community.	12/14/2020 7:56 AM
263	It is important to modernize the processing of all town business.	12/14/2020 7:09 AM
264	Increase experience-based economy: cycling/ski touring - B&Bs, Vacation rentals, add a gastro-pub, bike & ski shops, training in and around the trails and downtown/village	12/13/2020 10:18 PM
265	Please help Veterans	12/13/2020 9:28 PM
266	need more walkways for shopping	12/13/2020 9:04 PM
267	Maintain an excellent school system which attracts talented professionals. This includes making the needed updates to the buildings.	12/13/2020 8:51 PM

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268	Prevent large developments of multi-family housing. (more than 4 families)	12/13/2020 8:30 PM
269	It's important to have viable options in internet options for residents to not be subject to higher telecom rates.	12/13/2020 7:12 PM
270	Schools need to have ample space as well as adequate and functioning facilities to support a variety of learning formats including indoor and outdoor activities.	12/13/2020 7:03 PM
271	Stop all forms of fireworks, as they do not maintain the rural character and feeling of Amherst. They scare the animals away (significant drop in wildlife, especially the past 5 years). In addition, fireworks are being done even when there are very dry conditions, which cause forest fires and destroy homes and businesses. Fireworks are being done at all hours of the night, which is interfering with residents being able to enjoy the tranquility and peace in their homes, and they are also losing sleep because of the fireworks. Fireworks are totally unnecessary, unsafe, and a nuisance that is increasing. Many cities in New Hampshire are banning fireworks. Amherst needs to join those cities and STOP all forms of fireworks.	12/13/2020 7:03 PM
272	Maintain the character of the historic district	12/13/2020 6:44 PM
273	roads, like old milford road, which haven't been repaved or maintained since 1985 need to be addressed and repaved asap for both safety and presentation, especially with the high taxes we pay in this state compared to other towns	12/13/2020 6:11 PM
274	Increase diversity of the demographic. Amherst is so homogeneous the children suffer from lack of diversity.	12/13/2020 4:35 PM
275	Enforce traffic laws in residential areas	12/13/2020 2:25 PM
276	Maintaining and improving school facilities with an eye on long-term educational effectiveness, long-term financial value, and big-picture/long-term environmental stewardship.	12/13/2020 2:16 PM
277	We do not need new schools. Just maintain.	12/13/2020 1:10 PM
278	Stability of taxes. We pay very high taxes without any services. Essentially all we have is police, fire, road & parks. We have no public water, no sewer, no utility services, etc- yet I pay \$900 a month in taxes & they increase every year - seems excessive for what we receive in services.	12/13/2020 12:57 PM
279	Have reduced tax requirements for seniors, perhaps on a 'needs' basis.	12/13/2020 12:50 PM
280	Eliminate favorable developer advantages for denser building.	12/13/2020 12:45 PM
281	Limit additional development along Route 101A	12/13/2020 12:37 PM
282	Stop major "cookie cutter" subdivisions	12/13/2020 11:22 AM
283	Affordable housing or starter homes for young families with school aged children.	12/13/2020 10:44 AM
284	Sidewalks/ crosswalks by schools	12/13/2020 10:16 AM
285	Very controlled growth.	12/13/2020 9:47 AM
286	It is important to encourage development of small businesses.	12/13/2020 9:26 AM
287	It is important to not over extend our groundwater	12/13/2020 9:17 AM
288	It is important to lower taxes / stop increasing taxes so residents can afford to live here for many years including retirement	12/13/2020 8:56 AM
289	We moved here because we like it the way it is. No major changes please	12/13/2020 8:13 AM
290	Lower property taxes	12/12/2020 9:18 PM
291	Need to make Amherst a showcase for controlling carbon footprint. Put a municipal solar panel farm on the hill at the transfer station. This will save energy AND serve as an example of what every resident should be doing!	12/12/2020 8:43 PM
292	I wish for Amherst to remain a rural small town bedroom community , with mostly single family homes, with as much of the wooded environment preserved as possible.	12/12/2020 8:25 PM
293	Preserve the small town feel of gatherings in the center of town	12/12/2020 8:11 PM
294	Implement solar panel "farm" on town owned property at transfer station and other public	12/12/2020 7:59 PM

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	facilities (ie. schools)	
295	Reduce property taxes.	12/12/2020 7:34 PM
296	Please keep and treat well the wonderful people that manage the Town Offices, Police and Fire stations. They have steadfastly kept great attitudes thru these times. THX	12/12/2020 7:19 PM
297	What happened to the Amherst St. repaving/bike/walking lane scheduled for 2020.	12/12/2020 6:58 PM
298	Keep taxes from rising.	12/12/2020 6:53 PM
299	High density housing leads to crime. I moved to Amherst 30 years ago because it was upper middle class, and I want to keep it that way. Don't make Amherst into Lowell or Lawrence.	12/12/2020 6:03 PM
300	We need more commercial so the residents are not getting hit with such high property taxes.	12/12/2020 5:43 PM
301	Stop allowing high density developments, we have too many already. Rt 122 has become an eyesore.	12/12/2020 5:28 PM
302	We need to increase racial diversity in our town - bet it is 95% white!	12/12/2020 5:21 PM
303	Public Ice Rink	12/12/2020 5:02 PM
304	It is critical to keep pedestrians and cyclist off major roads and hiways but to provide access to these functions in/on less traveled and wooded venues	12/12/2020 3:12 PM
305	Internet service provider competition	12/12/2020 1:52 PM
306	It is important to get control over property taxes so we don't price retirees and young adults out of their ability to live here.	12/12/2020 1:23 PM
307	School district / educational quality.	12/12/2020 1:10 PM
308	high quality education system	12/12/2020 12:11 PM
309	Taxes are out the window.Average people cannot live in Amherst without a constant worry about paying their taxes. I am 83 yrs old have 5 rooms and pay 9,000.00 in taes a year Don't get any benefits except the privelege of living in Amherst.Lived in Mass lge hse. taxes less and got a tax break without any contingencies.	12/12/2020 12:02 PM
310	Expand utilities infrastructure to support public fuel, water and SEWER options. (e.g. natural gas, continued water line expansion, and waste water tie ins)	12/12/2020 10:52 AM
311	Maintain rural parts of Amherst for the enjoyment of all who seek to enjoy hiking, biking, and walking. This includes trails and parks.	12/12/2020 9:55 AM
312	Continue conservation land acquisitions.	12/12/2020 7:32 AM
313	Amherst is not a city, changing the landscape is completely wrong. I moved from Nashua to Amherst to have a more quiet place to raise my kids. There are plenty lovely places in New Hampshire that have multi dwelling housing. Close by is Merrimack and Milford where both of those towns have plenty of condos and apartments. There is also Nashua, Manchester, Hudson, etc. They are all nice, safe communities. If Amherst continues down this road there is no reason for families to move here. You can't please all of people all of the time.	12/12/2020 12:23 AM
314	BUILD MORE ONE LEVEL HOMES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES - SMALL RANCH HOMES WITH ATTACHED 2 CAR GARAGE - NOT CONDOS WITH HOAs	12/11/2020 9:57 PM
315	Purchase additional land to conserve forest and open space for recreational use.	12/11/2020 8:03 PM
316	We need to be able to walk on sidewalks nears the middle and high school for safety.	12/11/2020 7:17 PM
317	Limit our tax burden. Our taxes have increased substantially since moving to town 8 years ago	12/11/2020 6:56 PM
318	preserve water quality	12/11/2020 5:54 PM
319	More and better winter and indoor recreational facilities.	12/11/2020 4:13 PM
320	important to preserve more conservation land and limit development on current forests and green spaces within town line	12/11/2020 3:29 PM
321	Would like to see more commercial zoning opportunities for shops. Better signage on 101, so we can see what businesses are available. It's too hard to know what businesses are in Amherst if they aren't on 101A.	12/11/2020 3:26 PM

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322	It is imperative to encourage housing for all racial identities. Suburbs, like Amherst, have a long history of excluding minorities, particularly African Americans. Amherst must do everything in its power to make this town accessible and affordable to these communities who have previously been intentionally excluded.	12/11/2020 2:38 PM
323	Preserve and increase farming areas, especially because there is a foreseeable famine, and we need to develop our own food sources.	12/11/2020 1:54 PM
324	We pay outrageous taxes for very limited services here. Most of the money goes to schools which have lower enrollment and are high cost. We have lived here for many years and have paid for 3 schools. Elderly should have a tax cap at 65 like many other communities.	12/10/2020 3:51 PM
325	New elementary schools	12/10/2020 5:20 AM
326	Increase diversity of residents	12/9/2020 8:18 PM
327	Need lower property/school taxes. But we need new school buildings. We have to attract new and more businesses to increase the tax payer base to comfortably afford new schools, infrastructure and conservation properties.	12/9/2020 2:06 PM
328	Provide additional recreational areas such as playgrounds, and sport courts also outside of the village	12/9/2020 10:32 AM
329	It is important to update the older school buildings (Clark and Wilkins) so that they are safe for children and staff members and provide enough space for current enrollment.	12/9/2020 6:16 AM
330	School infrastructure	12/8/2020 8:55 PM
331	We would like to see some one floor living made available for retirement age people that is affordable but has room for family to stay when they come home to visit. . It's hard to find a home in Amherst with a first floor master bedroom as we think ahead to our older years.	12/8/2020 10:39 AM
332	School infrastructure- fix, expand, do the needful.	12/8/2020 7:53 AM
333	Important to maintain/improve school buildings and have beneficial and attractive class sizes.	12/8/2020 7:31 AM
334	Modern, safe school buildings	12/8/2020 5:36 AM
335	Updated school infrastructure	12/7/2020 11:52 PM
336	Safe school infrastructure	12/7/2020 11:17 PM
337	Update school buildings and facilities.	12/7/2020 10:47 PM
338	Improved school facilities.	12/7/2020 9:52 PM
339	School buildings	12/7/2020 9:39 PM
340	It is important for Amherst to have school facilities that aren't too small for our population, have adequate class sizes, and aren't falling apart.	12/7/2020 9:17 PM
341	Keep town parks and land relatively undeveloped and wild.	12/7/2020 8:41 PM
342	It is important to maintain a high quality public school system. (I'm shocked that schools weren't in this question, honestly)	12/7/2020 7:52 PM
343	Better road maintenance; pot holes, cracks, frost heaves	12/7/2020 7:38 PM
344	Maintain and support the schools.	12/7/2020 5:59 PM
345	We need to upgrade our school buildings, or build new where applicable. Our buildings and systems are outdated and do not function well. It is having a detrimental effect on the kids and their ability to get a quality education!	12/7/2020 2:41 PM
346	Public school buildings	12/7/2020 1:53 PM
347	Updating the outdated elementary and middle school buildings.	12/7/2020 12:14 PM
348	Improve school infrastructure	12/7/2020 9:53 AM
349	Reduce school taxes.	12/6/2020 11:02 PM
350	Small class sizes	12/6/2020 10:53 PM
351	It is important to secure and protect conservation land.	12/6/2020 10:18 PM



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352	Attention to the school buildings structure and function	12/6/2020 9:52 PM
353	A few more family owned businesses, maybe a restaurant	12/6/2020 9:26 PM
354	It is important to protect and conserve Amherst open space.	12/6/2020 9:24 PM
355	City sewer	12/6/2020 9:22 PM
356	School facilities are outdated and very, very old.	12/6/2020 9:13 PM
357	It is important for Amherst to provide appropriate school facilities.	12/6/2020 9:09 PM
358	Ensure that residents do not have to leave Amherst due to cost of Taxes. Currently our taxes are due to cost more than our mortgage.	12/6/2020 8:11 PM
359	Upgrading our public school facilities.	12/6/2020 6:30 PM
360	Maintain great schools	11/27/2020 9:56 PM
361	Limit thru trucking thru the village	11/27/2020 10:54 AM
362	This could state "tell us what that priority is" just to reiterate the subject	11/24/2020 6:18 PM

## Q8 If you ranked Other 'B', tell us what it is.

Answered: 152 Skipped: 1,663

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Services to residents, to TAX Payers! They are virtually none, school , inferior education results suck ALL money out if budget! 80% Of tax payers providing for 20% of families with children! Many of 80% are seniors AND or have children in College!	1/19/2021 7:09 AM
2	I would recommend transforming Village to reflect more of its historic roots as a transportation corridor and provide more shops and neighborhood non franchise restaurants keeping within historical style and guidelines.	1/17/2021 12:12 PM
3	More residential public water	1/15/2021 6:21 PM
4	On my street, power goes down "every" time there is a slice change of weather in the winter. Put electric cables underground.	1/15/2021 2:24 PM
5	Strong Science and Math education. Student tests scores should rank our schools high within our state.	1/12/2021 5:52 AM
6	Proactive Senior services	1/9/2021 12:09 AM
7	Work on lowering the school budget, lots of unnecessary expenses	1/8/2021 5:54 PM
8	Preservation of roadside woods	1/8/2021 2:22 PM
9	Caring for and maintaining the roads in town	1/5/2021 6:21 PM
10	Identify the types of businesses that fit the town's plan and encourage them to come to Amherst to help offset the extraordinarily high property taxes instead of the all or nothing approach that seems to permeate these discussions.	1/5/2021 2:27 PM
11	It is important for the Amherst Police Department to control speeding in the Village.	1/5/2021 1:25 PM
12	It is important for Amherst to continue to be an educational leader, both in terms of educational content, and facilities for extra curricular and sports activities.	1/5/2021 1:11 PM
13	Establish a safe and usable infrastructure to connect Salzburg Square to the Post Office Square and town via foot/bike - pedestrian bridges, rail trail, sidewalks, right of ways...	1/5/2021 9:43 AM
14	Great schools	1/5/2021 8:01 AM
15	Taxes need to be affordable or it will drive people out	1/5/2021 7:19 AM
16	Maintain feeling of a safe community	1/5/2021 7:02 AM
17	Life outside of the village in Amherst is not worth the exhorberant taxes one needs to pay to live here. It's really a joke you figure out as your family grows.	1/5/2021 6:43 AM
18	Protect Village Historical	1/5/2021 6:42 AM
19	Body Camera's for Police	1/4/2021 6:52 PM
20	The character of Amherst should remain as is. Consequently, many of the potential services listed above will not be needed. Furthermore, any new services should be created based on private free market demand, not by way of Town mandates. Please also see previous comments regarding AFFH.	1/4/2021 2:50 PM
21	Maintain community lifestyle with ongoing efforts to bring residents together	1/3/2021 7:50 PM
22	It is important to include preparedness information and volunteer opportunities regarding preparedness within our community. Preparedness for all manner of disaster should be core to Amherst culture.	1/3/2021 11:48 AM
23	Redesign traffic pattern and stops at the dump, so it is less chaotic	1/2/2021 2:40 PM
24	DO NOT BUILD ANY FURTHER MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING. The town is for established families, and hardworking Americans. Nashua, Milford, Manchester provide endless opportunities for people seeking multi family housing.	1/1/2021 9:21 PM
25	Amherst should not be changed to accommodate all income levels, if you can't afford to live here don't.	1/1/2021 9:13 PM
26	Stop prioritizing silly causes that do nothing to help our community like bike lanes on roadways and worrying about reducing our carbon footprint.	1/1/2021 8:04 PM

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27	Provide incentives for mid/large size businesses to occupy Amherst St.	1/1/2021 7:39 AM
28	Cohesive development of Salzburg Sq. So much potential.	12/31/2020 7:05 AM
29	No BIG Tax hikes	12/31/2020 12:50 AM
30	Reduce property tax by lobbying for other tax revenue including business tax and/or income tax	12/30/2020 10:22 PM
31	Sidewalks	12/30/2020 10:14 PM
32	Sidewalks!	12/30/2020 3:59 PM
33	We need to lower taxes that go to schools and make this town affordable for retirees	12/29/2020 4:41 PM
34	Transfer station hours and traffic flow. Transfer station is frequently backed up, with traffic overflowing onto 101. Vehicles trying to turn left into transfer station sit in "suicide lane" waiting for opportunity to enter an already overpacked transfer station, with high-speed traffic passing in both directions. This creates a potentially very dangerous situation	12/29/2020 12:34 PM
35	It is import to keep taxes at the lowest level thereby making living in Amherst more affordable for all.	12/29/2020 9:36 AM
36	Roads	12/29/2020 8:35 AM
37	It is important to preserve the "live free or die" nature of New Hampshire, for example being firearm-friendly, fireworks, etc.	12/28/2020 5:56 PM
38	A long-term plan to bury electric, phone, and cable wires throughout town to lessen outages caused by storms, falling trees.	12/28/2020 12:28 PM
39	Do not allow any commercial development in theVillage Historical District area. And change the designation of Moulton's from a grocery to a restaurant, which is how it functions. No liquor license availability.	12/28/2020 10:23 AM
40	Increase police enforcement of traffic laws especially speeding	12/27/2020 3:13 PM
41	Tell the truth about crime and drug issues in town. We have serious drug issues and abuse of animals.	12/26/2020 11:04 PM
42	The town should take steps to reduce its carbon footprint. For example, the town should consider utilizing vehicles that do not burn fossil fuels. Other measures may include expanding the town's recycling efforts at the town's transfer station.	12/26/2020 11:13 AM
43	Less urban people and Hispanics	12/25/2020 9:31 PM
44	Keep the schools budget in check!	12/24/2020 3:23 PM
45	Housing and commercial density is fine PROVIDED it is managed to reinforce and advance the rural, historic and communal character of this active community.	12/24/2020 2:05 PM
46	Improve beautification of Village Green - consider having rec department manage. Including trimming of trees, lawn maintenance (like our beautiful playing fields), lighting.	12/24/2020 8:05 AM
47	We need to sustain small business activity in the village and foster a sense of multi-use activity in LIMITED areas with a balance of (primarily) residential and (limited) non-residential uses.	12/23/2020 11:44 AM
48	Lower school tax rate for seniors	12/22/2020 3:42 PM
49	It is important to provide excellent policing in Amherst.	12/22/2020 12:50 PM
50	Preserve more land and open spaces.	12/21/2020 11:53 PM
51	Previously voted in bike path on a dangerous stretch of road....unnecessary and not a financial priority for this town at this time.	12/21/2020 1:00 PM
52	Keeping taxes reasonably low	12/21/2020 7:35 AM
53	Combined Senior Center and Community Center with enrichment and recreational programs for all ages especially the underserved senior population	12/20/2020 11:14 PM
54	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:02 PM
55	It is important to reserve awarding developers additional building credits above zoning laws to	12/20/2020 8:36 PM

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	areas that can be easily handle the additional stresses that these awards create.	
56	Work towards reducing tax burden on citizens	12/20/2020 6:44 PM
57	maintain high Quality Education for The children of Amherst	12/20/2020 4:49 PM
58	It is important to maintain open space for wildlife that currently exists in Amherst.	12/20/2020 4:47 PM
59	eliminate future dense developments., eliminate/deny multifamily development.	12/20/2020 4:23 PM
60	More organized activities at the village green like a farmers market or art fair as well as rec dept activities like yoga on the green or dancing under the stars ie line dancing lessons. Or Zumba - I also think a Halloween parade would be a fun addition to Halloween night. How about a carnival set up at Spaulding fields or at the firehouse parking lot Labor Day weekend to raise money for the firehouse or rec dept?	12/20/2020 2:32 PM
61	It's important not to change Amherst. We bought a house here for a reason. If we wanted to live like Merrimack we would have bought there. No new housing.	12/20/2020 1:53 PM
62	It is important for Amherst to minimize tax increases	12/20/2020 11:38 AM
63	Maintain roads	12/20/2020 11:21 AM
64	It is important for the town to start taking care of the veteran and disabled community.	12/20/2020 11:14 AM
65	Smart light in front of Meeting Place plaza. It is dangerous taking a left out of there.	12/20/2020 11:08 AM
66	Stay progressive to attract professionals and give an alternative town to move to other than Hollis or Bedford.	12/20/2020 10:38 AM
67	It is important to allow multi-generational single family living arrangements even if the same arrangement would not be allowed as a multi-family arrangement.	12/20/2020 10:09 AM
68	Multi story affordable starter apartments for young families	12/20/2020 9:26 AM
69	Stop purchasing golf courses, just maintain the parks we have in good order. (and enlarge transfer station capacity)	12/20/2020 9:09 AM
70	It should be a requirement that all planning board members own real estate in the town of Amherst as it will cause a different perspective in their decision making processes	12/20/2020 9:03 AM
71	Excellent education	12/19/2020 8:53 PM
72	Bike and walking paths well off the main roads. The first one should be from the area of the library to the High School and the Middle School. Next to the Elementary Schools.	12/19/2020 9:42 AM
73	Amherst's greatest value and attraction remains that it offers a safe and charming lifestyle environment. It is a literal / live "Snow Village." Affordable housing, senior living, and commercial development should be restricted to the multi-zoned corridors of rtes. 101a and 101 so that all residents Jr. & Sr. can enjoy it's historic aesthetic and forested parks and trailways. We have plenty of fields and parks for children within and outside of the school system; additional forests do not need to be razed to further accommodate youth or commercial needs. It would be lovely to have more civic and cultural services within unused commercial spaces.	12/19/2020 9:10 AM
74	When planning denser populations as in the condo setting, offsetting by having trails and open space surrounding.	12/19/2020 9:00 AM
75	It is important not to destroy open areas like old farms and plots	12/19/2020 8:12 AM
76	What ever happened to the sewer feasibility study that was going to take place? What was the outcome of that? This was suppose to help drive more businesses to town if it became a reality?	12/19/2020 8:07 AM
77	Let people build on their property. Stop allowing others to control that	12/19/2020 6:14 AM
78	Lower traffic through center by offering alternative routes. Limit truck size, air brakes and other noise. Antique homes are crumbling due to high traffic, noise and rumbling trucks shaking foundations.	12/19/2020 12:08 AM
79	No rental properties like large apartment complexes or multi housing complex. Some form of nicely done mixed use that blends into our character placed in more commercial or accessible	12/18/2020 10:03 PM

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areas. Don't grow too fast. Conserve what we have. Grow organically and with purpose about saving quality of life in our community.

80	To develop a strong collaboration across our schools as town.	12/18/2020 7:21 PM
81	The area south of 101A is now an industrial area. It is actually an extremely important (to the entire state) aquifer. What parts of this area not presently developed should never be developed!	12/17/2020 5:00 PM
82	Create spatial opportunities for small businesses to operate either in residential properties near the green or build a small business complex for young owners to bring a new wave of commerce into Amherst's vital community. Codes and guidelines could be enforced to keep the integrity of our small town quaintness.	12/17/2020 10:39 AM
83	we do some commercial business around here but to keep it in the area we have not to let it be just anywhere	12/17/2020 8:38 AM
84	Eliminate "right on red" for intersection of Boston Post Road and Amherst Street, aka, Coffin Corner. "Right on red" makes it unsafe for pedestrians to cross. Also, since this is not a 90 turn, the drivers cannot see the oncoming traffic, resulting in frequent accidents. Plus for me, they can't see that I am trying to get in and out of my driveway.	12/17/2020 6:31 AM
85	Stop building density housing in an area 2 1/2 miles in circumference from the center of the village ie. don't ruin the village.	12/16/2020 4:02 PM
86	It is important to reduce the tax burden based on a very high dollar per student ratio	12/16/2020 12:56 PM
87	There has been a lot of discussion regarding the affordability of Amherst. There has always been and will always be different levels of affordability between towns in NH. This holds true in neighborhoods as well. Inclusiveness is wonderful, but trying too hard to make everything accessible to everybody is not realistic nor is it fair to those who purchased in Amherst for the exclusivity it offers.	12/16/2020 10:23 AM
88	Keep property taxes low so seniors can afford to live in their homes!	12/16/2020 9:03 AM
89	Encourage through zoning denser housing.	12/15/2020 6:51 PM
90	Encourage small businesses as much as big businesses – companies like Walmart should not be getting any special breaks to locate in our town, and small businesses should be encouraged.	12/15/2020 6:23 PM
91	Property taxes have gone crazy since we have been here and Amherst hasn't been able to get enough businesses to move here to lower the home owner taxes especially for older residents. Why do Salsburg Square and the Meeting House developments remain so empty for years?	12/15/2020 6:09 PM
92	Continue to provide quality education.	12/15/2020 5:31 PM
93	Education is important but requires "frugality" so old folks like me can continue to live in Town and not be forced out by rising Property Taxes	12/15/2020 3:58 PM
94	allow more restaurants and also a couple convenience stores	12/15/2020 3:27 PM
95	Reuse of existing commercial property, do not just create another eyesore, redevelop existing ones.	12/15/2020 11:28 AM
96	Reject the County Road massive development plan, it will put too much burden on the schools, roads and the current residents. It will become Massachusetts central that none of us want.	12/15/2020 8:33 AM
97	Get rid of School Union, one School District.	12/15/2020 7:37 AM
98	It's important to manage the town well and not use public office to over-regulate the private sector thereby increasing the red tape and cost of business and living in this town	12/15/2020 2:28 AM
99	Smart commercial development in appropriate areas to help spread tax burden	12/14/2020 10:26 PM
100	maintaining the quality of the schools	12/14/2020 7:58 PM
101	Multi family housing should not be built north of 101a	12/14/2020 7:35 PM
102	Preserve wildlife	12/14/2020 5:26 PM
103	Preserve in perpetuity farm land . Where's land conservation? Protect our wildlife, a reason for living here.	12/14/2020 5:02 PM

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104	Other aspects of addressing sustainability in addition to water resources and carbon footprint (such as supporting local sourcing, conservation of wildlife and other natural resources, etc.) are also of the highest priority.	12/14/2020 2:33 PM
105	Do not infringe on wildlife	12/14/2020 2:08 PM
106	Create homes for younger families that have access to amenities such as open space. Younger buyers do not want to maintain a large yard but wan to live in a great community like Amherst.	12/14/2020 1:36 PM
107	Spending Cap for schools and Town. One year with a tax reduction to start. Taxes tied to realEstate values.	12/14/2020 12:39 PM
108	I don't feel that every town needs to have every type of housing. Cookie cutter developments and high density housing spoil the historical and rural character of the town.	12/14/2020 11:16 AM
109	Do NOT permit the housing proposal on County Road to go forward. Shame on the Board if those homes are permitted to be built.	12/14/2020 11:10 AM
110	Keeping our taxes down! As I approach retirement age, and having a husband who is already there, we can't afford to have tax increases. Increased taxes will force us to sell our home when our kids graduate.	12/14/2020 10:03 AM
111	Affordable housing for individuals as opposed to families	12/14/2020 10:02 AM
112	Maintaining Amherst's excellent schools by retaining great teachers and providing valuable services for all children.	12/14/2020 9:48 AM
113	Make Amherst a destination by encouraging new businesses in and around the center of town. Sometimes letting go of our past can help shape our future.	12/13/2020 10:18 PM
114	Please modernize our school buildings	12/13/2020 9:28 PM
115	Would love to see shops in the town square	12/13/2020 9:04 PM
116	Expand town land by buying appropriate land for recreation use. For example, the Spring Road property should it ever be offered again	12/13/2020 8:30 PM
117	It is important to bring community friendly companies into Amherst to help the corporate tax rate and reduce the burden to residential tax payers.	12/13/2020 7:12 PM
118	The town needs to have thoughtful and forward thinking maintenance plans for the schools to maintain the quality of the environments and protect the investment of the taxpayers.	12/13/2020 7:03 PM
119	Stop all forms of shooting, again, they do not maintain the rural character and feeling of Amherst. They scare the animals away (significant drop in wildlife, especially the past 5 years). Safety is not being observed. Safety is not being maintained. And there is no need to shoot on one's property. There are several shooting ranges in the area. More and more cities in New Hampshire are banning shooting. Amherst needs to join those cities and STOP all forms of shooting.	12/13/2020 7:03 PM
120	Cut waste, especially recycling plastics not as available as before - ban sale of plastic bags - this is the future, our town should be the leaders.	12/13/2020 4:35 PM
121	Provide senior discounts on property taxes	12/13/2020 2:25 PM
122	Planning board needs to listen to the residence. If the people living in the area don't want a development, then do NOT approve it. Listen to our concerns and support us.	12/13/2020 12:57 PM
123	Preserve and protect wildlife habitats	12/13/2020 11:22 AM
124	Affordable housing for seniors and other with fixed income.	12/13/2020 10:44 AM
125	Utilize high-density areas already in existence for continued "high-density" and/or "low-income" projects. 101A for example.	12/13/2020 8:56 AM
126	Reduce school expense waste while improving outcomes!!	12/12/2020 9:18 PM
127	Every municipal building/property should be "weatherized" to reduce energy needs. Also, see above comment about solar panels. Every school and town building needs solar. See projects in Milford and Hollis for an example. We should lead the effort and provide an enlightened leadership role.	12/12/2020 8:43 PM

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128	State highway alternative for east-west traffic on Hwy 101 through Amherst.	12/12/2020 7:34 PM
129	Bike path from Village to HS/AMS and post office area	12/12/2020 6:58 PM
130	Secure forest and other undeveloped land for recreational activities	12/12/2020 6:53 PM
131	Racial Diversity	12/12/2020 5:02 PM
132	leave Amherst as you found it.	12/12/2020 3:12 PM
133	Municipal broadband	12/12/2020 1:52 PM
134	Expanded side walk network to support SAFE mobility for residence.	12/12/2020 10:52 AM
135	Maintain the business infrastructure in commercial areas. This is important for our tax base and the convenience of Amherst residents.	12/12/2020 9:55 AM
136	Continue to increase the number and quality of hiking and mountain biking trails and to interconnect the areas as much as possible.	12/12/2020 7:32 AM
137	The reason I ranked lowering the carbon footprint in Amherst as a low priority is because the majority of residents do their part in this respect already.	12/12/2020 12:23 AM
138	1. Pave the roads we have and forget about bikeways/pedestrian ways. Our road has not been fixed in 23 years! 2. GET RID OF WELLS AND GO TO TOWN WATER TOWNWIDE	12/11/2020 9:57 PM
139	Side walks in the area of AMS and Souhegan HS	12/11/2020 4:13 PM
140	Some sort of noise ordinance for residents and businesses. The police are useless when there's a lot of noise from a residential or commercial neighbor late at night because there are no laws prohibiting reasonable noise control when others are trying to sleep.	12/11/2020 3:26 PM
141	I believe the minimum lot area should be reduced to one acre, or even less. PRDs are circumventing this rule throughout Amherst, and seem to prioritize middle/high income households, rather than diversifying housing. PRDs seem to be a way to circumvent zoning rules so that the middle/upper class residents can have neighborhoods more akin to their liking which could not exist within the 2-acre lot criteria. It seems like the vast majority of existing lots in Amherst are significantly less than two acres, making the two acre requirement not an issue of preserving heritage and history but more so about keeping people out.	12/11/2020 2:38 PM
142	If you are going to keep the high school, then there is a crying need to teach real history and civics and promote pride in the USA.	12/11/2020 1:54 PM
143	Our landfill should be expanded properly to have better flow. Also more provisions for recyclable materials.	12/10/2020 3:51 PM
144	Safer roads	12/8/2020 5:36 AM
145	Pave roads for safety.	12/7/2020 10:47 PM
146	Class size	12/7/2020 9:39 PM
147	Keep taxes where they are or lower. No need for additional services such as town trash collection, etc.	12/7/2020 8:41 PM
148	Traffic policing at middle school and roads to it.	12/7/2020 7:38 PM
149	Eco friendly school	12/6/2020 10:53 PM
150	It is important to maintain our school buildings.	12/6/2020 10:18 PM
151	Bike/walk path	12/6/2020 9:26 PM
152	Sidewalks	12/6/2020 9:22 PM



**Q9 Please provide additional comments if you wish.**

Answered: 223 Skipped: 1,592

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Taxes should go to schools, not a sidewalk or bike path.	1/15/2021 11:19 PM
2	Most concerned about school system, safety for all, respect, not crazy taxes	1/15/2021 5:59 PM
3	There are too many "condos", "low income housing", not enough "affordable housing for elderly who have more than paid their fair share" . Amherst is not a community for low-income, section 8 housing.	1/15/2021 5:20 PM
4	Interested in keeping Amherst with a rural feel and a safe place to live.	1/15/2021 5:09 PM
5	Eliminate Comcast's internet provider monopoly. Get Fiber services such as Verizon Fios and Google fi into town.	1/15/2021 2:24 PM
6	I strongly support protection of natural resources, safety, and expanding affordable housing in Amherst. Welcoming inclusiveness of others is another important part of the character of a town.	1/13/2021 1:29 PM
7	Commercial density is fine, now. Keep towards major roads.	1/13/2021 7:16 AM
8	I love this town. Living in the town has been an unmeasurable blessing. My family has benefited from the education. The recreational space has been helpful to keep us outdoors. I lived in five states all over the country. Once we found Amherst, the search was over. The pandemic has really created an isolation around town. We look forward to all of the town and civic activities bringing us all together again.	1/12/2021 5:52 AM
9	It is imperative for Amherst to remain a town that is fully and only single residential homes.	1/11/2021 2:03 PM
10	I would like to see 2(ish) restaurants in the town square. Not fast food, but locally owned, nice establishments that would encourage families to spend more time in town.	1/9/2021 1:43 PM
11	The lake is a huge asset to our community and as a community the need to keep the lake quality should be a priority.	1/9/2021 12:25 PM
12	Stop widening roads and continually taking land from property.	1/9/2021 9:08 AM
13	I have been fortunate to live in Amherst for 35 years and was able to raise my daughter here while in a lower income bracket because I live in Amherst Gardens. I could not have afforded the real estate taxes on a single family home. Keeping town finances in check is very important, while paying our town staff competitive wages. Economic development along Rte 101A should continue to be a priority to increase the tax base.	1/9/2021 12:09 AM
14	I'd love to see more infrastructure while still maintaining the historical character of the town.	1/7/2021 1:36 PM
15	The questions are very generalized and hard to answer. Saying that Amherst should be affordable means many different things to all different people.	1/7/2021 1:32 PM
16	permits to allow big developments (50 units ie) are granted too freely without considerations of many negative impacts and where does all the tax income disappear from these new developments. the town has far less opportunities than similar towns, ie senior center, proactive public health. I do like what the lead person in Town Rec Dept is offering in the last few years for that population. Seems to be a need to strive for new, fresh takes on town "government". Where to our very high property taxes go other than superior offerings for handicapped up to age 18 and a great library????	1/7/2021 11:42 AM
17	Please put in sidewalks near Souhegan High School and Amherst Middle School to allow students to walk to and from their homes.	1/6/2021 8:42 AM
18	We moved here 18 years ago because we liked the "tone" of the town. We aren't snobs - we enjoyed a quiet, rural life in our previous residence - and we enjoy a quiet, rural life here. It's my firm belief that if one can not "adapt" to the services offered by the town - one should live elsewhere. There is no public sewer, no public trash pick up, no public transport and "some" public water. If one can't afford to live here - go somewhere else!	1/5/2021 8:10 PM
19	Like others, we moved to Amherst specifically for its rural charm and current characteristics, which we do not support reducing. We had to wait until we could afford to do so, which is not inherently a bad thing.	1/5/2021 6:25 PM
20	Growing up on Rt 101-A in the 70's and 80's and recently moving to the Village I am concerned about the walker's safety. Many elderly and young children need connected, well maintained sidewalks to safely enjoy our special Village. Thanks!	1/5/2021 1:25 PM

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21	I would like to see the exploration of the construction of a hockey rink on the buck meadow property.	1/5/2021 1:11 PM
22	Although some of the above items were easy to rate for all of Amherst, others I would have answered one way for Amherst outlying districts and another way for Amherst Village.	1/5/2021 12:39 PM
23	I think rather than the current credit model that encourages very dense multi use development, I would reduce the minimum lot size from 2 acres to 1/2 acre and encourage development of smaller homes on smaller lots. Also focus on development on the 101A corridor. Use Burlington Ma as a model of multi use, residential, restaurants, shops, apartments, condos etc with sidewalks to access all the above. People want to be able to walk to these things. This way the rural and historic character can be retained but provide desirable growth. thanks, Jim	1/5/2021 10:55 AM
24	We need more businesses producing income in Amherst, not more houses or low-income housing. If we want to maintain the historical character, we should also show it off and make it a destination. There should be consideration for adding more shopping and dining near the center of town, not just on the flanks which sends people to Bedford, Manchester, Milford and Nashua. We also need to provide safe ways for people to travel by foot and bike. Towns throughout New England are devising ways to incorporate old and new and create thriving communities. We have the foundations for success: great schools, strong property values, trails, parks, open space, golf, sports. We just need to create more ways for visitors to access, enjoy and spend money in town.	1/5/2021 9:43 AM
25	Increase mountain biking trail infrastructure.	1/5/2021 8:51 AM
26	Zoning planning is so important. We need business for the tax base but density and traffic needs to be controlled. Think long term and outside of the typical NH rural town. Incorporate as much pedestrian friendly areas as possible. Also, there's already enough big colonial houses, any new developments should offer something else to the town, however, smaller version for the over 50 crowd is not the answer - it needs to be mixed age. I find it a bit pretentious to say we want to keep the rural feel of the town 😊 Maybe truly encourage farming of the land to keep the rural feel. There are towns that have developed farming coops on land that provides so much more than just the feel of a rural town. Finally, retrofit side roads with walking/bike paths - simple breakdown lanes. It's so difficult to walk anywhere in town. Amherst is a lovely town but we need to move forward in a planned way. Things will change let's make sure we are planning for it. Thanks for your hard work.	1/5/2021 8:13 AM
27	Traffic in rural areas must be monitored aggressively	1/5/2021 7:27 AM
28	If the cost of living In Amherst does not decrease, houses will sit on the market and people will leave. We are not all millionaires.	1/5/2021 7:19 AM
29	When considering new projects like a pier for fishing neighbored should be consulted considering the fiasco we have had before with town beach	1/5/2021 6:25 AM
30	The trap other cities fall into, is the one in which they panic over the need for tax revenue so they let developers and commercial interests run roughshod over an idyllic town/area. The lure of "tax revenue" should not be the ultimate destruction of the character and charm that a town has.	1/5/2021 6:16 AM
31	We need to find ways to grow the commercial base to lower taxes.	1/5/2021 5:55 AM
32	I wish the AMS tennis court not to be converted to a basketball court.	1/4/2021 9:41 PM
33	Why do we spend so much on police in Amherst? We have 11,000 people yet for some reason, we seem to have one police cruiser per thousand inhabitants.	1/4/2021 6:52 PM
34	develop and support a business corridor on 101/101A that will help to offset the cost of property taxes.	1/4/2021 4:56 PM
35	There is nothing fair about the Obama administration's Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule. It is fundamentally designed to be a cudgel that will re-engineer nearly every American neighborhood — imposing onerous mandates on residential composition, densifying housing, requiring small towns to create costly transportation systems, and weakening the authority of our local governments over core responsibilities, from zoning to transportation to education. IT MUST BE OPPOSED IN AMHERST AT ALL COSTS - This opposition is my absolute highest priority. If it resurfaces in a Biden administration, beautiful, peaceful Amherst will cease to be Amherst & we will be faced with a plethora of damaging economic & infrastructure repercussions from which we will never recover.	1/4/2021 2:08 PM

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36	What is meant by "affordable" in the last question? Housing prices don't need to be controlled. The town generally does a fine job of managing tax money for the most part, but it feels like the school system keeps getting a blank check which in turn makes taxes so high that living in Amherst is out of reach for those who have lived here for decades. That is heartbreaking. Our town benefits a great deal from those older people and families with roots in Amherst.	1/3/2021 10:26 PM
37	Aside from the rural and historical feel, what sets Amherst apart from other towns in the area is the community. Continuing to improve upon that should be a highest priority.	1/3/2021 7:50 PM
38	Amherst must choose to move forward. We can not sit in our old ways and complain about new things we can't have.	1/3/2021 12:08 PM
39	Volunteerism should be a priority in Amherst.	1/3/2021 11:48 AM
40	We can maintain the "historical character" of Amherst while at the same time using creative zoning to increase our tax base and make services more convenient. Taxes here continue to increase while people tell me that schools are in dire need of renovation. We need to increase our tax base.	1/3/2021 9:04 AM
41	Future master planning should give special consideration to limiting traffic through the village, where housing density and public functions such as schools, government, and the library are located. The town can do this in part by limiting housing density where it will induce an increase in car and service vehicle trips through the village.	1/2/2021 11:42 AM
42	If you want a city, move to a city. Amherst is a historic New England town.	1/1/2021 9:21 PM
43	Things aren't equal if you can't afford it head on down to trashy Nashua.	1/1/2021 9:11 PM
44	Please let our community grow and prosper and stop blocking businesses and development.	1/1/2021 8:04 PM
45	Ensuring older residents can afford property taxes so they aren't forced to move once they are on a fixed income.	1/1/2021 6:38 PM
46	Amherst should encourage senior living communities for residents seeking to remain in town but down size. Combine that with more affordable housing for seniors should be priority to increase tax base while putting less strain on school system. Also, need more commercial development for same reason. Given needs of school system this town needs a way a funding same without burying homeowners. Finally, the thee school district model has to go. Terribly inefficient and ineffective in being able to plan long term and at the same time significantly depleting volunteer ranks as well as administrators time.	1/1/2021 10:04 AM
47	We are ready to move because of the town's willingness to spend excess money on benefits for a small group. There is never an "offset" or give and take. It's always just a situation where we need to spend more money.	1/1/2021 7:39 AM
48	Commercial density overall is necessary but we should be mindful of where we choose to put it.	12/31/2020 4:10 PM
49	I think it's important the town overall address the whole town and not just the village area	12/31/2020 11:36 AM
50	We need to protect our infrastructure. Our schools are crowded and they will only become more crowded if we move to add large multi-unit housing developments in town.	12/31/2020 8:23 AM
51	More walking/biking trails. A small coffee shop/wine bar in the village to draw walkers and cyclists would build community and perpetuate the character of the village.	12/31/2020 7:05 AM
52	I would love to see Amherst become concious of its environmental footprint.	12/31/2020 6:01 AM
53	PFOA assistance in Cub Circle/Airline Dr.	12/31/2020 12:50 AM
54	We have an historic town and preserving this is important, While other issues are important also, maintaining this should guide the other issues. Most come to Amherst for a high quality of life and are willing to pay for it. I would like to see a greater income diversity in town as I think it is better for the health of a community	12/30/2020 11:57 PM
55	Start allowing ADU's and Tiny homes on residential properties.	12/30/2020 11:32 PM
56	Just a note to share : When moving out to NH a few years ago we were deciding between living in Bedford, NH or Amherst. We chose to move to Amherst because of the more rural feel of the area, sacrificing sending our kids to the slightly higher ranked schools in Bedford. That rural charm pulled us in. It would be a disappointment if that charm was lost.	12/30/2020 10:15 PM

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57	The situation at the transfer station must be addressed. I have tried going at all hours and days, it is consistently overcrowded. Why does Amherst not have single stream recycling? This would significantly reduce the time people spend.	12/30/2020 10:14 PM
58	It is critical that the state of NH find ways to create more affordable housing. Amherst should be a part of the housing solution. This does not have to take away from rural character if done well and housing that isn't all single family can be better looking than commercial but offer people homes to call their own and an impressive school district and give the town some socioeconomic diversity.	12/30/2020 9:32 PM
59	Transparency is important if trust is to be gained.	12/30/2020 8:38 PM
60	Enough with all the conservation trails. You can hardly walk across a piece of land anymore without crossing six or seven trails only a few feet apart.	12/30/2020 8:16 PM
61	If 2020 has taught us anything, it's that you can't prioritize outdoor spaces for children and adults enough. I think it's a high priority to main the historic village but also allow for conscientious development and expanded tax base elsewhere in town. The schools GREATLY need an infrastructure overhaul and that really needs to be a priority.	12/30/2020 8:16 PM
62	Need at least one Market Basket close to Chestnut hill.	12/30/2020 7:49 PM
63	We live in a beautiful town, and the town's representatives, DPW and Rec Dept. do a great job maintaining and caring for it. We are grateful for the town's efforts and hard work.	12/30/2020 6:57 PM
64	Do not allow high-density residential area.	12/30/2020 6:56 PM
65	It os important to keep the small town feel of Amherst	12/30/2020 6:13 PM
66	The rural character and water resources are paramount of our family!	12/30/2020 8:45 AM
67	I do not think it is important to maintain a uniform density of either housing or commercial use across the town or across zones. I think a mix is more natural and sustainable.	12/29/2020 1:30 PM
68	There is no safe means for a pedestrian to cross 101A	12/29/2020 12:34 PM
69	Keeping taxes low should be a priority. Fee base charges for services	12/29/2020 9:36 AM
70	One aspect that should be included is Road maintenance. Towns in NH (i.e. Bedford) that place high-priority on road maintenance (i.e. newly paved roads, not skim-coated asphalt, or just patching potholes) have happier residents! Would love to see all major routes roads be repaved (including the Amherst St to Milford).	12/28/2020 5:54 PM
71	We do enjoy the rural charm of Amherst and love the quality of the schools here, two of the many reasons we moved here. We do however, feel that it is important to foster growth and development within the town as long as it is done thoughtfully and in keeping with the values of the town and the people who live here. We would not want to see our town developed as much as say Nashua, but having some areas of development (such as along 101A and 101) can be good for our town. It may be a good thing to bring small amounts of people in to visit and enjoy our charm or to make more housing options available. A larger tax base is always good for funding the schools and essential and nonessential services.	12/28/2020 12:28 PM
72	Let the free market work without government interference.	12/28/2020 8:55 AM
73	The Amherst FB page should remove the Nigerian onlookers and the 8000 non residents who watch our citizens who believe it is a local website when it is anything but that. Teach parents not to post pictures of their cute kids and talk about when they will be away. The basics of safety are out of control on this page.	12/26/2020 11:04 PM
74	Lower taxes	12/25/2020 9:31 PM
75	Taxes and demands seem to keep going up. There is nothing to show for all the increased costs.	12/25/2020 8:53 PM
76	Allow a dining establishment in the village	12/25/2020 10:25 AM
77	Continue keeping taxes down and preserve the rural touch in Amherst. Don't let developers ruin this town.	12/24/2020 11:58 PM
78	Amherst is great town just the way it is	12/24/2020 2:04 PM
79	We need to balance the need for affordable housing with the desire of most residents to keep the rural and historically charming feel of the town. There are many ways to do this: requiring	12/24/2020 9:21 AM

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the preservation of natural spaces as part of development plans, ensuring structures are built to fit with the town aesthetic, etc.

80	build a sustainable, resilient community that protects biodiversity preserves open space and encourages policy and ordinances that mitigate and adapt to climate change.	12/23/2020 7:27 PM
81	See the plan our architects and planners developed 5 years ago that we provided to the Town as a courtesy and was all but ignored by the folks there. Everyone is afraid to make a decision or even consider changing anything.	12/23/2020 11:44 AM
82	Please keep the Village a neighborhood! Do not allow for more commercial entities such as a tavern or hotel. It would be great to bring the post office back to the Village though. Please do not relocate the town hall! Please preserve more open spaces and buy farms as they go up for sale. Please add a sidewalk from the high school to the homestead. And add trails from the high school to the Village. Thank you.	12/21/2020 11:53 PM
83	Many of or roads need repaving (Mack Hill, parts of the Village, etc.) and incorporate foot and cycling paths as part of all road improvement projects.	12/21/2020 8:44 PM
84	Amherst Village may be the only preserved citizen friendly village from the early 19th century in southern New Hampshire. Other early towns such as Derry, Merrimack and others have lost their small village identity. All of the early villages were located on main Colonial period roads. In time with the increase in commercial activity, roads were widened and traffic increased. Not so with Amherst. By a quirk of fate, in early 1800s the roads and railways bypassed Amherst. Milford was separated from Amherst; it possessed water power for industry. Milford grew in prosperity and population and became the commercial center for this area. Amherst became a rather uncared for and dormant community. Then after World War II, the town benefited from two bypasses. Had the main Route 101 not been bypassed twice around the village, the character of the village would have been lost. Until the late 1960s when it was promoted as a "quaint Colonial Village" by the realtors. As a result, we have retained our village character. I would request that members of the committee read to books that I authored a quarter century ago: Colonial Amherst Village, and Amherst Historical Moments.	12/21/2020 1:29 PM
85	Some issues I put as not a priority,because those are individual household's responsibility, not government.	12/21/2020 7:35 AM
86	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:02 PM
87	I think it is very important to recycle to keep our carbon foot print neutral.	12/20/2020 11:00 PM
88	Diversity of population which can be translated into diversity of housing types for all age groups is needed for a thriving community. This diversity should be scattered throughout the town. Higher densities will help to create more affordability. We also need industry to provide a diverse tax base that helps relieve the burden for services on homeowners alone.	12/20/2020 9:52 PM
89	The reason I chose to move my family with young children to Amherst was the rural feel that it had and its reputation for conservation of resources. I was very discouraged to see that just because new building exemptions had become available that the planning committee allowed so many new projects to come in all at the same time from multiple developers looking for a new angle to get the density they needed to make their projects work financially. Many of these plans would have fundamentally changed the areas they were to be built in with little consideration for those who surrounded them. Please as you look forward at the plans for the next decade remember that just because you can bend the zoning laws to make projects work for these developers does not mean that it should be done. None of these new exemptions are mandatory or forced upon and you and once the projects are built they can never be undone. The charm and draw of Amherst in not from apartments or high density housing projects, it is from its rural feel, history, and high standards. Failure to keep these simple ideals in place will result in an exodus from our town instead of the slow and steady growth it needs.	12/20/2020 8:36 PM
90	My taxes went up \$500 this year. We need to be more frugal. We can't give everything to everyone at the expense of the taxpayers. Let's be REASONABLE.	12/20/2020 6:46 PM
91	Can't understand why there are zero sidewalks in the town. I came from Vermont which is a rural state and they have sidewalks everywhere and a strong network of bike trails. Really keeps our kids dependent on the automobile, with less exercise and less independence of being able to hop on their bikes	12/20/2020 6:22 PM
92	Any new development in Amherst must be accompanied by Impact fees since our town will be providing added services and infrastructure these developments will require.	12/20/2020 4:49 PM

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93	Before building new commercial buildings, existing empty buildings should be filled.	12/20/2020 4:47 PM
94	focus on fixing our current roads, not build ridiculous bike paths, focus on fixing our schools, not building ridiculous bike paths.	12/20/2020 4:23 PM
95	Amherst is getting too crowded . It has already lost its rural, feel with all the new high density clustered developments and less open spaces. Please no more new clustered subdivision . It is getting too crowded in Amherst .	12/20/2020 1:11 PM
96	Amherst is perfect the way it is. The goal should be to maintain it.	12/20/2020 12:22 PM
97	There is a balance that must be maintained between an owner's right to develop property and the quality of life and the safety of the citizens living in Amherst. It should be done in a manner consistent with the history, character and lifestyle that is so cherished in our town.	12/20/2020 10:21 AM
98	My wife and I are always wishing for safer walkways throughout town. Wearing high vis reflecting jackets, using lights, and illuminated dog collars still aren't enough sometimes	12/20/2020 10:17 AM
99	Amherst is a family oriented town -- this is the cornerstone of our success. We need to continue to provide opportunities for families to live the traditional New England style life if we wish to continue to remain successful. We don't need major changes in the way things are done in Amherst, just a few tweaks around the edges.	12/20/2020 10:09 AM
100	It is important that Amherst keep the small town feel. That is What keeps Amherst appeal There are enough big town s around it	12/20/2020 9:59 AM
101	It is important to support our schools	12/20/2020 9:57 AM
102	Public reliable transportation to shopping and airport.	12/20/2020 9:26 AM
103	The transfer station is bothersome. Obviously, even before Covid it needed to be enlarged.	12/20/2020 9:09 AM
104	Keep all commercial businesses on route 101A as it is already a Mecca of business and traffic. Keep the more residential routes just that residential, open space, room for wildlife!	12/20/2020 9:03 AM
105	Parks, recreation areas, trails and bike paths build feeling of community for the residents. Continue the good work.	12/20/2020 8:49 AM
106	I'm hoping that wanting it to be affordable means property taxes will not increase. Public access to the	12/19/2020 6:27 PM
107	More senior affordable housing	12/19/2020 12:58 PM
108	The state of NH should take over the cost of education for the whole state thus making the phrase "equality of opportunity" a reality.	12/19/2020 9:42 AM
109	Thank you for the survey and consideration of comments of those inhabiting this lovely town.	12/19/2020 9:10 AM
110	The trails and Recreation in the natural world are very important in this town and a big attraction for many. It's part of what made the decision for us many years ago . And continues to be very important especially as the pandemic has borne out . Conservation that may lead to things like a Linda Berry Orchard are very important. So when you talk about Recreation areas and Define them as being Sports Fields I'm not sure there need to be any more of those... But encouraging natural areas maybe even a dog park would be super for the whole community.	12/19/2020 9:00 AM
111	Commercial and multi-family development are likely necessary to prevent runaway taxes. The main priority would be to allow such development without ruining the character of the town. This might be achieved by limiting the maximum size of such developments, encouraging distribution into more remote areas (much like the commercial development south of Ponemah bog), or near the large arteries (101, 101a to encourage traffic away from rural areas). Failing this (and sadly there is never a silver bullet so the choice might become necessary), we have to decide whether to look like Milford, or Bedford.	12/19/2020 8:19 AM
112	I wish these questions were worded a bit differently with respect to the diverse nature of Amherst geography. Maintaining the rural character of Amherst is critical for us - it's one of the main reasons we moved here. However, this priority should be focused preserving the current character in areas that are appropriate, not a blanket directive for the town as a whole. Let's preserve the northern rural zones, not try to designate the area around 101A as a historic district and/or put 5 acre minimums on house lots there... Existing areas of higher density and road infrastructure can support creative commercial and housing efforts to support the growth goals suggested.	12/19/2020 7:44 AM

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113	Much improved town web site. Doesn't reflect all great things about town. Difficult to find things and events. More professional videos of all our wonderful town events and all the outdoor recreation opportunities. Sell these attributes. Make Amherst a real destination for active families, young and old.	12/18/2020 10:03 PM
114	It would be nice to have more options for seniors. is drop in center, exercise, wellness classes,BP clinic, educational classes specific to seniors	12/18/2020 6:53 PM
115	Speaking from the experience of growing up in "affordable housing" and "high density housing", I can attest to the fact that if that is the way Amherst leaders choose to go, I and my family would highly consider moving. In my experience this type of situation ABSOLUTELY DOES increase crime, affect property values, puts a strain on roads, schools, police, first responders, etc. I am not trying to be a snob, but I grew up "disadvantaged" and I chose Amherst for our family live in, in a large part, due to the socio-economics of the town that really made it a small town that we could be happy in. (Wow--that makes me sound really bad, but it is the truth of my opinion) Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to voice our opinion. I am concerned about the increase housing density that seems eminent in our area near Cricket Corner. :(	12/18/2020 6:46 PM
116	Anything regarding sustainability or environment should be top top priority. Above everything else.	12/18/2020 2:54 PM
117	Statement: It is important to "avoid increasing" traffic in Amherst. I believe residential and commercial development are vital to keeping Amherst sustainable. With that comes traffic. It is important to "better manage" traffic.	12/18/2020 10:24 AM
118	When we moved here 20+ years ago, we had minimum two acre zoning. That seems to have gone by the wayside. It was one of the main reasons we moved th Amherst. Keep Amherst rural and keep out cluster housing.	12/18/2020 8:13 AM
119	These questions seem straight forward but they are most certainly not. They are discussions about trade offs on preserving the character of our town and a sustainable town budget.	12/17/2020 6:53 PM
120	Amherst is three town, the historic town, North Amherst, and South Amherst. South Amherst is, so to speak, the wrong side of the tracks	12/17/2020 5:00 PM
121	Provide natural gas infrastructure to the town. We also need to get more proactive on limiting well use for watering lawns during drought.	12/17/2020 3:44 PM
122	This is still a fairly rural community. Cramming a lot of houses in inbuildable areas (Brook Road) is terrible. We font want any blasting to try to make the land more buildable. We've already fought this fight. More transparency would be great.	12/17/2020 2:28 PM
123	Please stop taking down trees to build huge houses. This town needs to stop clear cutting. The green spaces, trails, and forests are why we live here.	12/17/2020 12:26 PM
124	This town has amazing potential. As a homeowner and as a future business owner, I would love to be able to bring my business to the town center and not outlying areas of Amherst.	12/17/2020 10:39 AM
125	we need to keep what little farms we have and forest we are losing them and in doing so the historic and beautiful area that is Amherst	12/17/2020 8:38 AM
126	Amherst needs to be inclusive; however, we protecting the environment and becoming a greener community should be priority one.	12/17/2020 7:31 AM
127	People have suggested that new developments should be put on Pennichuck Water. Their existing customers were not allowed to water their gardens for most of last summer, so it appears to me that they are not in the position to take on more. Has anyone discussed ways for them to increase their capacity, and if they can handle the slug of new houses on the books?	12/17/2020 6:31 AM
128	Amherst is a beautiful place and community to be a part of! Looking forward to many more years..	12/16/2020 5:46 PM
129	Taxes getting too high for retirees	12/16/2020 5:43 PM
130	It is tough to control traffic as 101 cuts right through Amherst	12/16/2020 4:46 PM
131	Let the free market dictate the type of construction within zoning codes. Don't RAM inappropriate models down our throats; i.e. cluster housing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	12/16/2020 3:26 PM
132	Must keep property taxes in check. They are getting to be unaffordable and beyond reasonable. Eighty percent +/- of tax rate going to school costs is WRONG!!! Town fathers	12/16/2020 2:33 PM



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need to hold the line with school officials and Unions. If not Amherst will tax itself out of existence.

133	ITEMS; "It is important to encourage housing for all ages and income levels" and "It is important that Amherst encourage housing outside the single-family model" THESE are what Manchester and Nashua are for	12/16/2020 2:15 PM
134	Would love to have snowmobile trails in Amherst, NH.	12/16/2020 12:30 PM
135	Fewer regulaions, smaller town gov't the better. Much should be done by private means if necessary.	12/16/2020 11:54 AM
136	Allow commercial growth mainly along the major corridors. Doing that will limit traffic and ensure the carbon footprint in the residential areas is taken care of.	12/16/2020 7:51 AM
137	I would prefer Amherst remained a quiet place to live.	12/16/2020 6:33 AM
138	with 3 young children, family areas like playgrounds are a high priority as are walking trails and safe road walking. I would love more features added to Joshua park, including more shade providing trees and activities for younger children. I love the small business feel in the village and would be happy to have a few more businesses operate in that area to make it a little more of a destination. I think the historical feel of the village can also still be maintained without completely handicapping home owners with ridiculous restrictions that are too expensive and not even necessary for authenticity.	12/15/2020 8:40 PM
139	I Live On Baboosic Lake and lately the building Dept. have let people build larger and larger houses on very small lots That had never been the case until 5 or 6 years ago and should go back to the way it use to be Which was no bigger than original footprint	12/15/2020 7:12 PM
140	The rising cost of our schools is beginning to outweigh the increased home value of good schools.	12/15/2020 6:51 PM
141	Above anything here, FREEDOM, strong private property rights, and limited government intrusion should be the highest priorities for our town. The presence of some of the questions on this survey concerns me. Why is it the role of town government to "encourage housing for all ages and income levels" or "encourage housing outside the single-family model"? What does "outside the single-family model" even mean? "Carbon footprint" typically corresponds to punitive taxes for anyone who doesn't participate in some sort of "credits" scheme – is that what is being considered? And while I support being smart about water resources, that issue is far too often used to trample private property rights, the strength of which should be a high priority for our town.	12/15/2020 6:23 PM
142	Bedford did a great job in beautifying its commercial and rural areas with planting and stone walls. Amherst doesn't seem to get it. The only area that gets attention is the village. What happens to the rest of us?	12/15/2020 6:09 PM
143	Thanks to the committee that created this document and for analyzing the results.	12/15/2020 5:56 PM
144	Nice job! Thanks for asking.	12/15/2020 5:31 PM
145	It is very important to consider the strengths of Historic Amherst NH and how it has evolved to this point.	12/15/2020 4:10 PM
146	No Town can be all things to all people...various questions are in conflict, so I chose answers that reflect the status of s senior on a fixed income who has paid plenty for the 53 years I have lived in Amherst	12/15/2020 3:58 PM
147	Re. "Affordable" (above): affordability is quantitative based on one's income or net worth. Re. " housing outside Single-family model": smaller, single family houses for young families and downsizing seniors would be a good addition to Amherst's housing stock (and all of NH) but land costs and zoning regulations direct developers to building high-end single family houses.	12/15/2020 3:08 PM
148	People move to Amherst to get away from the Cities like Nashua, or even larger towns like Merrimack. If we allow large PRDs like proposed off of County Road, or large corporations to enter Amherst, the appeal that draws most of us to Amherst will be lost forever. Amherst has always been and always should be a small town of incredibly high standards as far as safety, schooling, outdoor activities (hikes, fishing), etc. If that changes, you cannot ever recover from it.	12/15/2020 1:53 PM
149	It is very important to limit residential construction so we are not building homes on top of other homes. It is absurd how the zoning laws have allowed for homes to be built with in feet of	12/15/2020 11:17 AM

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	another preexisting home. Maybe the master plan could address limiting new construction	
150	Thank you for making our town better!	12/15/2020 8:23 AM
151	High quality schools and beautiful, quiet neighborhoods are key to keeping home values high. For most people, our homes are our most valued physical asset.	12/15/2020 8:12 AM
152	We need a new company to pick up all plastic at the dump, not just clear water bottles. Possible to get mixed recycling in one container	12/15/2020 7:37 AM
153	Amherst is fast becoming unaffordable for senior citizens because of increasing education costs. If Amherst insists on more housing, provisions to shield seniors from tax impacts should be instituted.	12/14/2020 6:46 PM
154	It is important to keep the small town feel of Amherst, and while condos and cookie cutter developments may be a quick profit for developers, it takes away from the quaint New England charm that brought us to Amherst in the first place.	12/14/2020 5:52 PM
155	housing density is an eye sore and completely destroys the rural look and feel I moved here for. Wildlife is becoming crowded out of its' natural habitats being overdeveloped	12/14/2020 5:02 PM
156	It would be nice to see more local business start up in Amherst. It would be nice to have more dining and shopping options without allowing big commercial chains.	12/14/2020 3:17 PM
157	Not in favor of increased multi family housing, would like to see school taxes decreased.	12/14/2020 2:40 PM
158	Be nice to reduce the taxes for senior citizens in Amherst, and not having any children in the school system the tax rate is way too high for retired residents.	12/14/2020 2:19 PM
159	Would love more community activities for all ages	12/14/2020 2:18 PM
160	Taxes in Amherst have really begun to climb and will only continue if the town doesn't look at bringing in / allowing more business to help alleviate this	12/14/2020 2:11 PM
161	It would be nice to encourage businesses to open in Amherst, which would help increase tax revenue. Housing should be allowed to happen but responsibly. We are a small town and should try to keep the character and not overwhelm our infrastructure, but it doesn't mean we can't allow new businesses or housing developments. The size just needs to be considered.	12/14/2020 1:44 PM
162	Affordable housing please! Lower taxes	12/14/2020 1:30 PM
163	All these depend on cost, particularly things like providing walking or biking routes. Nice to have, but at what cost?	12/14/2020 12:56 PM
164	We are fed up with the ever increasing taxes in Amherst. This takes a toll on retired people and why would you ever increase taxes with Covid 19? People are loosing their jobs!	12/14/2020 12:39 PM
165	Town is one off the nicer towns in NH. Let's keep it that way.	12/14/2020 11:30 AM
166	It is intolerable that sidewalks have not been added on Boston Post Road by the high school and middle school Cross Road. Children walk those roads all the time. Does there need to be an injury before such an obvious safety step is taken. Thank you for providing this survey and for the opportunity to give this feedback.	12/14/2020 11:10 AM
167	Please re-establish the swap-shop at the Transfer station	12/14/2020 10:06 AM
168	Amherst is a predominantly higher income area, and the schools/housing reflect this. Forcing a change to include low income housing only chips away at why 90% of us live here.	12/14/2020 9:41 AM
169	I like living in Amherst. It doesn't seem to be broken. I've lived in NYC, grew up in Omaha, if the political situation in the US gets worse I'd consider moving to Toronto. But for now I like living in Amherst.	12/14/2020 9:37 AM
170	More street lighting. Where we live we have poor visibility at night making it dangerous for those who are walking their dogs at night. Add fog to the poor light visibility of the street in our neighborhood and driving can be chaotic.	12/14/2020 9:14 AM
171	Keeping Amherst business in the business district is important to keeping the charm of this town. We are an affluent community and I would like to see it stay that way. We moved here for the benefits our income provides our family.	12/14/2020 7:20 AM
172	Some well traveled streets do not have proper street lighting. Some pedestrian streets do not have safe sidewalks or walking areas.	12/13/2020 9:28 PM

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173	Just moved here and love the town	12/13/2020 9:04 PM
174	We need to get more competition with internet service providers and cell phone towers in Amherst. If the town has good services it will attract younger higher educated adults.	12/13/2020 7:12 PM
175	Also, maintain and protect the minimum lot size of two acres with heavy scrutiny on exceptions made to this rule for development. Any exceptions should benefit the town more than the developer's profit margin.	12/13/2020 7:03 PM
176	PLEASE ban all forms of fireworks and shootings in Amherst, NH. It is destroying the rural character and feeling of Amherst, they are scaring the animals away (SIGNIFICANT drop in wildlife, especially in the past 5 years). Both are totally unnecessary, dangerous, and harmful.	12/13/2020 7:03 PM
177	In order to keep in line with the UN agenda 21, we need to institute high density, section 8 housing, and to insure social justice and housing justice here in Amherst.	12/13/2020 5:27 PM
178	I believe that being part of the solution to climate change and other environmental calamities is the most important challenge of our time. In Amherst we should prioritize being on the leading edge of environmental initiatives.	12/13/2020 2:16 PM
179	I am deeply concerned about the Clearview expansion on New Boston Rd and believe it will have a disastrous impact on our water and will cause a huge increase in traffic.	12/13/2020 1:45 PM
180	Are there any development plans for the Cemetery Fields area off Merrimack Rd? That seems like very usable land for some of the priorities above, while still protecting the historical character of the village area. Thank you for giving citizens an opportunity to participate in this process. Merry Christmas! -Mike Danaher	12/13/2020 1:15 PM
181	Important to reduce the feeling of exclusivity which amherst feels to me as a newcomer	12/13/2020 1:02 PM
182	The planning board needs to stop approaching large developments that changes the way of life of the current residence. Do NOT approve a development like the one proposed on Boston Post Road without making the DEVELOPERS pay for and installing public water, sewer, natural gas, AND adding the infrastructure required to support such a development that doesn't change the completion of our beloved village and historic town.	12/13/2020 12:57 PM
183	Please no massive cookie cutter housing developments.	12/13/2020 12:41 PM
184	Please don't authorize any more houses along route 122S	12/13/2020 11:16 AM
185	Important to maintain or reduce property taxes	12/13/2020 10:54 AM
186	We will serve the best interests of all by looking forward in a way that supports an economically diverse community.	12/13/2020 10:44 AM
187	Increasing commercial and housing density is not incompatible with traffic and maintaining the town character if is zoned sensibly. Locating higher density combined housing/retail in the south near 101A would achieve this.	12/13/2020 8:35 AM
188	Thank you for asking for input. It only matters if the input is really taken into account. I have found that government and school officials in Amherst often times don't really listen to ideas that don't fit their preconceived points of view.	12/12/2020 9:18 PM
189	The appeal of this town is the open space, lack of high density housing, conservation mindset, and overall rural character. Allowing development like what is proposed on County Rd is the polar opposite of what this town stands for. There is no reason other than greed to allow for such loose interpretations of rules to allow hundreds of houses in as many acres. The over expansion of development in our community will chaos it to lose its sense of small town feel, which is exactly what so many of us chose it for.	12/12/2020 7:35 PM
190	We moved from a highly developed area to Amherst specifically because we love the small town, rural character. It would be a huge loss to allow large scale development, leading to loss of green space and sense of community, something that is becoming more and more rare, that makes this town special.	12/12/2020 6:47 PM
191	Control your spending...	12/12/2020 5:43 PM
192	It is important that Amherst remains its rural character. It is also very important that the planning board listens to the residents. I attended several meetings where the planning board members were rude to individuals who wanted to ask questions and/or speak and instead the meeting focused on subjects the board wanted to present without taking input from Amherst	12/12/2020 5:38 PM

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residents. I was appalled how rude the board was to the residents and how little time was afforded to the residents. This type of behavior is not acceptable.

193	I really did NOT understand your format of question 7 and 8 - need better explanation	12/12/2020 5:21 PM
194	Amherst could appear more socially welcoming and culturally diverse with less White privileged youth of Amherst riding around in their foreign cars thinking they're lives matter more than the next person. Kindness Matters and Black Lives Matter and we all matter - teaching tolerance in our schools be more racially tolerant of others and culture awareness.	12/12/2020 5:02 PM
195	It is important to maintain the rural and historical character, that is what we moved to Amherst for. If you are looking for more affordable/alternative housing there are other towns nearby that can provide that. If you want more "bells and whistles" there are other towns that provide those. I lived in a more affordable town prior to moving here.	12/12/2020 3:32 PM
196	Property taxes have become unaffordable for seniors.	12/12/2020 3:05 PM
197	Would like to see leash laws here in Amherst. Improvements to road safety must be improved. Improved signage and safe areas for cyclists, walkers with or without dogs, children and runners. The signage and safety around the schools is extremely poor.	12/12/2020 2:37 PM
198	Very unhappy I chose Amherst to reside. It is a constant problem for me to pay taxes. Don't need this stress in senior years.	12/12/2020 12:02 PM
199	The question regarding affordability is subjective. Not everyone can afford to live wherever they want. Amherst is already affordable to many - look at the real estate market.	12/12/2020 10:01 AM
200	I hope that the new bike/walking path on Amherst Street, approved by voters this year, is built soon.	12/12/2020 9:55 AM
201	Monitor aquifer water quality by (offering) testing of private wells around town and publish metadata on the results. Also regularly test water of ponds and streams and publish results.	12/12/2020 7:32 AM
202	As a business owner who also owns a home in Amherst it is disconcerting that I received this survey at my Amherst PO Box where I get business mail but did not receive this survey at my home where I receive my personal mail.	12/12/2020 12:23 AM
203	I would like to see major roads in Amherst widened to include safe walking/biking lanes, to add connections between recreational areas (hiking, etc.) wherever possible, to continue preserving conservation land (e.g., Amherst Land Trust) but also to include housing for lower and middle income families instead of just building more "McMansions" (homes in the \$400+ range).	12/11/2020 10:59 PM
204	I DISLIKE AMHERST. I WOULD MOVE IN A MINUTE BUT CAN'T FIND AFFORDABLE SENIOR ONE LEVEL HOUSING WITHOUT HOA IN A SAFE AREA	12/11/2020 9:57 PM
205	I think that affordable housing is important, there are very few homes that are affordable to the average income, but at the same time I don't want to see huge apartment buildings, Condo's are fine, but there needs to be at least 3 bedrooms & 1.5 baths, so young families or elder folks like ourselves can transition without destroying our nest egg.	12/11/2020 4:46 PM
206	amherst is slowly creeping into the suburb category rather than supporting the rural and green space feel. please do not turn into another bedford. please don't lose our forest buffer between amherst and, say, milford	12/11/2020 3:29 PM
207	Better enforcement of our existing laws related to traffic. Amherst police seem to ignore a lot of areas where there are constant accidents and high-speed 30+ over speed limit drivers. (examples include intersection of 122 and Merrimack road, 101A etc... Basically, Amherst PD needs to do their job instead of being parked on quiet roads surfing facebook waiting for a "speeder".	12/11/2020 3:26 PM
208	I believe more pressure should be placed on PRDs to diversify the housing in Amherst. I would love to see a requirement for PRDs to make of at least thirty percent (30%) of the dwelling units affordable, with at least 10% affordable at up to 25% of the AMI and 20% at up to 50% of the AMI. I also believe that in a new master plan, there should be an annual criteria for affordable housing approvals.	12/11/2020 2:38 PM
209	The military has a problem because the youngsters cannot read or write, and worse, cannot get a security clearance! Our schools have a lot to do with these deficiencies.	12/11/2020 1:54 PM
210	Keep our rural atmosphere.	12/10/2020 3:39 PM
211	See notes in #7. It is imperative to increase the tax base in Amherst for the town to become a	12/9/2020 2:06 PM

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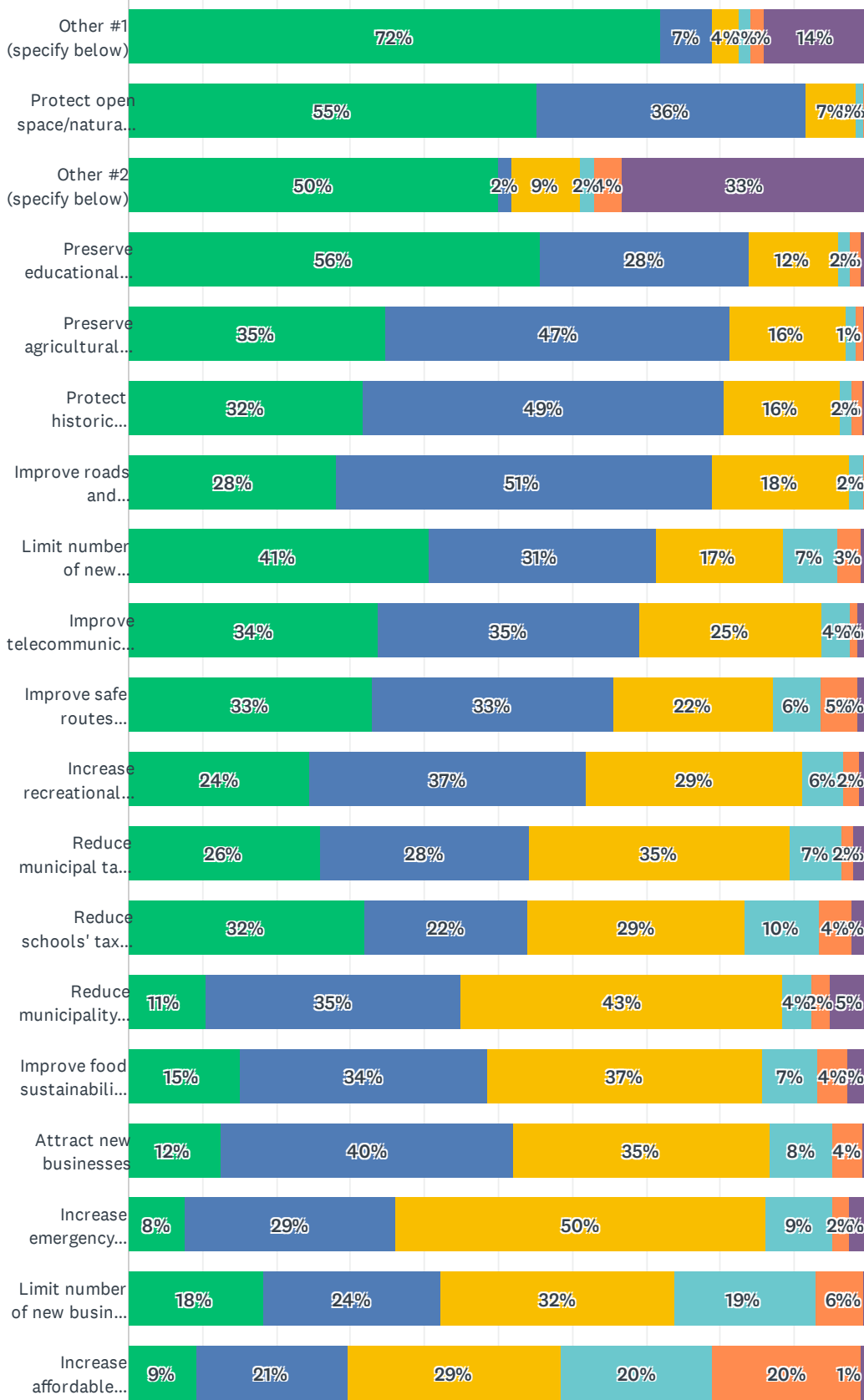
more livable town and a destination people want live, work and play.

212	The only things I want to see changed about amherst are more recreation fields and opportunities as well as a cute coffee shop or pub in the village. Oh and new schools :)	12/8/2020 6:40 AM
213	Question regarding Amherst being affordable is vague, ie house prices, property taxes, surrounding goods and services. Most of the questions on this survey are "in the eye of the beholder." How do you intend to take a deep dive when you inject massively subjective questions. For example what does water resources mean - well water, pennichuck or natural wetlands????	12/7/2020 10:01 PM
214	Amherst is a model town for raising a family, filled with wild recreational spaces, historical buildings and areas, with essential commercial components tucked away from residents. Expanding development further then 101a would be a mistake and take away from everything Amherst has beautifully built.	12/7/2020 8:41 PM
215	Historical character is what sets Amherst apart.	12/7/2020 7:52 PM
216	Southern NH is rapidly expanding. I can't tell if the town was prepared for that or not. I have been surprised that the zBA and Planning board allowed such a large building next to the sledding hill, and even more surprised when they were in favor of turning an agricultural parcel to an industrial parcel (old Bragdon farm). To me, this opens the faucet all the way open when we might have "controlled the flow" and limited ourselves to commercial. If zoning is a spectrum of agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial - it would be nice to see how the town envisions this progression for itself. What other areas that look rural now are actually destined or envisioned to be industrial? I hear that 101 will become a four lane highway at some point. It would also be good to know what that forecast is.	12/7/2020 7:45 PM
217	We moved here for the rural aspect and low density housing. That is part of Amherst's charm. Why dilute the brand of the town to be another urban sprawl like Merrimack? We love this town just the way it is.	12/7/2020 7:36 PM
218	One of the most wonderful parts of our "little" town is that the kids can safely walk to school. This is something that should never be compromised! It should be protected at all costs.	12/7/2020 2:41 PM
219	I want the town preserved but I also want to progress on sidewalks and paths. I want to more housing, it could ever be developments but with large property footprints and a plan for water. I DO NOT want to see our well supplies jeopardized..	12/7/2020 8:29 AM
220	Let me connect to the natural gas in the street! Gas company says roads too new, city wont allow connections for several years!	12/6/2020 9:22 PM
221	The question : "Is it important for Amherst to be affordable?" Is subjective- It is affordable to some, and not affordable to others. I bet you'll get a lot of comments about this one because it's such a complicated question.	11/27/2020 3:11 PM
222	Amherst does not need to become Milford or Nashua or Merrimack or etc. It would be a shame if that happened because many of us would not stay. I know this because I have spoken to a lot of people about this and they have told me they are watching this carefully.	11/25/2020 8:23 AM
223	I didn't answer "It is important for Amherst to be affordable" because the free market should dictate this not government.	11/24/2020 3:10 PM

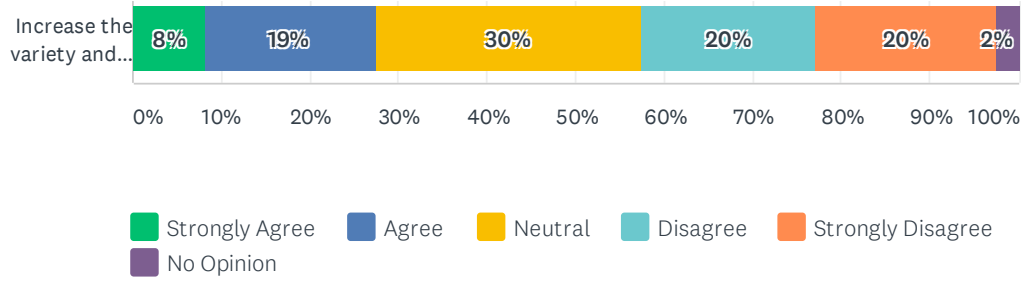
# Goals for the Town of Amherst

## Q10 Amherst should...

Answered: 1,604 Skipped: 211



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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Other #1 (specify below)	72% 82	7% 8	4% 4	2% 2	2% 2	14% 16	114	1.69
Protect open space/natural resources	55% 883	36% 578	7% 109	1% 18	0% 7	0% 2	1,597	1.45
Other #2 (specify below)	50% 27	2% 1	9% 5	2% 1	4% 2	33% 18	54	1.39
Preserve educational quality in schools	56% 891	28% 452	12% 193	2% 25	1% 21	1% 17	1,599	1.37
Preserve agricultural lands	35% 547	47% 738	16% 246	1% 22	1% 15	1% 11	1,579	1.14
Protect historic resources	32% 504	49% 777	16% 250	2% 24	1% 23	1% 13	1,591	1.09
Improve roads and infrastructure	28% 448	51% 809	18% 291	2% 32	0% 6	0% 5	1,591	1.05
Limit number of new residential developments	41% 647	31% 489	17% 277	7% 115	3% 51	1% 15	1,594	0.99
Improve telecommunications/internet accessibility	34% 537	35% 565	25% 395	4% 59	1% 16	2% 24	1,596	0.98
Improve safe routes (connectivity) for pedestrian and bicyclists	33% 526	33% 522	22% 345	6% 102	5% 79	2% 24	1,598	0.83
Increase recreational opportunities	24% 389	37% 597	29% 466	6% 88	2% 34	1% 19	1,593	0.77
Reduce municipal tax rate	26% 412	28% 447	35% 557	7% 111	2% 26	2% 32	1,585	0.71
Reduce schools' tax rate	32% 506	22% 352	29% 465	10% 161	4% 68	2% 36	1,588	0.69
Reduce municipality energy use	11% 167	35% 549	43% 688	4% 65	2% 37	5% 83	1,589	0.49
Improve food sustainability (CSA, community gardens, etc.)	15% 239	34% 536	37% 594	7% 118	4% 65	3% 45	1,597	0.49
Attract new businesses	12% 197	40% 627	35% 552	8% 132	4% 65	1% 13	1,586	0.48
Increase emergency services	8% 121	29% 455	50% 797	9% 144	2% 34	3% 42	1,593	0.31
Limit number of new business developments	18% 293	24% 381	32% 507	19% 304	6% 103	1% 10	1,598	0.29
Increase affordable housing	9% 145	21% 324	29% 454	20% 322	20% 316	1% 16	1,577	-0.22
Increase the variety and types of housing options	8% 131	19% 306	30% 474	20% 311	20% 324	2% 38	1,584	-0.25



## Q11 If you answered for Other #1, tell us what it is.

Answered: 100 Skipped: 1,715

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Recreation in rural settings is or should be at the schools... already tax payer funded! Already paid for and owned by tax payers!	1/19/2021 7:12 AM
2	Provide sidewalk on one side Boston Post Road from Merrimack line to Corduroy Road to Rt 122 to Amherst Village	1/17/2021 12:20 PM
3	Outraged that cost per Amherst students is one of highest, if not highest, in the state, as well as salaries. We have EXCELLENT teachers, but am guessing that they would be dedicated no matter the salary. Cost cutting for Amherst is imperative, OR, find a solution for those of us who are suffering from the pandemic, unemployment or retirement.	1/16/2021 2:12 PM
4	Get Google Fiber and Verizon Fios in town to compete with Comcast Xfinity and remove the monopoly.	1/15/2021 2:31 PM
5	No more multi unit building! Single home small acreage if enough common land to cover two acre rule which should be maintained	1/8/2021 6:08 PM
6	Would like to see continuous land tract preserved for wildlife corridors	1/6/2021 12:05 PM
7	Allow motorized OHRV's operated by Amherst residents on few specific trails..... like Merrimack.	1/5/2021 7:28 PM
8	Adjust the transfer station hours, acces days for residents (alternating) and/or traffic patterns in/out. Any risk to someone's life to take out the trash is really too much risk.... can we stop pretending it's not getting a little more dangerous every year?	1/5/2021 2:31 PM
9	Reduce special needs funding so we stop attracting new families with special needs kids	1/5/2021 11:24 AM
10	Make Amherst a destination for business and families. Businesses with access to shopping and dining will want to come to Amherst.	1/5/2021 9:47 AM
11	Improve social culture within the schools.	1/5/2021 8:36 AM
12	What is Other #1 and 2	1/5/2021 7:22 AM
13	Have the police enforce speed limits and the law where motorists must move over 3 feet for pedestrians	1/5/2021 6:48 AM
14	No need to put low income housing the client tell is not good for the town	1/5/2021 6:47 AM
15	Provide Body Cameras to Police Officers	1/4/2021 6:59 PM
16	Stop trying to socially engineer our community's provide enough police and fire services to protect our citizens. Provide all other required services, then stop! We do not need or want you to think for us.	1/1/2021 8:14 PM
17	It would be nice to have a few additional businesses in the village, such as bookstore/gift shop/cafe (place to meet a friend for coffee besides the current one option), while maintaining historic character of the village area.	1/1/2021 6:47 PM
18	Keep road traffic on Rt 101 and Rt 101A and attempt to limit traffic in the Village and in the neighborhoods.	12/31/2020 1:29 PM
19	Too much tax money is being apportioned to the school system here in Amherst. I agree on the best school system and Amherst was always recognized for that. Demographics and the size of the school population changes yearly. That rate should be adjusted accordingly to the number of pupils enrolled in Amherst's school system.	12/31/2020 1:09 PM
20	Encourage diversity	12/31/2020 7:23 AM
21	Have town owned internet that isn't Comcast or Fairmount and easily available to all residents.	12/30/2020 11:34 PM
22	Class sizes and school infrastructure	12/30/2020 10:15 PM
23	fix transfer station problem (more hours)	12/30/2020 7:54 PM
24	Expand transfer station hours	12/30/2020 7:42 PM
25	Let's improve the transfer station! Let's reduce waste, recycle more, enforce recycling.	12/30/2020 6:43 PM
26	Increase traffic enforcement	12/29/2020 12:37 PM

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27	Duplex style homes, inlaw and carriages housing helps new buys and elderly pay property taxes.	12/29/2020 9:42 AM
28	Schools focus on challenging students, especially kids that are on the upper end of learning.	12/29/2020 8:40 AM
29	We do not need to offer affordable housing. If you cannot afford to live in a town like Amherst, people should find a town more affordable.	12/28/2020 9:10 PM
30	Begin underground telephone/communication resources. Each time a road is repaired/replaced in a major way, require underground electrical wiring. This preserves the beauty of the town, but more importantly eliminates the frequent loss of electricity during storms or high winds.	12/28/2020 10:32 AM
31	Protect access to hiking trails.	12/28/2020 10:13 AM
32	Providing bike paths is money that should be raised outside of the taxpayers responsibility. The small percentage that use this is not money well spent by the whole.	12/25/2020 8:27 PM
33	Create opportunity the development of multi-dwelling apartment buildings	12/25/2020 4:25 PM
34	Change priorities from historical district to areas south of railroad tracks by improving walkability and maintaining open land.	12/24/2020 12:39 PM
35	Amherst should not be taxing residents for services unless a majority of the citizens are likely to use it. For example, paying even higher taxes for jogging paths. More than 50% of Amherst citizens are not joggers.	12/23/2020 7:50 PM
36	We have lost significant non-residential uses in the village over the last several decades, including the post office and farmer's market on the green. Most Town Hall business is now online as well. There is little reason for people in the subdivisions to come to the village except for the tree lighting, 4th of July, and Halloween. The village itself is becoming a glorified subdivision.	12/23/2020 11:51 AM
37	Stop the residential building insanity! Density bonuses are killing the beauty and rural character of this town. Recent presentations by developers are smoke and mirrors. Stating percentages of open space being skewed by looking at totality of land NOT buildable acres. The open space being presented is always going to be open!	12/21/2020 2:05 PM
38	DO NOT commercialize the village!	12/21/2020 9:52 AM
39	Utilize vacant and underutilized homes and businesses instead of building new	12/21/2020 7:39 AM
40	Improve services to seniors	12/20/2020 11:18 PM
41	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:04 PM
42	New business developments should utilize existing spaces currently vacant, before destroying virgin forests, open spaces.	12/20/2020 4:57 PM
43	Creat community broadband/internet plan.	12/20/2020 3:40 PM
44	Improve the educational quality in the schools	12/20/2020 2:35 PM
45	"Preserve educational quality in schools"??? Our schools are a joke statewide. We need to dramatically IMPROVE educational quality!	12/20/2020 1:39 PM
46	Improve educational quality in schools	12/20/2020 11:46 AM
47	Get rid of 30mph speed limits on roads that dont require it and for roads where no one drives that limit anyways (i.e. Spring Rd).	12/20/2020 11:28 AM
48	Reduce or at least not increase property taxes.	12/20/2020 10:05 AM
49	Commit to 100% clean energy, and specify a date (some time before 2050, hopefully long before that), as many cities and municipalities are doing. See ilsr.org or <a href="https://www.sierraclub.org/ready-for-100">https://www.sierraclub.org/ready-for-100</a> .	12/20/2020 9:56 AM
50	People who have children in our school system should bear the burden of the exorbitant tax rate! \$.78 of every dollar goes to the school system. If you have children out of school you're paying into something that you get no benefit for whatsoever. We pay exorbitant taxes and we get police and fire protection nothing else no road service nothing.	12/20/2020 9:09 AM
51	Preserve the tranquility of Baboosic Lake	12/19/2020 7:15 PM
52	When you say school s' tax rate.... I assume you mean the tax impact we pay to fund our	12/19/2020 9:15 AM

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schools? If so I strongly support quality education, and the tax bill that comes with it. Our home values depend on it. Wasn't sure about the language. Also couldn't tell what was meant by municipality tax rate. So have to not comment on that. Thanks for doing this survey!!!

53	IMPROVE educational quality.	12/19/2020 12:00 AM
54	It is important to increase the number of single family homes in an affordable manner, without introducing 3+ multi family homes or trailer parks.	12/18/2020 12:23 PM
55	reduce the cost of education	12/17/2020 7:40 PM
56	cluster single family housing with shared recreation/open space should be encouraged	12/17/2020 3:47 PM
57	Establish productive public/private initiatives between town and businesses to facilitate community support and connectedness (eg., sponsoring development of parks, trails, gardens; thoughtfully planned neighborhoods within walking or biking distance of businesses	12/17/2020 8:44 AM
58	When I say yes to attracting new businesses, I am referring to the business corridors on 101 and 101A, not the Village proper.	12/17/2020 6:38 AM
59	Senior citizen services.	12/16/2020 10:35 AM
60	It is great to try and preserve open space, however not at the expense of the character of the town. Clustering housing in not the answer nor is giving over the top intensives for builders to do so.	12/16/2020 10:29 AM
61	Encourage utility infrastructure expansion; especially water and natural gas.	12/15/2020 7:00 PM
62	Taxes and school cost have gone way up since we have lived here. Making it very expensive for most older residents to stay in Amherst. The quality of schools has only gone down. Spending more money on schools clearly has not increased educational outcomes. Perhaps we should learn from Hollis and Bedford when it comes to school spending and outcomes.	12/15/2020 6:53 PM
63	Amherst has long had a diversity of types of housing from shacks to estates in and around the 1950s. Those who work for the town should find it easy to afford to live here. Regional schools need to be in the making to diminish extraordinary Education funding.	12/15/2020 4:17 PM
64	As a tax-paying resident of Amherst, I believe the town needs to preserve our current neighborhood zoning. Introducing high-density cluster housing and other forms of "affordable housing" into existing high-end neighborhoods is not acceptable. We have worked our entire lives to be able to afford to live in Amherst and our home is our retirement asset. Taking away it's value by changing zoning is not acceptable. I understand the need for affordable housing but it must be placed in appropriate areas and Amherst is not one of them! CALL my a NIMBY but I doubt anyone welcomes low-income or affordable housing next to them while paying such high taxes to live where we do!	12/15/2020 2:11 PM
65	Build and maintain proper facilities for schools.	12/14/2020 6:22 PM
66	Put a pub in town!	12/14/2020 1:34 PM
67	Open a small tavern in the historic district, as was common in colonial times.	12/14/2020 1:00 PM
68	Again, even though it may be difficult, having neighborhoods with some one, two, three family housing isn't such a terrible thing. Amherst is no longer "country". We are a suburb now and it would be advantageous to accommodate all the working needs that match up with the community needs of its citizens. When you are busy raising children you have certain priorities. These priorities modulate as you get older, but being able to stay in the community where you have made connections is important. It would be nice to have the options to stay at an affordable price within your community, to live near where you work and have the benefit of a decent school system. There should be a balance between exclusivity and inclusiveness. We can all benefit from each other.	12/14/2020 11:44 AM
69	Tax rates in Amherst are out of control. Permitting business in a thoughtful manner is the answer. We have volunteer departments, terrible mail service and no trash pickup. Where is all of that money going??	12/14/2020 11:26 AM
70	Bike lanes	12/13/2020 9:34 PM
71	We are being taxed out of Amherst. Encouraging more businesses that will contribute to our tax base is critical. Increased residential is a drain on resources, especially schools, infrastructure, water etc without increasing tax revenue to cover these additional expenses & services	12/13/2020 8:04 PM

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72	Find a way for Comcast to not be a monopoly in Amherst.	12/13/2020 7:14 PM
73	See previous Other #1 and Other #2.	12/13/2020 7:05 PM
74	Increase diversity in population	12/13/2020 4:38 PM
75	Encourage businesses and residences to reduce environmental impact, such as energy consumption, carbon footprint, plastics, water usage, etc. Make Amherst a leading-edge environmental leader and bellwether for others to emulate.	12/13/2020 2:21 PM
76	Believe in limiting development of very large single family homes versus encouraging the supporting new builds of starter, modest single family homes which will increase young families and increase our tax base and pop. Growth	12/13/2020 1:08 PM
77	Maintain our roads and infrastructure	12/12/2020 9:26 PM
78	We need broadband / telecommunication suppliers in addition to Comcast. Comcast is too expensive and does not allow for more granular options (ala carte) and competition.	12/12/2020 8:49 PM
79	You said "preserve educational quality", I say improve the education so it's a draw to town instead of currently being an embarrassment!	12/12/2020 6:08 PM
80	Get business in here.....	12/12/2020 5:43 PM
81	School tax should be dropped 50% as the online classroom should be recommended.	12/12/2020 5:12 PM
82	Leave Amherst as you found it.	12/12/2020 3:18 PM
83	Why is it that you tax seniors so high. We are living on Social Security and children are grown, well water supplied independently, trash pick up private we pay, We get nothing for or tax dollars. This is ridiculous Should have factored this in prior to buying.	12/12/2020 12:06 PM
84	Regarding taxes - I'm willing to pay my fair share as long as I have confidence that spending is transparent and done wisely.	12/12/2020 7:37 AM
85	COSOLODATE SCHOOLS TO REDUCE SCHOOL BUDGET. TAXPAYERS SHOULD SUPPORT ONLY THOSE SCHOOL PROGRAMS FROM WHICH ALL KIDS BENEFIT. ELIMINATE SPORTS, BAND/MUSIC, EXTRACURRICULAR - IF THEY PLAY THEY PAY INSTEAD OF TAXPAYER SUPPORTING NON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS	12/11/2020 10:04 PM
86	We need less waste of our tax dollars in general. We need to retain the 1 acre lot minimum but encourage building for new properties. Possibly some senior only condos for empty nesters who want to stay in the community. Allow businesses to be found, by creating new sign rules on 101 and within commercial zones.	12/11/2020 3:31 PM
87	Require PRDs to construct affordable housing: at least thirty percent (30%) of the dwelling units must be affordable, with at least 10% affordable at up to 25% of the AMI and 20% at up to 50% of the AMI.	12/11/2020 2:40 PM
88	Schools are generally a disaster. They cost way too much and teach little. On exit kids do not know the three R's, and have no foundation in history or civics.	12/11/2020 1:58 PM
89	The transfer station property is a great location for a town solar array project. This could provide an energy resource for the municipal buildings and town residents with electricity.	12/9/2020 2:09 PM
90	Prioritize safe school buildings with enough space for current enrollment.	12/9/2020 6:18 AM
91	Spend on school infrastructure	12/8/2020 7:55 AM
92	Update school facilities especially Wilkins	12/7/2020 10:50 PM
93	Make tax impact decisions based on the needs of the town and schools and not the bottom line dollar amount.	12/7/2020 9:20 PM
94	Amherst has a large variety of housing types from the flume to the gardens.	12/7/2020 7:59 AM
95	Ok to limit new housing, but ensure the housing coming in appeals to more than just the families willing to put up with taxes for schools. Encourage smaller housing, allow apartments (they subsidize a mortgage and town taxes for property owner without putting more kids in schools). Town has a great deal to offer besides just families with kids in schools.	12/6/2020 8:16 PM
96	Targeted bike/walking routes around Souhegan/Middle School --- others are low priority	11/27/2020 10:57 AM

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97	I agreed with keeping Amherst more affordable, however I also want this to be a thoughtful approach with strict zoning in mind.	11/27/2020 10:25 AM
98	Same here, just stating "tell us what that goal is"	11/24/2020 6:20 PM
99	test	11/24/2020 6:09 PM
100	In terms of housing, think outside the box and look at multi use space in the business district to revamp empty buildings/stores into living spaces. Done creatively it could solve many of the housing needs/wants in town without disturbing some of the rural character.	11/22/2020 12:34 PM

**Q12 If you answered for Other #2, tell us what it is.**

Answered: 31 Skipped: 1,784

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Keeping with Amherst Village historical roots as a transportation corridor provide more shops and non franchise restaurants in Village keeping within historical style and guidelines.	1/17/2021 12:20 PM
2	Increase cell (phone) towers.	1/15/2021 2:31 PM
3	Reduce teacher pay and tenure	1/5/2021 11:24 AM
4	Leverage the town's natural resources to create a destination. Allow inns and taverns near town and on bike/hike trails. Establish bike and pedestrian pathways to link town and reduce car traffic in place of foot/bike traffic.	1/5/2021 9:47 AM
5	Invest in Souhegan and Make it #3 in the state again.	1/4/2021 6:59 PM
6	Our school system does not, in my opinion, provide a high level of educational quality, especially for the price. Which is why I send my children to private high schools.	1/1/2021 8:14 PM
7	Sidewalks	12/30/2020 10:15 PM
8	Address transfer station efficiency and safety issues	12/29/2020 12:37 PM
9	The town needs to keep taxes low, that is the formula for affordable housing	12/29/2020 9:42 AM
10	Stop focusing on the building and focus on the learning, we use to be one of the top schools.	12/29/2020 8:40 AM
11	Start and maintain an enormous campaign to bring about voluntary reduced driving speeds in the town. A "Enjoy Amherst. Drive Slowly" awareness and commitment mentality from our residents and visitors that is a matter and source of community pride, belonging, and commitment.	12/28/2020 10:32 AM
12	Provide opportunities for locally owned businesses to operate within Amherst Village (i.e. coffee shop/bakery, brewery/tavern, bookshop).	12/25/2020 4:25 PM
13	Increase workforce housing in down town historical area.	12/24/2020 12:39 PM
14	Focus on growing existing businesses more than bringing new in.	12/21/2020 7:39 AM
15	Provide more equitable taxation	12/20/2020 11:18 PM
16	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:04 PM
17	Increased or " high density " is in conflict with what Attracts people to live in our town in the 1st place	12/20/2020 4:57 PM
18	Look to consolidate municipal resources with other nearby towns, such as police, fire/EMS	12/20/2020 2:35 PM
19	Have a community space where groups can meet	12/20/2020 11:46 AM
20	reduce the number of staff within schools	12/17/2020 7:40 PM
21	develop train service to Boston (perhaps from Nashua)	12/17/2020 3:47 PM
22	It seems that the resources in the town plan are concentrated in the village, leaving the rest of the town as a wish list which doesn't get addressed. Salsburg Square and the Meeting Place have been neglected for years. No traffic light now makes it impossible for left hand turns out of the meeting place.	12/15/2020 6:53 PM
23	The transfer station is disgraceful. Hours are far too limited especially during Covid. Cars are dangerously lined up in both directions. Fights are going to begin breaking out if something isn't done to organize and improve the entrance. No hazardous waste disposal capabilities means people are simple disposing of items with the regular trash.	12/14/2020 11:26 AM
24	Electric car charging station	12/13/2020 9:34 PM
25	Make the transfer station handle more volume or extend hours.	12/12/2020 9:26 PM
26	Emergency services for residents with less than \$100,000 year income -ex.food pantry, electric asst. storm repairs and or online public school internet to be provided for all Optional use to students. Or they will probably opt to not participate as most families make more than 100k/ yr.	12/12/2020 5:12 PM
27	GIVE MORE MONEY TO THE LIBRARY AND THE ACC. THOSE PROGRAMS BENEFIT ALL	12/11/2020 10:04 PM



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28	We should provide easier and faster avenues for reasonable variances to existing properties that are undergoing renovation.	12/11/2020 3:31 PM
29	Reduce the minimum lot area requirement	12/11/2020 2:40 PM
30	If new building developers are not allowed we will still have our quiet roads for walking and biking. This will also prevent additional strain on the water source and traffic.	12/7/2020 7:59 AM
31	I agree with lowering the tax rate in Amherst. Who doesn't want lower taxes? But again, this has to be a thoughtful approach, one where the different branches of the town work together.	11/27/2020 10:25 AM

## Q13 Please provide additional comments if you wish.

Answered: 84 Skipped: 1,731

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	If limiting biz limit where. Keep cell towers on hwy areas not in school/parks/residential areas. Keep high quality bldg & housing characteristics.	1/13/2021 7:18 AM
2	We are new to Amherst. There are numerous towns we could have chosen to move to but we chose this place because it has a strong sense of community and, generally, the school system is respected. I believe these are at the heart of what makes Amherst a good town in which to raise a family and would like to see those continue or even be strengthened.	1/9/2021 1:47 PM
3	Those seemed weirdly worded....	1/9/2021 9:12 AM
4	Keep commercial clustered on 101-A or 101	1/8/2021 6:08 PM
5	I agree with allowing and encouraging small local businesses in town but adamantly oppose a large chain	1/8/2021 8:50 AM
6	The town needs to require that the rec department invest more in team sports and athletics. I find many kids need to go out of town fir quality programs which in turn discourage continuation of athletics into high school. Town recreation should be a feeder for high school sports .	1/7/2021 1:36 PM
7	The high-speed internet option (singular) is horrible. We pay way too much each month for mediocre service. We need competition and other vendors.	1/6/2021 11:54 AM
8	Thanks	1/5/2021 1:30 PM
9	"Increase emergency services": No to increasing police, yes to EMS/Fire.	1/4/2021 6:59 PM
10	It is apparent from the way these goals are worded, that the Obama administration's Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule has already had an influence here in Amherst. I will state again: There is nothing fair about the AFFH rule. It is fundamentally designed to be a cudgel that will re-engineer nearly every American neighborhood — imposing onerous mandates on residential composition, densifying housing, requiring small towns to create costly transportation systems, and weakening the authority of our local governments over core responsibilities, from zoning to transportation to education. IT MUST BE OPPOSED IN AMHERST AT ALL COSTS - This opposition is my absolute highest priority. If it resurfaces in a Biden administration, beautiful, peaceful Amherst will cease to be Amherst & we will be faced with a plethora of damaging economic & infrastructure repercussions from which we will never recover.	1/4/2021 2:16 PM
11	Affordable housing shouldn't be discouraged, but I think it's unnecessary to actively encourage. Allow, definitely. Give incentives... why? Educational quality can be preserved by rewarding quality teachers who continue to offer quality educations. Tenure disincentivises, if that's a word. And targeted school fundraisers garner a more appropriate proportion of funds from the people who are most interested and benefit most from the goal. I'm more willing to pay some taxes for school project that are at least partially being paid for by motivated students and individuals. That's a better indicator of need to me than a line item in a school board meeting. The police are great in Amherst. If they need help. I believe them. With all due respect, the fire department under the current leadership is not exactly highly respected by surrounding departments, volunteer or otherwise. I'd support the further education of the chief and his department, but they have more equipment and resources than they know what to do with given their current level of education. Residential and Commercial Development should have a limit. I'm not sure we've reached it yet, but it should be defined.	1/3/2021 10:49 PM
12	The property tax burden is the biggest factor in determining whether or not to stay in Amherst. The school portion of the property tax is an enormous burden on residents, and the ever-increasing property tax is NOT sustainable in the long term.	1/3/2021 10:41 AM
13	Need to encourage Hayward's Ice Creamery to leave Milford and move to Amherst for easier ice cream runs.	1/1/2021 9:42 PM
14	Amherst does not need or want our "leaders" to think for us, just provide the basics of government and let people run their own lives.	1/1/2021 8:14 PM
15	I like that Amherst is a family town. I moved here because the vast majority of households have two parents. I also like that the cost of housing is on the higher end. This leads to a population that is largely educated. I wanted my kids in school with other kids who share the same family values, and who would likely be going to college.	12/31/2020 8:03 AM
16	Please be thoughtful about distribution of the survey and if only higher income households are	12/31/2020 2:41 AM

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seeing the information and responding. It could be very easy to get skewed perspective here based on access

17	Amherst provides great educational opportunities but limited equity and diversity. We need to provide affordable housing opportunities for more people including SAU non professional staff.	12/30/2020 11:52 PM
18	This survey has a lot of leading questions that try to get people to respond to a hidden progressive agenda set up by those making the survey which will result in a skewed response.	12/30/2020 7:54 PM
19	Need a Market Basket and gas station near closer to Chesnut hill.	12/30/2020 7:51 PM
20	You have improve the schools equality to all students first .tindo the school board needs to be redone	12/30/2020 6:17 PM
21	crosswalks and/or pedestrian bridges over 101A	12/29/2020 12:37 PM
22	Regarding limits on residential and business developments, we want to see limits in that we don't want to see unlimited new developments, but we don't want to see so much restrictions in limits that nothing new gets built or added to the town.	12/28/2020 12:34 PM
23	Limit the density of new residential developments	12/28/2020 11:58 AM
24	Education is extremely important, but the school system here are squandering funds on a very imperfect educational experiment and not delivering appropriate standards.	12/28/2020 8:57 AM
25	Bring back the weekend farmers market during the spring and summer months.	12/25/2020 4:25 PM
26	Too much emphasis is being placed on "preservation" of historical area at the detriment of other side of the track area.	12/24/2020 12:39 PM
27	If taxes stay the same or continue to increase, services should improve (better schools, better DPW, better overall curb appeal for town).	12/24/2020 8:09 AM
28	DPW should pickup trash & litter in parks it already maintains. Too much litter. Also, sidewalk access to Joshua's Park from Village.	12/21/2020 8:49 PM
29	Southern NH had an affordable housing crisis before COVID. It must be worse now. Amherst should do its part to help address the supply side of the crisis by relaxing restrictions that keep houses from being built (like acreage minimums). Any new housing (regardless of how affordable it is) will help to reduce the crisis.	12/21/2020 3:16 PM
30	At 88 years of age, the school tax is such that it takes over 30% of my retirement income. My children have not attended Amherst schools for 35 plus years. This cost will have the result of eliminating the elderly population in town.	12/21/2020 1:30 PM
31	"Preserving educational quality" is important...however compared to surrounding districts like Hollis/Brookline the quality of education could be (SHOULD be) better here...especially since we are currently paying more per student than all of the surrounding districts. Facilities, Especially the elementary school, are long overdue for improvements. Had I toured the schools prior to moving here I never would have bought a home here. Compared to other places we've lived these school buildings are sub par and the taxes paid to the town for school and education are outrageous. This needs to change before the town can ever consider allowing anymore housing developments to be built here.	12/21/2020 1:12 PM
32	Offer more variety of internet providers to choose from as town residents!	12/20/2020 11:55 PM
33	Lower axes	12/20/2020 11:04 PM
34	We are being taxed to death !	12/20/2020 4:57 PM
35	Am okay with new businesses on 101a not 101 Presently condominium homes in Amherst are disproportionately taxed based on the lack of municipal services provided.	12/20/2020 3:51 PM
36	Reduce School tax rate . Way too high already and the quality of education has decreased . Use money to buy up land for open space for conservation recreational use, No more developments or low income housing high density subdivision. Keep amherst Rural, historic . Protect precious open space and natural resources . Please dont destroy what is left of Amherst . The town selectmen already did enough damage already to Amherst destroying its beautiful rural environment.	12/20/2020 1:12 PM
37	I would like to see Amherst work to attract family-owned businesses, not necessarily more chains/box stores	12/20/2020 11:46 AM

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38	The roads in this town are badly in need of repair in some locations. We have a good school system overall; it could use a few tweaks but generally should be supported. We should avoid at all cost housing arrangements that differ from the basic character of Amherst as it currently exists.	12/20/2020 11:30 AM
39	While outdoor activities like walking and biking are invaluable to our community, leveraging and expanding our conservation land for use for these things would be economically more feasible than adding side walks or bike lanes to smaller existing roads in town.	12/20/2020 10:27 AM
40	Focus on what needs to be done Stop increase school taxes when the schools have not been fixed with the increases unless you are giving teachers a increase Increase special ed stop taking away from departments that need it to help departments get back on track	12/20/2020 10:02 AM
41	We pay a lot per student, without seeing great outcomes. That needs to change.	12/20/2020 9:55 AM
42	After getting familiar with the town of Amherst over the years I have noticed that the prettiest part of Amherst is the village. The rest of the town folk are paying such high taxes to keep the village beautiful they can't afford to keep their own properties looking nice. The rest of the town looks kind of dump to be quite honest	12/20/2020 9:09 AM
43	Regarding telecommunications/internet access - If this includes the possibility of allowing 5G antennas in our neighborhoods, I am strongly opposed to 5G. There are significant health hazards associated with 5G radiation.	12/19/2020 3:21 PM
44	There is a certain amount of subjectivity here: I do tend to have a personal bias towards a more rural feel. I appreciate the town is rather well managed on a very small budget, and feel somewhat unhappy that over 2/3 of the tax bill is dedicated to schools (we have no students in our household). Everything is a compromise and the rural feel of Amherst, and proximity to larger towns and Boston. Saying "disagree" to "Preserve educational quality in schools" isn't even really what I feel: it's not like we can/should burn the schools or let them fall apart, but a serious review of budgeting could help find optimizations that allow reigning in what feels like runaway costs. I still voted "yes" to all proposed school budget increases last year, maybe because the proposals felt like that of folks at the end of the rope, operating in buildings that fell apart with a shoestring budget. Yet we were talking about tenths of millions of dollars. That's mind-boggling, especially compared to what the town itself seems to be able to do with far less resources.	12/19/2020 8:38 AM
45	Of course we want to increase educational quality. Please don't tie spending to educational quality. Student outcomes are what matter most -- our spending must be tied to this. We need to measure it and act accordingly, not just spend on what feels good. On limiting residential developments and commercial developments: Yes in rural areas, no in areas that are already designated commercial and/or have lost their rural character.	12/19/2020 7:51 AM
46	Affordable housing should be number one	12/18/2020 5:31 PM
47	In case it seems contradictory that I rated "Limit number of new business developments" and "Attract new businesses" the same, I want to clarify that I wouldn't want to see Amherst overrun with business developments, but I would like to see more diversity (with health and sustainability in mind) in the businesses we attract.	12/18/2020 11:38 AM
48	SIDEWALKS!!!!	12/18/2020 10:37 AM
49	I'd love to see our limited resources be used toward something other than just the schools	12/17/2020 7:40 PM
50	I would support an increase in the Police/Fire/EMS training budget for the wide variety of issues (social/environmental/medical/other) they will confront in the future. I also would support ONE funded town employee to serve as Communications Coordinator to provide daily updates to town citizens (via webpage) during ordinary times. In an Emergency (weather/environmental/disrupted traffic/other), this employee would contact citizens by recorded phone message as the School District does now, as well as update the Town web page as necessary (hourly, as situation dictates).	12/17/2020 3:04 PM
51	If we want lower tax rates we MUST encourage business and residential development. Additionally, putting more and more land into undevelopable states further reduces the current and future tax base. Bigger tax base = possibility to lower tax rates	12/17/2020 10:52 AM
52	Keeping the rural quality of our town, historic preservation, conservation & open space, protecting our water sources...all extremely important. Some towns have an Aquifer Ordinance in place to make Developers have to prove that the proposed development will not affect existing homeowner's wells. This ordinance can also protect the town from being sued by	12/16/2020 7:56 PM

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homeowners who lose their wells as a result of a new development. Developers are not in business to protect water sources and open space. We are at a tipping point. More development means more traffic. Traffic on Boston Post Road at the Mont Vernon end is extremely dangerous. Something needs to be done about the high rate of speed, pick up trucks passing cars that are going the speed limit, and the number of cars & trucks using Boston Post Road. I hope Amherst is preserved and protected for many generations to come.

53	I am quite content leaving Amherst alone. I don't want any more traffic...wish my street was a dirt road and not a raceway.	12/16/2020 6:37 AM
54	The plan needs to incorporate more of the town other than the village. There is little to no commerce on 101 and no reason for people to stop and explore Amherst Village or along 101. Most commerce is limited to 101A which has become an ugly strip with too many lights. We could take a lesson again from Milford or Bedford and make a green area with rock walls, a pond walking/bike paths, eatery's along with a more vibrant and stylish commercial area for people to congregate. Slasburg Square is way out of date with poor signage and there is nothing there to entice people to enter.	12/15/2020 6:53 PM
55	Real Estate values will increase substantially over the coming decade as more and more people will choose where to live while working from home - and Amherst is a good choice.	12/15/2020 4:17 PM
56	The perceived results of our school taxes far exceed the reality of the quality of education	12/14/2020 8:06 PM
57	Increasingly see pedestrian and cycling supported and no mention of equestrian support. There is a significant equestrian community in Amherst, and trails should be maintained for shared use with them as well. Hunting on town land should be restricted to Monday - Saturday, leaving Sunday for the residents to enjoy outdoors without fear of being shot.	12/14/2020 6:51 PM
58	I don't wish for higher taxes, but I understand that some investment is necessary to move forward.	12/14/2020 6:22 PM
59	please conserve our land and keep it rural. Also the tax base is squeezing out folks that already live here esp retirees.	12/14/2020 5:05 PM
60	Housing is already very affordable. I don't understand why this would be prioritized over the other options, unless the focus is on reducing the property taxes, which are insanely high.	12/14/2020 3:20 PM
61	If it ain't broke, don't fix it	12/14/2020 1:00 PM
62	The town must work to improve the spaces provided for walkers, runners, bikers. Drivers are openly hostile to those out exercising because the town does nothing to provide them with safe areas.	12/14/2020 11:26 AM
63	People move here from Massachusettes to escape exactly what they turn around and vote in: stop trying to create low income housing and draw in people based on their race; we moved to Amherst for a reason and that reason need not be chipped away at by bringing in Nashua and Manchester types of issues.	12/14/2020 9:45 AM
64	You can't provide quality schools (which enhance property values) and town services without spending money. The cost of "doing business" doesn't drop with time. It would be fine if tax rates dropped, but that's not consistent with providing quality schools and town services. The "tea party" types who believe otherwise are simply idiots.	12/14/2020 9:41 AM
65	Attracting new businesses and building a more pedestrian/cycling friendly town will drive new economic development.	12/13/2020 10:25 PM
66	Crosswalk signs saying pedestrians have the right to cross the street and that cars must stop for pedestrians at crosswalks.	12/13/2020 9:34 PM
67	Would be very much in support of improved infrastructure for bikers/walkers/runners....whether that be investment in making more trail systems, widening of shoulders on roads, etc.	12/13/2020 1:19 PM
68	If you are going to "attract" new business, please do so responsibly and keep them in already commercial areas as to have the smallest impact on residential communities	12/13/2020 8:58 AM
69	Your question on maintaining educational quality presumes that what we have is good.	12/12/2020 9:26 PM
70	Have not noticed any deficiencies in infrastructure or emergency services.	12/12/2020 6:52 PM
71	We have highly paid teachers that frankly aren't doing the job. Hollis and Bedford pay their teachers less and have much better outcomes.	12/12/2020 6:08 PM

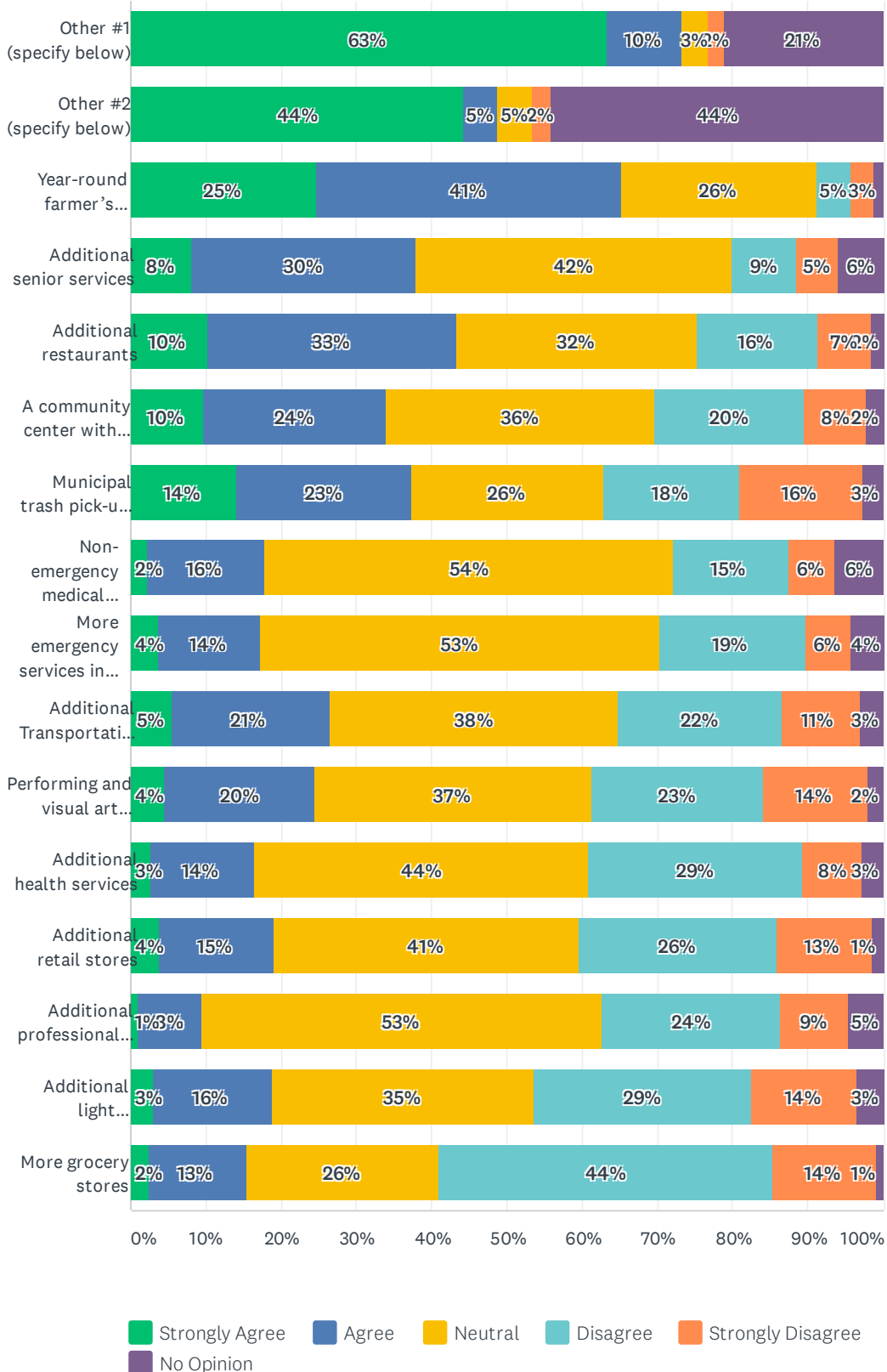
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72	Clearly there is a trade off - no business to pay taxes AND modest homes AND a desire for lots of services creates a challenge, but we should not trade one for another	12/12/2020 5:24 PM
73	Empowering ourselves and setting examples for our kids.	12/12/2020 5:12 PM
74	Bicycles and pedestrians do not belong on major roads but clearly on less traveled and natural venues such as wooded trails.	12/12/2020 3:18 PM
75	Regarding housing: We have a lot of empty buildings and shops along 101A, many could become mixed use housing or turned into apts, condos, etc. Many folks, young and old, want to be near shopping and restaurants and work. Amherst will always be a bedroom community so let's make use of EXISTING spaces and get creative. "The greenest building is the one that already exists"	12/12/2020 10:05 AM
76	I WISH I COULD MOVE OUT OF AMHERST. THE SENSE OF ENTITLEMENT AND HYPOCRISY IS UNACCEPTABLE.	12/11/2020 10:04 PM
77	I am not sure how we can limit residential developments and or limit businesses, they help pay taxes, there needs to be some regulations but I don't know where the line should be drawn.	12/11/2020 4:51 PM
78	It is imperative to maintain the historic character and ambience of this community. We moved here 35 years ago for that reason, in addition to the outstanding school system. There have been too many further housing developments and sale of land that will ultimately change the reasons we moved here. We have a beautiful place in the town of Amherst. Any future additions of housing and commercial developments, in addition to the sale of land (which will ultimately be used for housing) will diminish what we have here. Please stopit!	12/11/2020 4:08 PM
79	Keep are rural community.	12/10/2020 3:42 PM
80	The schools are at capacity. If you add more developments and low income housing you will further burden the schools. The upcoming projected tax bill with the school bond will be a punch in the gut to many residents. Slow the pace of growth.	12/7/2020 10:04 PM
81	Please leave Amherst the way it is	12/7/2020 7:40 PM
82	It would be nice to Clark school turned into a community center if/when a new school is built where Wilkins is now.	12/7/2020 2:44 PM
83	Any question I didn't mark, I believe should be left to the free market to dictate; make that an option in your final survey.	11/24/2020 3:13 PM
84	Some of the answers to the questions regarding reducing tax rate of the schools and the town seem obvious- most folks will choose strongly agree or agree. What is the purpose of those questions?	11/22/2020 12:34 PM

# Potential Services Needed in the Town of Amherst

## Q14 Amherst needs...

Answered: 1,581 Skipped: 234





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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Other #1 (specify below)	63% 57	10% 9	3% 3	0% 0	2% 2	21% 19	90	1.68
Other #2 (specify below)	44% 19	5% 2	5% 2	0% 0	2% 1	44% 19	43	1.58
Year-round farmer's market/locally grown products	25% 388	41% 638	26% 407	5% 73	3% 46	1% 19	1,571	0.80
Additional senior services	8% 126	30% 468	42% 659	9% 134	5% 86	6% 94	1,567	0.28
Additional restaurants	10% 162	33% 517	32% 501	16% 253	7% 111	2% 24	1,568	0.24
A community center with meeting space	10% 153	24% 382	36% 559	20% 315	8% 127	2% 36	1,572	0.08
Municipal trash pick-up service	14% 219	23% 366	26% 401	18% 284	16% 257	3% 42	1,569	0.00
Non-emergency medical transport	2% 34	16% 245	54% 844	15% 239	6% 93	6% 101	1,556	-0.08
More emergency services in Amherst	4% 57	14% 213	53% 834	19% 304	6% 95	4% 66	1,569	-0.11
Additional Transportation options (taxis, shared rides, carpools, buses)	5% 86	21% 332	38% 605	22% 340	11% 166	3% 46	1,575	-0.11
Performing and visual art facilities	4% 68	20% 317	37% 577	23% 358	14% 218	2% 31	1,569	-0.22
Additional health services	3% 42	14% 215	44% 693	29% 446	8% 122	3% 43	1,561	-0.26
Additional retail stores	4% 59	15% 239	41% 637	26% 414	13% 196	1% 23	1,568	-0.29
Additional professional services (legal, financial)	1% 17	8% 131	53% 837	24% 372	9% 143	5% 72	1,572	-0.33
Additional light industrial (manufacturing, assembly, etc.)	3% 48	16% 250	35% 544	29% 456	14% 219	3% 54	1,571	-0.36
More grocery stores	2% 37	13% 204	26% 400	44% 696	14% 215	1% 14	1,566	-0.55

## Q15 If you answered for Other #1, tell us what it is.

Answered: 69 Skipped: 1,746

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Transfer station open 5 days a week if no trash services	1/19/2021 7:15 AM
2	Pub in the Center of Amherst	1/17/2021 7:38 PM
3	Solar farm at the old Buckmeadow golf course	1/17/2021 10:45 AM
4	Wish there was a CVS or Walgreens, some type of pharmacy, maybe in the same center as the post office.	1/16/2021 9:03 PM
5	Town pool	1/16/2021 1:12 PM
6	We do not need super Wal-Mart/Groceries. They don't pay taxes. A Market Basket would be nice and an in town pharmacy (not a chain).	1/15/2021 5:25 PM
7	If additional services can be added without increasing tax, they should be considered. But not, otherwise. Property tax, as is, can't even satisfy the status quo.	1/15/2021 2:34 PM
8	Fiber optics!	1/13/2021 7:18 AM
9	Longer hours/more days - Transfer Station	1/5/2021 10:13 AM
10	Make Amherst a destination for new business.	1/5/2021 9:53 AM
11	Town pool	1/5/2021 7:05 AM
12	Walking and bike paths	1/5/2021 6:49 AM
13	More businesses, offices and restaurants in the downtown village area.	1/2/2021 2:44 PM
14	Get input from teens and younger 20-somethings about what the town needs to provide for their age group — Amherst has NO entertainment options for older kids	1/1/2021 10:37 PM
15	Reduce the budget of the Amherst Police Department to match the level of crime experienced in Amherst. Stop paying taxes to be harassed for driving 5 mph over the limit on town roads.	1/1/2021 9:55 PM
16	We don't need government in the way of business and real estate developers.	1/1/2021 8:20 PM
17	Additional mental health services.	12/31/2020 1:35 PM
18	Increased library circulation to increase the number of books available or access to books	12/30/2020 10:18 PM
19	Activities and opportunities for teenagers and young people.	12/30/2020 9:59 PM
20	Only replace existing retail and industrial. No need for new services. Leave that in Nashua.	12/30/2020 8:54 PM
21	Additional playground	12/30/2020 4:01 PM
22	The Transfer station is inefficient and often dangerous. It needs a serious rework!	12/29/2020 1:36 PM
23	Amherst should let the market drive the type of business that move or build in the designated building zones.	12/29/2020 9:50 AM
24	Locally owned businesses within the historic district such as a coffee shop/bakery, tavern/brewery, and/or bookshop.	12/25/2020 4:43 PM
25	Improved process for people who live in the historic district - suggest having a list of pre-approved improvements (ie wood/wood windows from Marvin, etc). Also suggest monitoring homes in disrepair and working with homeowners to improve (note - we lived in Shaker Heights, OH and this is what they did to maintain value and beauty of community).	12/24/2020 8:17 AM
26	Some of these options are nice, but aren't real estate taxes high enough?? Gheeze. How about only taxing the people who use them? For example, if you want a Visual/Performing Arts Facility, your taxes will go up. I don't want one and will not use one, so mine don't go up. Again, if more than 50% of the population would not likely use the service/facility, it shouldn't be built because it's to a necessity. How high do you want the taxes to go?	12/23/2020 7:53 PM
27	Town run municipal internet service (Fiber to the Home)	12/21/2020 6:37 AM
28	Improve recycling and trash handling at transfer station	12/20/2020 11:11 PM
29	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:05 PM
30	Amherst needs to ensure developers are charged Impact fees for new development within the	12/20/2020 5:07 PM

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	borders of our Town.	
31	Roads designed for safe access by walkers and bike riders.	12/20/2020 10:31 AM
32	We should allow for more services in commercial area, but we don't need more tax funded services.	12/20/2020 10:09 AM
33	Encourage agriculture	12/19/2020 1:03 PM
34	Better public access to Baboosic Lake including boat access.	12/18/2020 7:00 PM
35	We have always relied upon the surrounding towns for the services listed in this section. The only access we have is via our own vehicles and even if the services were in Amherst that would not change, so there's no need to add them.	12/18/2020 12:26 PM
36	walking/running paths	12/17/2020 7:42 PM
37	The Congregation Church has been our community center. Perhaps the town should rent some space there	12/17/2020 5:09 PM
38	There is no Planned Parenthood access for our younger people. We should seek this out!	12/17/2020 4:00 PM
39	If any commercial enterprise thinks they can operate successfully in Amherst (legally, safely, ethically, in proper zone, etc.), they should follow established processes with our best wishes. The Town should not impede such lawful businesses, nor should they provide and "public" aid/funding. The Town website could announce the business opening, etc. , but after that public support will determine success or failure.	12/17/2020 3:16 PM
40	Senior center or designated area which can provide services which are currently non-existent	12/17/2020 2:24 PM
41	tavern/pub	12/16/2020 4:55 PM
42	A free market society will determine which business/service if any is needed or wanted in Amherst. Any other means of deciding this is artificial and wrong.	12/16/2020 10:35 AM
43	Increased access to natural gas utility service.	12/15/2020 7:03 PM
44	Amherst Village was the center of activity for Police, Fire, Schools, Post Office, Grocery Store, Courthouse, Churches and the Library - Huge developments on the outskirts in parallel with commercial business on 101a might inspire sports centers or other outskirt centers of activity.	12/15/2020 4:26 PM
45	Addition retail store diversity not another brand that there is one just down the road in Nashua or Milford or surrounding area	12/15/2020 11:31 AM
46	More Services- STOP with the more services expenses! Example-trash pick up, we have a town dump that works perfectly, people can haul their own trash at their convenience and if they choose not to then they can pay for the service themselves. Too many recent transplants to Amherst are asking for these services as they had them from the terrible HIGH TAX states they fled from. Now they want to force them here, just say no. When we moved here 30 plus years ago, we embraced the NH way rather than trying to change it. Let the new comers assimilate.	12/15/2020 8:48 AM
47	New school.	12/14/2020 6:23 PM
48	Stop development projects	12/14/2020 5:32 PM
49	More ways to bring the community together in the village area. A tavern! Ice cream shop, boutique, etc.	12/14/2020 5:04 PM
50	Municipal recycling pick up service	12/14/2020 3:29 PM
51	The town must do their due diligence before making large land purchases. Case in point, Baboosic Lake Rd debacle (for elementary school that was not needed and 95% wetlands, plus bankrupting the Olsen family as well as the Cemetery Fields debacle, known flooding zone). Have a specific purpose in mind before buying and confirm the viability...???	12/14/2020 11:35 AM
52	More shared office space for working remotely.	12/14/2020 9:54 AM
53	More small, locally owned, non-franchise restaurants.	12/13/2020 7:13 PM
54	We need services that help us move toward greater environmental sustainability. We should study what services those might be.	12/13/2020 2:27 PM

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55	More hours at the transfer station	12/13/2020 10:05 AM
56	Sidewalks or wider bike lanes or both	12/13/2020 9:30 AM
57	Senior center facility	12/13/2020 9:19 AM
58	We could do without all the fast food chains and replace them with real restaurants.	12/12/2020 6:30 PM
59	Generally this section asks for Amherst to provide for services and functions best left to the private sector or existing providers in nearby locations.	12/12/2020 3:22 PM
60	We need more businesses that attract regular shopping and movement within the community. Coffee shops, restaurants, movies, new-merchandise stores (we have way too many consignment shops). We need things that encourage residents to explore the community and meet their neighbors. Right now, we have to leave town to do anything interesting.	12/11/2020 3:37 PM
61	I would like to see more interaction between commercial and residential zoning. Lots that have managed to circumvent residential zoning rules because they were grandfathered in (e.g. Homestead & Moulton's) are great amenities to our community but there should be more of them. I would love to see more intentional zoning of these sorts of local shops. For Example, Boston Post Road would be incredible if it could serve commercial services as well. (But it needs a sidewalk! It's incredulous that the Middle school/High school area still doesn't have sidewalks--this shouldn't be something that the town votes on, but rather a governmental decision.)	12/11/2020 2:47 PM
62	We really need to bring back the town meeting. Current town government is basically corrupt.	12/11/2020 2:01 PM
63	Additional outdoor recreation facilities focused on winter - groomed cross country ski trails, well-lit skating rink with evening hours, well-lit walking path	12/11/2020 1:57 PM
64	Safer schools with enough space to support learning	12/8/2020 5:38 AM
65	Public park, playground, pool	12/7/2020 10:03 PM
66	To focus on maintaining and caring for what it already has.	12/7/2020 9:22 PM
67	Modern public school buildings	12/6/2020 6:34 PM
68	Ambulance service paid for by the community thru taxes the same way fire dept. is paid for	11/27/2020 11:00 AM
69	I agree that Amherst could use more commercial businesses to offset out taxes. If it is done thoughtfully, this could really be a win/win	11/27/2020 10:28 AM

## Q16 If you answered for Other #2, tell us what it is.

Answered: 23 Skipped: 1,792

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	TOWN HALL area should be used Senior Center or Elementary School large area, gym	1/19/2021 7:15 AM
2	Leverage the town's resources.	1/5/2021 9:53 AM
3	Increase the speed limit on Boston Post Road to 40 mph.	1/1/2021 9:55 PM
4	Please stop trying to preserve something that is outdated and broken. This community needs to allow the tax base to grow.	1/1/2021 8:20 PM
5	JDP services available to police, as well as mental health training for all first responders (e.g. mental health first aid).	12/31/2020 1:35 PM
6	A small cafe in the center of the village would be nice.	12/30/2020 9:59 PM
7	The town should NOT support businesses or services with tax payer monies	12/29/2020 9:50 AM
8	Do not allow new development within the historic district of Amherst Village unless it meets historical period criteria.	12/25/2020 4:43 PM
9	We need our nearly-new-shad back	12/20/2020 11:11 PM
10	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:05 PM
11	Improve the Electrical Supply / infrastructure in to our town making it more resilient during storms and less susceptible to outages.	12/20/2020 5:07 PM
12	dog park	12/17/2020 7:42 PM
13	Biking, particularly along 101a is dangerous. Walking along 101a in the winter is a joke. Please see if the railroad can be used as railroad and multi-use trail.	12/17/2020 5:09 PM
14	Amherst Village could bring back a tavern on Carriage Road/Boston Post Road - An Ice Cream stand in one of the small houses ("Reasons to be Cheerful") and open markets for fresh fruit and vegetables during the growing season. That makes sense to Amherst's history. The village historically had many small shops . . . .	12/15/2020 4:26 PM
15	Variety in restaurants not another chain or another restaurant serving similar menus to the other 2	12/15/2020 11:31 AM
16	Protect wildlife	12/14/2020 5:32 PM
17	Municipal composting pick up service	12/14/2020 3:29 PM
18	Maker space	12/14/2020 9:54 AM
19	More town recreational space that is NOT dedicated to sports (e.g. that is accessible to the general public even during the spring and summer sports seasons). This may include open fields and play spaces, natural resources and walking trails.	12/13/2020 7:13 PM
20	Better street lighting of neighborhoods	12/13/2020 9:30 AM
21	Amherst should have a town training on cpr available to teenagers and kids	12/12/2020 6:30 PM
22	Fewer, but more professional and engaged Police - let's face it, they aren't out there solving murders... They are pulling cars over, and most of the time they can be found on a quiet road taking a nap or something on the side of the road. Our Fire DP is top notch.	12/11/2020 3:37 PM
23	Public dog park	12/11/2020 1:57 PM

**Q17 Please provide additional comments if you wish.**

Answered: 69 Skipped: 1,746

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The type and scope of services provided by the town appear right-sized for the population and size of the town. Amherst should continue to focus on what it is doing well and not take on more scope that is currently being done well either in the private sector or by other civic institutions.	1/18/2021 11:19 AM
2	Would like a meeting space if it included a town pool.	1/16/2021 1:12 PM
3	The elementary school should have a proper gym for PE and sports	1/7/2021 11:39 PM
4	We have our own trash pick up so it's ideal but we already pay our own anyways.	1/5/2021 9:19 PM
5	Thanks	1/5/2021 1:32 PM
6	Keep property values high and stable.	1/5/2021 9:53 AM
7	The problem with your survey is that you don't delineate the difference of downtown Amherst and the shopping district. Would I want to store to go into the existing shopping center? Yes. Would I want a supermarket downtown? No. You need to be more specific where the development would take place. Would it be nice to have a non-corporate small restaurant with a bar downtown? Yes. Would it be okay to have a corporate style restaurant downtown? No. Starbucks? No. Small cafe? Yes. Your survey is flawed.	1/5/2021 6:26 AM
8	"A community center with meeting space": Isn't Souhegan supposed to be that already? If not, why has this changed?	1/4/2021 7:00 PM
9	The character of Amherst should remain as is. Consequently, many of the potential services listed above will not be needed. Furthermore, any new services should be created based on private free market demand, not by way of Town mandates. Please also see previous comments regarding AFFH.	1/4/2021 2:23 PM
10	I think what we need is a better distinction between want and need. A community center would serve the town's priorities to remain a rural and historical community but we seem to be utilizing our current town and school facilities quite well to this point. Those that find trash pickup to be a priority pay for it. Those that don't actually find a unique sense of community at the dump.	1/3/2021 10:56 PM
11	Invite growth of businesses on 101A in the business district.	1/1/2021 9:55 PM
12	All of these questions are very leading and it's very obvious that whomever wrote this survey has an agenda. So just be aware that we are on to you.	1/1/2021 8:20 PM
13	As an advocate for mental health, I am concerned about the lack of services in the state. It would be nice if Amherst could become a treatment oasis (I am willing to help).	12/31/2020 1:35 PM
14	It would be great to encourage cultural/community events by making them more normal in the town center and all over.	12/31/2020 6:03 AM
15	Most of these things are available within 15 minute drive, no need to bring them into Amherst	12/30/2020 8:43 PM
16	Schools and outdoor classrooms!!	12/30/2020 8:19 PM
17	As someone who needed emergency services this summer, I was VERY impressed with the care I received from the Fire Rescue Team!	12/30/2020 7:24 PM
18	It would be wonderful to have a town bus drive to the pharmacy, grocery store, Michael's/ Bed & Bath Beyond, Walmart, and library.	12/30/2020 7:03 PM
19	Many things that would be nice to have (CSA, performing arts center, various types of businesses) are not really Town functions.	12/29/2020 1:33 PM
20	Let the market drive the growth or lack there of. The Town should not influence the type of growth	12/29/2020 9:50 AM
21	Don't need trash pick up - happy to have the option to use dump or support a local service at a cost. Rather have the option than the increase in taxes.	12/24/2020 8:17 AM
22	town should move to low emission vehicles, low energy lighting, electric vehicle charging stations--all to mitigate green house gasses. We should also encourage energy and efficient housing and development and the reduction of plastic waste.	12/23/2020 7:35 PM
23	Community meeting space and performance space and more indoor gym space that the town	12/21/2020 9:40 PM



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can use should be part of the schools updating plan. The townspeople own the schools. There should be more ways non school aged people in town can use them regularly if they are always asked to pay High taxes for them.

24	Not sure what is meant by the question regarding "senior services". Are we talking about asking the town to approve a nursing home? Are we asking for a bingo hall? Visiting nurses? What is the meaning of this question?	12/21/2020 1:19 PM
25	Again most these issues are for the community or individuals. Not government	12/21/2020 7:41 AM
26	Lower. Taxes	12/20/2020 11:05 PM
27	We dont need more stores businesses, etc . We need more open rural spaces. We are congested enough without more development and more businesses. A farmers market in an open space would be great and also open land to have residents grow their own fruits and vegetables for their families and to share with their neighbors would be great.	12/20/2020 1:12 PM
28	"A community center with meeting space," is somewhat vague. Regarding the meeting space component we have space in our schools. I would need to understand what other components are being proposed in a "community center" to determine if it makes sense. The town should avoid getting into the business of providing social services -- these are better handled through the state given the larger tax base. Attracting people who need social services to the town increases outlays without increasing tax revenue -- a net negative for our budget that tends to increase the burden on working age families with children. Additional restaurants would be fantastic. In addition to new restaurants, we should focus on promoting the quality restaurants that already exist in the area and are already good partners with the town, such as LaBelle (I am not affiliated with Labelle except as a customer).	12/20/2020 11:43 AM
29	Business / retail growth on 101A should be encouraged. Just not in residential areas	12/20/2020 11:23 AM
30	You need a school board that is for the children A town that is not about money but about people and community	12/20/2020 10:04 AM
31	If we are going to encourage more retail or restaurants we should incentivize small businesses and decrease the big box stores	12/20/2020 10:01 AM
32	The town feels adequately provisioned in services for the current situation. Some of the proposed services (trash pickup or taxis for instance), might be conveniences that have unwelcome side-effects, bringing a suburban feel to what is currently a rural setting. I'll personally prefer to still go to the dump on a regular basis.	12/19/2020 8:51 AM
33	I enjoy living in Amherst the way it is. I have been happy to live in a town that feels rural, but if we want to access cultural events, etc., we are close enough to big cities to do so. If you want some of the conveniences of garbage pick-up, lots of grocery/retail/etc., then move to one of the surrounding towns that offer those options. Do not change the unique character of Amherst to reflects those surrounding towns--I fear it would lose its charm.	12/18/2020 6:51 PM
34	More bike/pedestrian paths. I live in the north end of Amherst, just off 101A between the Amherst Garden Center and American K9 Country. I would love to be able to walk/bike from here to the village (the Library and Town Hall) without having to go out onto 101A.	12/18/2020 11:41 AM
35	resources for people other than students	12/17/2020 7:42 PM
36	Again the aquifer south of 101a can be used for wildlife (there actually is more there than you might expect) and for recreation like skate boarding, biking, etc.	12/17/2020 5:09 PM
37	Increasing the accessibility to food grown locally is the number one priority for me.	12/17/2020 7:35 AM
38	I already lived in Nashua. please be careful	12/16/2020 2:18 PM
39	Schools provide community arts and meeting places.	12/16/2020 7:55 AM
40	I am only happy to contribute to education for our children. That means good Teachers.	12/16/2020 6:41 AM
41	Please know the Town's history and support village life with small endeavors but keep any developments within easy access to 101 or 101a . . . . .	12/15/2020 4:26 PM
42	A restaurant in the village would be nice like a tavern in one of the historic houses.	12/15/2020 11:54 AM
43	municipal trash pick up would alleviate congestion at the transfer station and reduce the risk of an accident on 101. I would be in favor of that or finding a new location for the transfer station	12/15/2020 11:27 AM

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or increasing hours at station to reduce congestion. Maybe these things have already been looked at.

44	Grocery stores. Would love a Hannafords in town. All of my grocery shopping ends up getting done in the surrounding towns, Merrimack, Nashua, Milford & Bedford. Why no grocery stores here? (Walmart doesn't count as a grocery store).	12/15/2020 8:38 AM
45	Amherst's proximity to Milford, Nashua, Bedford and Manchester afford it the opportunity of access to virtually all of these luxuries while still maintaining its rural character with a genuine "small town" charm. The addition of any, or all, of these categories would only serve to devalue Amherst.	12/14/2020 9:45 PM
46	Need required recycling	12/14/2020 8:07 PM
47	Please don't force municipal trash service on citizens.	12/14/2020 6:54 PM
48	Town wide trash pick up is a MUST. Ridiculous that Amherst doesn't offer this. The Town dump is a disaster. Poor design and does NOT function well at all.	12/14/2020 6:44 PM
49	More New locally owned restaurants rather than chain restaurants	12/14/2020 5:58 PM
50	Increase of businesses could elevate some of the tax burden of the residents.	12/14/2020 3:32 PM
51	I was unable to discern any difference between "neutral" and "no opinion". I'm fine with the items I marked as neutral if there is a need for them; I just don't personally have or discern a need for them.	12/14/2020 2:43 PM
52	My children graduated from Souhegan several years ago now so I do not feel knowledgeable enough to have a say in the current resources. We moved here because of the reputation of the school system and we were not disappointed, however, \$18k per student per year does seem excessive.	12/14/2020 11:35 AM
53	Would love to see a gun club / shooting range established in Amherst for residents only	12/14/2020 10:11 AM
54	Amherst benefits from its proximity to Milford and Nashua and to a lesser degree to Bedford and Manchester. We can't be everything, we need to be an active partner through NRPC for things like grocery stores and retail. (Some retail space in Amherst goes begging for use.)	12/14/2020 9:44 AM
55	I don't know enough about the needs of Amherst residents for the items in the above list to agree or disagree on whether Amherst needs them. I personally don't need any more of them in Amherst right now.	12/13/2020 6:03 PM
56	Would be in support of a municipal trash service...also would be interested in budget specifics of creating that sort of service (obviously want to be responsible with taxpayer dollars).	12/13/2020 1:22 PM
57	Please allow new Amherst businesses to enter existence naturally and not try to force anything	12/13/2020 9:00 AM
58	Fix the transfer station	12/12/2020 9:29 PM
59	More local small business over big box stores. Farm to table locally owned restaurants (similar to the milford oval) over chain restaurants.	12/12/2020 7:36 PM
60	Amherst should have a public swimming pool and ice rink	12/12/2020 6:30 PM
61	Folks in Amherst don't need any more Walmarts - there are plenty of services within a short distance. Bike paths and modest public transportation could keep "essential" services in Milford/Bedford and Nashua	12/12/2020 5:27 PM
62	For municipal trash pick-up services, what I'd really like to see is a town composting program. It would be great to use a small parcel of town land as a compost site. If the town was able to provide buckets and pick up (or even facilitate drop off), it would encourage more town residents to compost, reduce waste going into the transfer station, and offer a source of revenue (in compost sales for gardening).	12/12/2020 12:07 PM
63	Not sure what is meant by additional health services, I do think we need to provide some kind of transportation for the elderly to Dr. appt etc,	12/11/2020 4:55 PM
64	I'm unaware of what current senior services are available, therefore no opinion.	12/8/2020 12:12 AM
65	Keep amherst rural	12/7/2020 10:06 PM
66	Please leave Amherst alone	12/7/2020 7:42 PM

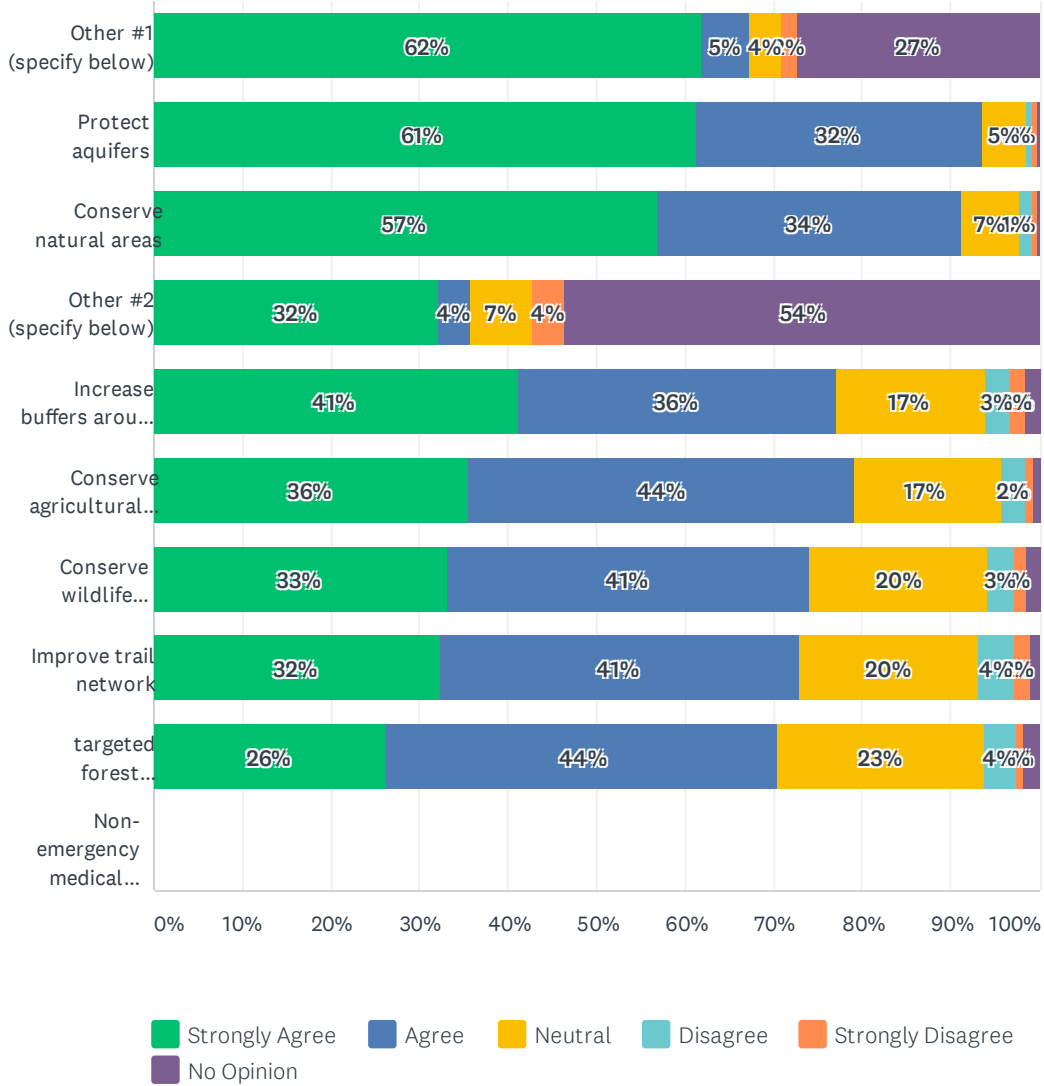
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67	We should be using the natural resources available in our town. We need businesses, but they should be ones that work with the town and maintain the town's rural and historical nature. Labelle is a perfect example of a business that "fits" here and uses resources wonderfully.	12/7/2020 2:48 PM
68	Additional emergency services have been mentioned a couple of times now- is the town lacking this? If we have large developments built we'll certainly need more of these services I imagine.....but right now I don't know.	11/27/2020 3:15 PM
69	I didn't answer any question where I feel the free market should dictate this not government. Make that an choice in final survey.	11/24/2020 3:15 PM

# Amherst's Natural Resources

## Q18 Amherst needs to...

Answered: 1,553 Skipped: 262



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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Other #1 (specify below)	62% 34	5% 3	4% 2	0% 0	2% 1	27% 15	55	1.73
Protect aquifers	61% 947	32% 500	5% 80	1% 9	1% 8	0% 4	1,548	1.53
Conserve natural areas	57% 881	34% 534	7% 102	1% 21	1% 11	0% 2	1,551	1.45
Other #2 (specify below)	32% 9	4% 1	7% 2	0% 0	4% 1	54% 15	28	1.31
Increase buffers around water	41% 637	36% 554	17% 260	3% 43	2% 24	2% 26	1,544	1.14
Conserve agricultural land	36% 550	44% 674	17% 260	2% 38	1% 16	1% 10	1,548	1.11
Conserve wildlife habitats	33% 513	41% 634	20% 312	3% 45	1% 22	1% 23	1,549	1.03
Improve trail network	32% 499	41% 629	20% 314	4% 59	2% 30	1% 15	1,546	0.98
targeted forest management	26% 406	44% 683	23% 357	4% 58	1% 11	2% 28	1,543	0.93
Non-emergency medical transport	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0	0.00

## Q19 If you answered for Other #1, tell us what it is.

Answered: 39 Skipped: 1,776

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Amherst needs to provide more affordable housing, as none of my 4 grown children can afford to live in this town, with their college loans, unless they live with us.	1/17/2021 8:04 PM
2	Add a community pool with summer membership to offset the costs. In doing so, we'll have a community space in the summer months where families can gather together	1/5/2021 7:27 AM
3	Improve walking paths with access to the historical downtown and add sidewalks	1/5/2021 6:50 AM
4	More Parks	1/4/2021 7:01 PM
5	Natural resources should be preserved with MINIMAL intrusion from Town planners. Oppose AFFH at all costs - in all forms - in all zones	1/4/2021 3:01 PM
6	Do not allow pollution prone activities (e.g. gas stations, dry cleaners, etc.) within aquifers and within a certain distance of drinking water sources.	1/2/2021 2:49 PM
7	Keep low income housing out of Amherst.	1/1/2021 9:57 PM
8	These questions and items are not what I want my town government focused on.	1/1/2021 8:25 PM
9	Seems like a lot of leading questions here.	1/1/2021 7:45 AM
10	Open up trails to ATV access!!	12/31/2020 12:35 PM
11	Improve existing trail network with signage and markers	12/30/2020 10:18 PM
12	Reduce logging and clearing of land for new builds.	12/30/2020 10:00 PM
13	Keep scenic and rural roads scenic	12/30/2020 8:48 AM
14	Horse trails	12/26/2020 11:14 PM
15	Reduce the number of massive developments	12/26/2020 8:06 PM
16	Logging etc, but not necessarily for wildlife, but for reduction of pests like ticks, and areas that can have controlled burns to improve plant and tree health in long run.	12/21/2020 7:44 AM
17	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:06 PM
18	Provide resident only boat launch at Baboosic lake	12/20/2020 2:40 PM
19	This is exactly why over development of land has to stop! Build outs have to be done within reason! Not at 385% bonus density!!!!	12/20/2020 9:15 AM
20	Maintain our open space and protect what we have. Provide trails so it can be enjoyed once it is gone we cannot get it back	12/19/2020 1:05 PM
21	Use fewer pesticides and no weed killers to protect bees, birds, and several important insects.	12/19/2020 9:54 AM
22	Agricultural land, by ratio should stay the same or increase but possibly not by parcel as it exists now. Being flexible and open to what is best use per parcel good goddamn I done with this next are we done are we done are we done	12/19/2020 9:24 AM
23	Please, please, please a running/biking path	12/17/2020 7:43 PM
24	I would like to see some areas for wheelchair access and horse trails alot of them have been lost to housing or schools	12/17/2020 8:45 AM
25	Decisions for Amherst should be made by and for Amherst uniquely and not adopted from state plans or policies. Local government control is important. This is how we came to adopt the IHO which was not right for Amherst and led to such conflict within the town, regarding the Planning board.	12/16/2020 10:40 AM
26	Amherst should be known and congratulated for the wonderful efforts already underway and its obvious concern for natural resources.	12/15/2020 4:28 PM
27	not just conserve natural areas, but increase the acreage of natural areas.	12/15/2020 3:44 PM
28	Allow horses	12/14/2020 6:55 PM
29	Take an active role in preserving the town's air quality.	12/13/2020 7:18 PM
30	Ban plastic bags	12/13/2020 4:39 PM

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31	In addition to conserving and managing Amherst's natural resources for long-term sustainability, Amherst should consider its role in the broader regional ecosystem and ensure that we are excellent stewards of the environment both within and outside our town borders. (e.g. climate change and other environmental impacts do not respect borders...)	12/13/2020 2:30 PM
32	Police trailhead parking after hours for potential drug trafficking	12/13/2020 2:29 PM
33	To protect our trees and drinking water	12/12/2020 6:33 PM
34	leash laws are a must! especially on municipal property and nature trails. Fines for littering etc.	12/12/2020 2:41 PM
35	see answers on first page	12/12/2020 7:41 AM
36	CUT MORE TREES - ESPECIALLY AROUND POWER LINES & ALONG ROADS	12/11/2020 10:06 PM
37	Generally, we need to respond to urgent environmental situations without mucking up things that aren't broken.	12/11/2020 3:38 PM
38	Expand access to treated drinking water and sewer services	12/11/2020 1:58 PM
39	Improve storm water retention to reduce flood threats, because of increasing warming induced precipitation.	12/6/2020 9:32 PM



## Q20 If you answered for Other #2, tell us what it is.

Answered: 10 Skipped: 1,805

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More Public Land	1/4/2021 7:01 PM
2	Please stop with the leading questions	1/1/2021 8:25 PM
3	Protect County Rd as a scenic way.	12/26/2020 8:06 PM
4	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:06 PM
5	Get PFOA and PFOS out of our drinking water. Need laws to stop production of this type of chemical.	12/19/2020 9:54 AM
6	Cemetery fields....was a, great public space, if it had also had an area for dogs allowed. It seems to not be a, great location for a cemetery, due to ground water levels for example.	12/19/2020 9:24 AM
7	dog park-fenced in	12/17/2020 7:43 PM
8	encourage horses	12/14/2020 6:55 PM
9	Information boards and educational resources near natural resources, walking trails and habitats to educate the public.	12/13/2020 7:18 PM
10	Less hunting more target practice and public shooting ranges	12/12/2020 6:33 PM

Q21 Please provide additional comments if you wish.

Answered: 41 Skipped: 1,774

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The efforts mentioned in this section may garner more public support and buy-in if they are championed by dedicated organizations and through voluntary fundraising efforts. Taxpayer funded initiatives in this area should not be considered the primary method of facilitating.	1/18/2021 11:24 AM
2	Improve/connect greenways for wildlife.	1/13/2021 7:19 AM
3	Walking trails and sidewalks are ideal around town.	1/5/2021 9:20 PM
4	I don't know enough about the present situation to have strong opinions here.	1/5/2021 12:45 PM
5	Don't let Amherst turn into Bedford.	1/5/2021 6:27 AM
6	Cleaning up forests needs to be a priority so we avoid fires like they have in California and Colorado.	1/5/2021 5:58 AM
7	Natural resources should be preserved with MINIMAL intrusion from Town planners.	1/4/2021 2:30 PM
8	I'm less educated about these matters. What I do care about, is not forcing people off their property or deeming their private property no longer to protect a newly identified green interest.	1/3/2021 11:00 PM
9	Please do not prioritize natural resource preservation over and above the future development needs of the Town (don't use "conservation" as an excuse to shut down development	1/2/2021 5:04 PM
10	This survey seems to me a wish list for a very liberal agenda. Nothing in here will reduce my taxes.	1/1/2021 8:25 PM
11	WRT improve trail access, I almost said neutral because the system of trails is already very, very good. Thank you!!!	12/31/2020 1:37 PM
12	Stop over-developing the town	12/30/2020 8:44 PM
13	More land needs to be conserved industrial side of 101A. Current strategy appears to dump whatever historical district doesn't want into our area preserving snob appeal of historical area.	12/24/2020 12:45 PM
14	Natural spaces are one of the top reasons we choose to live in Amherst. The ACC does a great job maintaining and expanding trails. We love the recent additions of Birch Park and Buck Meadow. The greatest opportunities we see are better/safer places to road bike and more groomed cross country ski trails!	12/24/2020 9:29 AM
15	see comments in previous sections. From my point of view, building a sustainable, resilient community to address a changing climate is of the highest priority for a master plan. Such a community will protect and preserve open space, water resources and wildlife habitats as well as the health of the community residents. It will also help sustain the character of the town. once done, making the master plan available to all citizens, so they can invest time and energy in activities to support the plan.	12/23/2020 7:48 PM
16	Limit new building and prompt the repurposing of empty space that has already been developed (meaning buildings that have no tenants etc)	12/21/2020 9:42 PM
17	Amherst is known for it being an open space, rural character and a citizen friendly village town center.	12/21/2020 1:32 PM
18	trail network access should also include partnerships with private land owners to expand the trails for non-motorized uses.	12/21/2020 1:25 PM
19	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:06 PM
20	Now you are talking my language , All the above . More open space .	12/20/2020 1:12 PM
21	Regarding improving trail networks, and making dedicated biking lanes on our travelroads, they only benefit such a small population of the tax base, and therefore the town should limit funding for these projects...and also study the safety impacts of having these lanes on the roads. Ive seen too many close calls with bikers and cars driving on the together.	12/20/2020 12:22 PM
22	Regarding "Increase buffers around lakes..." I think this is a good idea, as long as existing structures as well as repair and replacement of those structures is strongly grandfathered, including the right to sell and pass on the grandfathering in the sale. Anything less than such strong grandfathering constitutes an "unlawful taking" from existing owners. (I am a waterfront owner.) Also, any buffer increase should not negatively impact light recreational use, such as camping. We have strong recreation and conservation departments in this town and they	12/20/2020 11:53 AM

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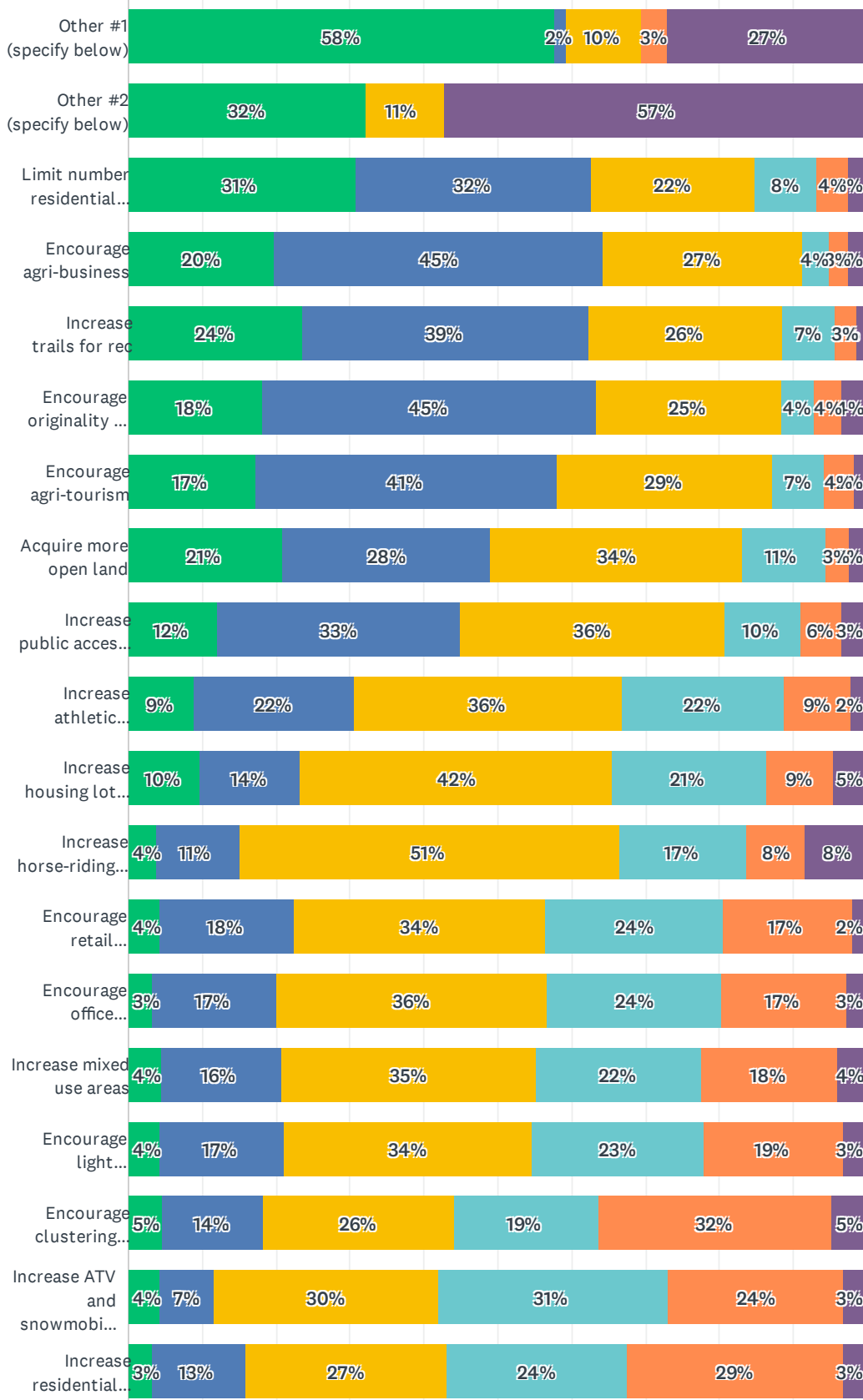
should both be supported. Appropriate recreational use of conservation land increases the public interest in further conservation.

23	Join all the trail networks!	12/20/2020 10:28 AM
24	Preserve what little open space is left. Nobody ever thinks of wildlife but then they'll bitch and bitch when a deer is eating a bush in their backyard or a bear is at their feeder!!!	12/20/2020 9:15 AM
25	Encourage solar and wind power by reducing the legal restriction on both forms of energy.	12/19/2020 9:54 AM
26	With absolutely no offense intended to farms around town (this is certainly a pleasant, close-to-nature, lifestyle I could even envy them), if there was a choice between keeping a farm active and reforesting the land for conservation, I would go for the latter.	12/19/2020 8:54 AM
27	a summer resource other than baboosic (which is gross)	12/17/2020 7:43 PM
28	Southern Amherst needs more parks/recreation space.	12/17/2020 4:00 PM
29	we have a growing amount of handicap people who like to join the family for walks but cant because the trails are not made for wheelchairs or other medical devices	12/17/2020 8:45 AM
30	Again, being good stewards for Earth is of the utmost importance.	12/17/2020 7:36 AM
31	I don't know enough about forest management to improve wildlife habitat. We definitely need to save wildlife habitats for existing wildlife being squeezed out.	12/16/2020 8:04 PM
32	If these services mean a town tax increase, then I move from neutral to strongly disagree. Town tax should be used solely for core purposes, not something volunteer org. can do.	12/16/2020 3:00 PM
33	Given the fact that Amherst already owns thousands of acres of conservation land I do not believe Amherst needs to actively purchase more land however if families or landowners wish to give it to the town I think this should be encouraged.	12/14/2020 6:58 PM
34	Protecting agricultural land and introducing younger individuals to farming and conservation ideas to bring about a new generation of people who are cognizant of the environment	12/14/2020 6:01 PM
35	Linking trails and pedestrian/bike paths through Amherst, and linking them to paths/rail trails to Nashua/Milford would have numerous benefits for the town!	12/14/2020 5:06 PM
36	Since many people in town depend on wells, water quality is a critical factor in keeping people healthy.	12/14/2020 9:45 AM
37	Anything we can do to improve our position as a leader in the Southern New Hampshire/central New England mountain and gravel biking/XC Ski/outdoor recreation space will boost our economy in a meaningful and sustainable manner - please review the CAMBA WI trail networks, Kingdom Trails Burke VT, Mt. Peg Woodstock VT and the many other historic, rural towns finding success by investing in an experience economy rooted in outdoor activities and the apres activities in and around the experience centers.	12/13/2020 10:37 PM
38	Opening an army barracks store selling arms and other tactical gear.	12/12/2020 6:33 PM
39	The green spaces are what make Amherst so special. It is imperative that we preserve this town feature.	12/12/2020 12:09 PM
40	I highly doubt most people understand these questions. Did they look up the wildlife act before answering or educate themselves on what a buffer is. Doubtful.	12/7/2020 10:08 PM
41	Amherst has a lot of lovely trails that should be maintained. Not sure additional ones are needed.	12/7/2020 8:03 AM

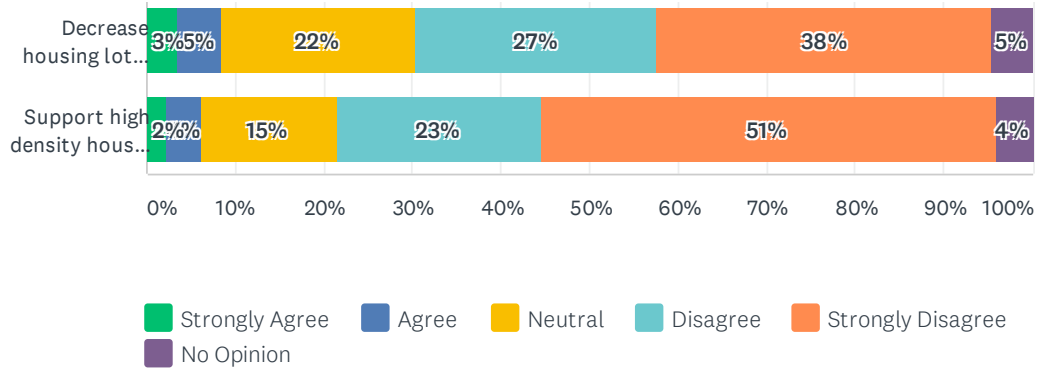
# Use and Development of Land in Amherst

## Q22 Amherst needs to...

Answered: 1,524 Skipped: 291



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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Other #1 (specify below)	58% 34	2% 1	10% 6	0% 0	3% 2	27% 16	59	1.51
Other #2 (specify below)	32% 9	0% 0	11% 3	0% 0	0% 0	57% 16	28	1.50
Limit number residential units allowed annually	31% 465	32% 480	22% 336	8% 125	4% 66	3% 38	1,510	0.78
Encourage agri-business	20% 296	45% 673	27% 407	4% 56	3% 40	3% 38	1,510	0.77
Increase trails for rec	24% 357	39% 586	26% 399	7% 109	3% 45	1% 21	1,517	0.74
Encourage originality of lot layouts	18% 274	45% 679	25% 381	4% 67	4% 55	4% 53	1,509	0.72
Encourage agri-tourism	17% 261	41% 618	29% 442	7% 106	4% 60	2% 28	1,515	0.61
Acquire more open land	21% 315	28% 424	34% 512	11% 169	3% 51	2% 35	1,506	0.53
Increase public access for non-motorized boating, fishing, and swimming	12% 184	33% 497	36% 543	10% 156	6% 85	3% 52	1,517	0.37
Increase athletic facilities	9% 133	22% 330	36% 548	22% 333	9% 137	2% 32	1,513	-0.01
Increase housing lot size	10% 144	14% 206	42% 635	21% 313	9% 135	5% 70	1,503	-0.06
Increase horse-riding trails	4% 57	11% 171	51% 780	17% 263	8% 118	8% 128	1,517	-0.15
Encourage retail development	4% 64	18% 272	34% 511	24% 360	17% 262	2% 30	1,499	-0.33
Encourage office development	3% 47	17% 257	36% 548	24% 358	17% 255	3% 42	1,507	-0.35
Increase mixed use areas	4% 66	16% 247	35% 523	22% 337	18% 279	4% 61	1,513	-0.36
Encourage light industrial development	4% 63	17% 255	34% 509	23% 351	19% 285	3% 49	1,512	-0.37
Encourage clustering residential subdivisions	5% 69	14% 207	26% 393	19% 294	32% 477	5% 74	1,514	-0.63
Increase ATV and snowmobile trails	4% 65	7% 112	30% 459	31% 473	24% 358	3% 49	1,516	-0.65
Increase residential rental development	3% 48	13% 191	27% 409	24% 367	29% 440	3% 48	1,503	-0.66
Decrease housing lot size	3% 52	5% 76	22% 331	27% 415	38% 571	5% 70	1,515	-0.95
Support high density housing developmet	2% 32	4% 62	15% 230	23% 347	51% 776	4% 61	1,508	-1.23

Q23 If you answered for Other #1, tell us what it is.

Answered: 43 Skipped: 1,772



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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Keep Commercial on 101 and 101A and residential in the rest of the town. Except put a Pub in the center of town/green area	1/17/2021 7:46 PM
2	Affordable senior housing near light retail	1/17/2021 3:29 PM
3	current specifications for developments seem to nebulous and Seems for years it is easy for developers to erect far too many developers to easily get permits not requiring adequate restrictions re traffic flows and environmental impacts and lack of addressing human needs densities and the impact on public roads and traffic.	1/7/2021 11:56 AM
4	Like denser housing with it own recreation spaces and open spaces. The urban sprawl of large lots but all of the open space being used for housing tends to degrade wildlife habitat	1/6/2021 12:16 PM
5	Add more open space and trails. Make trails part of the town's plan, and dedicate resources to trail builders and maintenance.	1/5/2021 9:56 AM
6	Limit all high density housing in the entire town.	1/5/2021 8:40 AM
7	I am concerned about the development of the land off the 101 and Red Gate Lane. This will increase traffic on Red Gate Lane (a private road maintained by only 3 residents). Many nonresidents use this road now destroying the road surface and wooden bridge. When Ciardelli develops this land, the company or the town of Amherst needs to maintain the bridge and Red Gate Lane. It is not right for 3 residents to put in thousands of dollars and hard work into a private road accessed and destroyed by others.	1/5/2021 8:37 AM
8	Do what is needed to reduce taxes	1/5/2021 7:25 AM
9	Oppose AFFH at all costs - in all forms - in all zones	1/4/2021 2:35 PM
10	Increase development of affordable housing.	1/2/2021 2:51 PM
11	Remove self important aggrandizing snobs from the zoning board.	1/1/2021 10:05 PM
12	Allowing senior Affordable housing should be a priority and that would justify higher density development. using density as a means of limiting family units to manage school population is appropriate	1/1/2021 10:11 AM
13	Let's focus on bringing income from residents of surrounding towns like Milford does in their oval.	1/1/2021 7:49 AM
14	Salzburg Square. What a shame such a beautiful location has been pretty much empty and under utilized for many years.	12/31/2020 1:19 PM
15	Zero High-density housing in Amherst.... ever	12/30/2020 7:01 PM
16	Any new access for boating, fishing & swimming should be limited to town residents. Sad to say this but far too many non-residents ruining recreational areas for tax-paying residents. Wish lack of respect wasn't the case but unfortunately it is.	12/29/2020 1:44 PM
17	The town gov, should not be in the business of owning and purchasing land.	12/29/2020 10:07 AM
18	Hire local services first for tree services, etc, even if higher cost than lower bid from outside area -- consider the impact of their taxes coming back to the town.	12/24/2020 8:26 AM
19	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:08 PM
20	Any new commercial development should have "Smart Lighting "(lights only come on when a sensor detects movement ie people) in an effort to minimize light pollution. (The Merrimack outlets glow in night sky is what we want to avoid).	12/20/2020 5:17 PM
21	Amherst is perfect as it is. I want the town government to do everything in its power to maintain it.	12/20/2020 12:43 PM
22	I strongly agree that the town folks should look closely when developers are clustering their houses. And then positioning it as if they are leaving open space for people to enjoy when in fact the open space they're leaving is undevelopable to begin with i.e. wetland swamp etc. Too many houses!	12/20/2020 9:19 AM
23	I don't know exactly what you mean by high density. So if it is a condominium unit I mean grouping one of them in my zone or my area, one of them in my neighborhood I would be okay with. In fact I'd be very happy if they would build a nice condo complex up at the top of	12/19/2020 9:30 AM

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Christian Hill so that I could still live on this road and be near the orchard! But if it's a big apartment complex then I'd say no. So it depends on what you mean by high density. Anything has to be done thoughtfully.

24	Decrease spending for Souhegan's sports teams	12/18/2020 7:35 PM
25	The character of our town is linked to the density and types of housing, thus we must control and limit such expansion, and instead focus on tax paying residences like affordable, single family homes.	12/18/2020 12:30 PM
26	safe running/walking paths	12/17/2020 7:47 PM
27	101A corridor is overly developed and needs to STOP. NO MORE! Modify what is there to make it "friendlier" to residents but NO MORE!	12/17/2020 4:01 PM
28	There are many tennis courts available around town. If more athletic courts are acquired it should be other than tennis. Basketball would be better option in my opinion.	12/16/2020 10:54 AM
29	Again - Think in terms of Amherst in relationship to other towns in southern NH - what can be done to appreciate the town, to support increases in real estate costs, support regional educational opportunities for youth, keep the natural resources open and attractive. More commercial activity should be completely targeted to 101a --to build offices and shops up and not spread out over more town land.	12/15/2020 4:34 PM
30	Stop allowing multiple new developments in one area . Example...122 has become ridiculous with condo development.	12/15/2020 2:28 PM
31	High Density Housing- NO ! are you out of your minds? That would only ruin the character of this town, it just common sense. Uncontrolled growth is always a bad thing and puts too much pressure on tax payers.	12/15/2020 8:55 AM
32	Keep Amherst safe and protect the rural heritage of the village. Do not compete with Bedford.	12/14/2020 11:41 AM
33	People like me who live in rural areas do so for a reason. We like quiet, green spaces, surrounded by Nature and would like to see that character maintained. 2 acre + lots help to do that.	12/14/2020 11:37 AM
34	Do not alter the lot size requirements in the Northern rural zone, and do not allow exemptions and/or acreage swapping	12/14/2020 10:49 AM
35	I'm repeating that I moved to Amherst because of the low density housing. My street is already so busy (not a double yellow road) that it's unsafe to walk my leashed dogs on it. We don't need more traffic in residential areas and higher density housing would do that.	12/14/2020 10:04 AM
36	More restaurants and bars and creative ways of supporting community spaces like cafes. Pop up summer beer halls?	12/14/2020 10:03 AM
37	Stop building new houses.	12/14/2020 7:26 AM
38	Encourage re-development of currently developed land rather than development of currently undeveloped land.	12/13/2020 7:24 PM
39	Stop all forms of shooting.	12/13/2020 7:08 PM
40	There is already too much high density housing.	12/12/2020 5:40 PM
41	Limit single family home size.	12/12/2020 11:12 AM
42	We need sidewalks in the middle school/high school area and throughout Amherst. The lack of sidewalks in our town highly reduces the quality of life. It is also unfortunate that the only places where sidewalks exist in Amherst tend to be in the wealthiest parts of town. This social level discrepancy is not acceptable, especially given the increased need of walking as a form of transportation in lower income parts of town. This should not be an issue voted on by taxpayers because of its inherent implications of human safety, especially for students.	12/11/2020 2:53 PM
43	Should see out shared co-working spaces/ offices. Good use of slow moving office space and great for community residents that need office space.	12/6/2020 9:30 PM

## Q24 If you answered for Other #2, tell us what it is.

Answered: 11 Skipped: 1,804

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Bring more mixed-use shopping and dining. Adding brew pubs and farm-to-table dining are excellent vehicles to attract new visitors.	1/5/2021 9:56 AM
2	Limit future building density of existing dog arenas.	1/1/2021 10:05 PM
3	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:08 PM
4	fenced in dog park	12/17/2020 7:47 PM
5	open space should be left unchanged. Trying to facilitate a specific use for such spaces (horse riding, atv, biking, etc) is not practical or necessary and will create unneeded expense, efforts and conflict between parties desiring different uses	12/16/2020 10:54 AM
6	The more the natural resources are appreciated without too much 'definition' the more wonder filled the experiences in Amherst will remain.	12/15/2020 4:34 PM
7	Clustered and high density housing is not something that I would like to see in rural areas.	12/14/2020 11:37 AM
8	More B&B's or Inns - both as places that have food/community feel and places for people to stay when they visit.	12/14/2020 10:03 AM
9	Stop building new houses.	12/14/2020 7:26 AM
10	Stop all forms of fireworks.	12/13/2020 7:08 PM
11	Decrease minimum home size requirements.	12/12/2020 11:12 AM

Q25 Please provide additional comments if you wish.

Answered: 56 Skipped: 1,759

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	In general, Amherst should be minimizing or eliminating sub-divisions to maintain a largely rural character. The creep of dense suburbanization does not need to extend further and further into New Hampshire.	1/18/2021 11:35 AM
2	What is the deal with Salzberg Village? It could be such a cute destination retail/dining but no consistency over the years. Fine the landlord if he can not keep business consistent.	1/17/2021 7:46 PM
3	World's changing due to COVID, do we really need an increase of office space or manuf'g?	1/13/2021 7:20 AM
4	"new residential units" building on land where there was no structure, not replacing	1/9/2021 9:20 AM
5	We moved her because we live the small town feel but being able to be a close drive to anything. The last thing we want is a crowded town, high density living on top of each other. Keep Amherst known for what it has been, great schools, small quiet safe town that's family centered.	1/5/2021 9:23 PM
6	High density/mixed use only on 101A	1/5/2021 11:02 AM
7	Again, your survey does not address the differences in the town layout. This is a flawed survey.	1/5/2021 6:29 AM
8	Just as an aside-I feel LeBel Winery has been a positive asset to our community. I would hope future owners of that property would be as community minded.	1/3/2021 11:06 PM
9	There is zero correlation between school population and new development in Amherst over the last 20 years.	1/2/2021 5:06 PM
10	Low income housing should not be in clusters or large developments but instead thoughtfully planned to be available throughout the town wherever housing exists.	12/31/2020 2:51 AM
11	I'm currently going through a divorce and although I wasn't for the new developments, anything under the \$200,000 range with smaller lots/units, would be the only chance my kids and I would have of staying in Amherst. And I really, really don't want my kids to leave town!!	12/31/2020 12:59 AM
12	Keep Amherst a town, we don't want to be Merrimack, Milford, or Nashua	12/30/2020 8:26 PM
13	Town is pretty much okay as is.	12/30/2020 7:56 PM
14	"limit the number of new residential units allowed annually" is against RSA and should not have been included on this questionnaire as it suggests it is a choice the Town can make.	12/29/2020 1:36 PM
15	what is the push for higher density. seems like a big mistake to me. please leave density in town as it is.	12/27/2020 5:13 PM
16	Maintain the 2 acre minimum for building that I was required to adhere to for all new proposed developments	12/26/2020 8:08 PM
17	If we allow new developments, we need to consider what new schools and other services will be needed. Traffic in some areas may become difficult. For example it's often difficult to turn left off Walnut Hill of Old Manchester Road onto 101.	12/24/2020 3:19 PM
18	Again, I think there are good ways to balance development and maintaining the rural/ historic feel of our town. Some development and business is beneficial. They improve access, affordability and diversity, and can improve our tax rates. As long as it is done thoughtfully and with careful consideration for the impacts...	12/24/2020 9:34 AM
19	Amherst resident for 30+ years. Land is not a renewable resource. Building variances and diversity bonuses have forever changed this town and the impact is not fully felt - YET ! "Rural" Amherst is losing its charm and affordability.	12/21/2020 2:15 PM
20	Strongly against developing this town any further until the busted & unpaved roads are fixed and the schools can accommodate the capacity of the children currently living in this town. Asking parents if its ok to send their kids to the next town over and having other kids in modular classrooms with sub par conditions Is Not OK. It is incredibly clear this town is busting at it's density if we don't have enough room for all of our kids right now.	12/21/2020 1:31 PM
21	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:08 PM
22	Increase the size of single house lots . Do not decrease the size of individual housing lots . I am totally against clustering and mix use residential /commercial development and clustering of new residential development . I am totally against high density development in the zone i	12/20/2020 1:12 PM

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live in . You can use all the creativity planning you want but i want less development and more rural open space. Stop destroying Amherst . It is too crowded already . If you dont build more developments we dont need more grocery or retail stores . Eliminate high density developments . Also dont want to increase rental units .for all the above reasons and also lower property values and rentals do not take care of property as owners do.

23	High density clustered housing is fine in small spaced out quantities. There is a big difference between 8 and 40 units in a cluster.	12/20/2020 12:53 PM
24	High density housing is antithetical to the character of Amherst. We have good examples of affordable housing in Amherst, such as Balsam Lane and Country Mansions on Amherst Street. We have bad examples of affordable housing in Amherst, especially Hidden Pond Drive. Any initiatives toward affordable housing should be focused on maintaining the character of Amherst, and should avoid high density housing such as Hidden Pond.	12/20/2020 12:05 PM
25	I'm not sure what is meant by clustering new residential subdivisions	12/20/2020 11:56 AM
26	Would like Amherst to address the kind of town it wants to be and how it differentiates itself from Bedford. I think this might be key to attracting people to this town.	12/20/2020 10:52 AM
27	I marked "strongly disagree" on several of the above because I find the use of the word "encourage" in the question to be too vague. Encourage how? I strongly disagree with giving large businesses tax exemptions to encourage them to move operations here. At the same time, I also take issue with people who are excessively litigious when it comes to what others do with their private property, as long as it is not harmful to other (i.e. toxic waste dump, pollution, etc.).	12/20/2020 10:25 AM
28	Limit new construction in housing	12/20/2020 10:07 AM
29	I don't know what "encourage originality of lot layouts to enhance rural character" means. Treehouses? Cave dwellings?	12/20/2020 10:06 AM
30	Consistently: all development should be welcome so long as it does not detrimentally affect the character of the town, and as stated before, careful management of where, and how, such development is allowed to happen is critical to this. Having a 3-story residential condo development could be perfectly acceptable if it is properly buffered by forested/conservation land and adequately connected to transportation infrastructure. Balance and adequate management are the key elements here - not the specific type of development - and why I'm generally "neutral" in my answers.	12/19/2020 9:00 AM
31	resources for most of Amherst like a pool (Baboosic is gross, jasper is too \$\$), walking paths, playgrounds, it's kind of embarrassing for such a rich town with so few resources	12/17/2020 7:47 PM
32	again - no "one size fits all answers" all need consideration on placement and community impact	12/17/2020 6:59 PM
33	Define "clustering of new residential subdivisions" and "originality of lot layouts", please. Vague terms that could mean anything.	12/17/2020 3:24 PM
34	Planning has to be a LOT smarter than "conservation good, development bad". There have to be tradeoffs.	12/17/2020 10:58 AM
35	There is more than enough commercial development on 101A.	12/16/2020 8:11 PM
36	I would like Amherst to have more of "the flume" type of neighborhoods to make it slightly more suburban but keep its authenticity	12/16/2020 8:28 AM
37	High density and rental residences should be allowed along major corridors, not to detract from rural areas of low density.	12/16/2020 8:01 AM
38	I repeat myself. Leave my Amherst alone.	12/16/2020 6:46 AM
39	Not sure what "zone" I live in, which makes answeing some of these questions problematic.	12/15/2020 9:38 AM
40	Really need more information to understand question about "originality of lot layouts".	12/14/2020 2:48 PM
41	I would favor smaller lots being allowed, up to a point. Maybe down to 1 acre from 2.	12/14/2020 1:06 PM
42	The village and natural beauty around Amherst are huge draws, we should find ways to preserve them and the character of the town. Suburban subdivisions are unappealing to younger generations, using the village as a model for future development and encouraging	12/14/2020 10:03 AM

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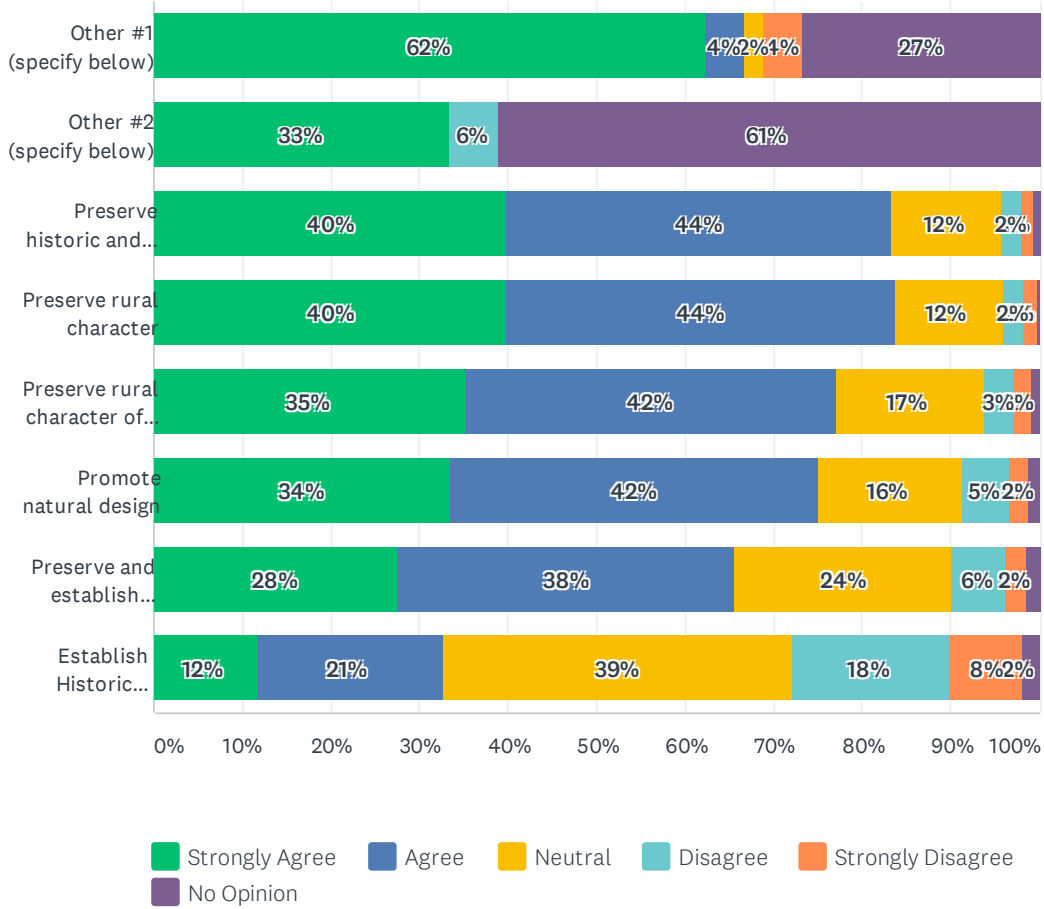
more public places like cafes and bars will do a lot to make this town continue to be a great place to develop community and attract younger families

43	DO NOT turn Amherst into a high population density area! Especially do not seek to draw in the opposite of what the town is; I live here because I feel safe with the low crime; do you think that will remain once you build up low-income housing?	12/14/2020 9:50 AM
44	It's hard to pin down the specifics going forward, so I'm neutral on most of these things.	12/14/2020 9:48 AM
45	For many of the items I selected as neutral, I would need to better understand the pros/cons to agree or disagree.	12/13/2020 6:06 PM
46	Supportive of trails, preservation of historic village, while at same time increasing housing & development surrounding that core (including in our zone). Not in support of taxpayer dollars being spent acquiring open space land (wouldn't this restrict residential space and further drive up cost of housing?). Commercially, I'm more in favor of development/support of small business rather than offices or more big box "chain" retail.	12/13/2020 1:30 PM
47	I believe higher density housing options are critical to conserving open space within the town. Less mini-mansions, higher density housing.	12/12/2020 11:12 AM
48	I agree to encourage/increase mixed use areas, however as I mentioned in a previous comment, the commercial or business district makes sense to have residential sprinkled in. Residential areas should remain residential zoning.	12/12/2020 10:13 AM
49	I don't know what the minimum size of a building lot is here in Amherst, I suspect 1 acre, I guess the lot should reflect the building it's supporting.	12/11/2020 5:01 PM
50	Business development along 101A - Yes!	12/11/2020 8:23 AM
51	I like how subdivisions like Holly Hill can't be seen from the main road. So even though they are on smaller plots, it was designed well so that you wouldn't even know there's a subdivision there. Keeping as many trees as possible is really important when building new developments so that the feel of rural Amherst isn't lost.	12/9/2020 8:30 PM
52	This survey is certainly worded in a manner that sways the answer.	12/7/2020 8:07 AM
53	In regards to encouraging clustering of new residential subdivisions, I agree with caveats. It's one thing to cluster 8 houses, it's another to cluster 45. It's also important to encourage replanting of landscape. One of the reasons clusters feel like eyesores is they tend to remove all the natural mature environment for ease of building. Small buffers between buildings and in sightlines make a huge difference.	12/6/2020 2:13 PM
54	Regarding Increasing mixed use areas- I think encouraging mixed use in the commercial area to include more residential is the way to go, NOT add mixed use zoning in already zoned residential rural. There are many empty buildings, stores, etc. along 101A that could be turned into living spaces, rental units, etc. which provides walk ability to food, stores, etc. which many folks look for these days.	11/27/2020 3:18 PM
55	I have a question about what clustering means and I think the originality question does not convey the meaning of using the contours of the land to determine lot layout	11/27/2020 11:08 AM
56	High density development is a mistake. Citizens do not want this. The IIHO was a disaster and I am glad that it is gone. Bonuses for density will ruin this beautiful town.	11/25/2020 8:28 AM

# Amherst's Rural Character, Heritage, and History

## Q26 Amherst needs to...

Answered: 1,484 Skipped: 331





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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Other #1 (specify below)	62% 28	4% 2	2% 1	0% 0	4% 2	27% 12	45	1.64
Other #2 (specify below)	33% 6	0% 0	0% 0	6% 1	0% 0	61% 11	18	1.57
Preserve historic and cultural resources	40% 585	44% 644	12% 184	2% 31	1% 22	1% 8	1,474	1.19
Preserve rural character	40% 586	44% 648	12% 181	2% 33	2% 23	0% 4	1,475	1.18
Preserve rural character of major roads leading to Historic District	35% 516	42% 616	17% 245	3% 50	2% 30	1% 12	1,469	1.06
Promote natural design	34% 494	42% 612	16% 242	5% 77	2% 30	1% 19	1,474	1.01
Preserve and establish Scenic Roads	28% 405	38% 562	24% 360	6% 89	2% 35	1% 20	1,471	0.84
Establish Historic Districts or Neighborhood Heritage Areas	12% 171	21% 310	39% 581	18% 262	8% 121	2% 27	1,472	0.10

Q27 If you answered for Other #1, tell us what it is.

Answered: 35 Skipped: 1,780

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	what rural character if major access roads. There is no speed limit control, might as well set the speed limit at 50 since 25 is totally ignored and not enforced	1/16/2021 10:49 AM
2	access roads leading into the Village could be widened to allow for safe cycling without damaging the rural character. Speed limit signs do not damage the rural character.	1/5/2021 1:32 PM
3	If the "rural character" of our roads means roads without sidewalks and/or shoulders, then I disagree strongly. Many of our busiest roads are narrow with drainage swales, poison ivy, and brush. Walking is hazardous to say the least, and I've seen cars passing cyclists with very little space to spare.	1/3/2021 9:14 AM
4	Require town approval for home and barn structural changes on historic buildings built prior to 1800.	1/1/2021 10:08 PM
5	Many of these question are about balance. I would like to preserve the historic feel of the village, but that should not necessarily exclude allowing businesses in the village such as a restaurant or tea room. Keeping the feel from a design perspective is more important than keeping out business or development.	1/1/2021 10:15 AM
6	Discourage the NIMBY bias for town planning, i.e "Keep Historic rhetoric".	12/31/2020 7:48 PM
7	Preserve and enhance Baboosic Lake	12/31/2020 1:21 PM
8	Pave some of these half done roads like Austin rd.	12/31/2020 12:40 PM
9	Preserve the rural character of ALL of Amherst, not just the village. There seems to be an attitude in town that the village is the only part of Amherst whose character and aesthetics matter	12/31/2020 8:11 AM
10	I don't believe in progressive planning. I believe in small incremental changes, and ways to save money.	12/30/2020 7:57 PM
11	Reform development along 101A. The development that's been permitted over past 20-30 years appears haphazard with little to no consideration for aesthetics or preservation of the area's history, degrading the town's rural character and appeal	12/29/2020 12:44 PM
12	Preservation is great as long as it is not fund by the tax payers . Fund raisers, donation and other should be the only monetary resources for the items above	12/29/2020 10:07 AM
13	Potentially limiting traffic to foot traffic around town center. Might be nice area for recreation.	12/24/2020 1:41 PM
14	Stop investing in historical district and improve livability of my area.	12/24/2020 12:59 PM
15	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:09 PM
16	No more housing	12/20/2020 1:57 PM
17	I strongly agree that the town should preserve the rest of Route 122 so that we do not end up with an entire road that looks like Pendleton Farms. Somebody had their eyes closed and dropped the ball drastically on that one.	12/20/2020 9:21 AM
18	Pave county rd leading to the village	12/19/2020 8:01 AM
19	The above question referenced "town events, celebrations". Amherst has an amazing Halloween and 4th of July, but does a poor job at Christmas time. Last year, the German Christmas Market theme on Middle Street was a start to something that could become great! I hope the appropriate committee can expand on that. There is a demand and the right people can make it something special.	12/18/2020 9:41 PM
20	village is so cute-would look even better if utilities were buried	12/17/2020 7:48 PM
21	Establish satellite parking locations outside of historic district, within walking distance to town center to mitigate parking issues during events	12/17/2020 8:59 AM
22	The Boston Post Road has been well paved just recently --so much better than the slip/slop paving a couple of years ago --the entry to the town village should appear stable and be inviting.	12/15/2020 4:39 PM
23	The look and feel of our town is a huge factor in attracting residents.	12/14/2020 6:27 PM
24	Yes, preserve the existing scenic roads. No, do not establish new ones. The question above is	12/14/2020 11:45 AM

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	a TERRIBLE survey question. Can't answer yes to the first part and no to the second????	
25	Stone walls, granite markers and cellar holes should be kept in tact, as they are historical landmarks.	12/14/2020 11:41 AM
26	To include Christian Hill Rd as it is a major access point to the Village.	12/14/2020 5:50 AM
27	Include information boards and educational resources near designated historic sites in Amherst to educate the public.	12/13/2020 7:27 PM
28	Stop all forms of shootings.	12/13/2020 7:10 PM
29	Anherst is special with its charm, history and rural wooded beauty, and I think it would be an injustice to have it envolve into more of a city setting, with apartment complexes and industry.	12/12/2020 8:41 PM
30	SERIOUSLY - THE HYSTERICAL COMMISSION SHOUL KEEP TO THEIR BUILDING AND NOT IMPOSE RULES ON OTHERS	12/11/2020 10:10 PM
31	Towns need to evolve to meet modern needs. We can't survive if we ignore the enhancements that are being made elsewhere.	12/11/2020 3:42 PM
32	Provide safe and sustainable paths for walking and biking also outside the village	12/9/2020 10:38 AM
33	No hazen development!!!	12/7/2020 9:49 PM
34	Keep village roads safe by limiting traffic and putting in speed bumps on small village roads to keep speed down.	12/6/2020 9:57 PM
35	Would want to commit to keeping the historic district and village center mainly residential and not succumb to pressure to make the village into a city like center.	11/27/2020 11:11 AM

## Q28 If you answered for Other #2, tell us what it is.

Answered: 8 Skipped: 1,807

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	"	1/3/2021 9:14 AM
2	I believe that parents should take on the burden of any extra school fees beyond the bare minimum required by the state.	12/30/2020 7:57 PM
3	Preserving aquifer has become a joke as the Planning Board has consistently allowed development over or near aquifer in our area.	12/24/2020 12:59 PM
4	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:09 PM
5	No more housing. No apartments.	12/20/2020 1:57 PM
6	The Agricultural Sectors are a very important part of the narrative history of New England!!! Please appreciate and support the farming. There could be town 'tools' to preserve old farms and farm land --such as demolition restrictions on targeted sights to at the very least provide time to fully document the history.	12/15/2020 4:39 PM
7	Safe sidewalks to/from the Historic District and village are more important then the idea of burying power lines, which has been discussed.	12/14/2020 11:45 AM
8	Stop all forms of fireworks.	12/13/2020 7:10 PM

**Q29 Please provide additional comments if you wish.**

Answered: 28 Skipped: 1,787

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Would be nice to develop small housing clusters with their own small village green...	1/13/2021 7:21 AM
2	This survey is getting long.	1/12/2021 6:01 AM
3	i think we can encourage commercial development in current buildings downtown, i.e. a classy pub in a current building or a brewery in Clark School if/when a new elementary school is built. Business can be done right in the village!	1/5/2021 6:00 AM
4	These questions seem to be leading. I wish the intentions of these questions were clearer. Preserving scenic byways-good. Adding new ones? Not so much.	1/3/2021 11:09 PM
5	Going back to an imagined agrarian past is impossible. The "rural character" of Amherst is a myth. The question about "preserving the rural character of major access roads" is a ridiculous leading question.	1/2/2021 5:10 PM
6	NH needs more housing and affordable housing options for younger workers to live and work here.	12/31/2020 12:17 PM
7	I think there is a way to balance maintaining the urban character while densifying the population in some areas. It would be great to see some areas of Amherst striving to be self-sufficient in terms of daily needs (have its own groceries etc.) and also walkable. In general, New England needs to redefine what it means to be small town because we are losing both the rural character and the community aspect. I would be overjoyed to see Amherst take an active role in this.	12/31/2020 6:09 AM
8	We moved here in 2003 for a reason - Keep the town character as it's been	12/30/2020 8:48 PM
9	Preserve scenic ways - no development on County Rd.	12/26/2020 8:09 PM
10	Consider additional improvements to the Village Green that promotes bringing the community together. Better lighting around Green (could even be gas lights).	12/24/2020 8:32 AM
11	the relationship between the towns open space and the desire to protect historical and heritage features is salient and protecting one often protects the other	12/23/2020 8:04 PM
12	These are all good points BUT Amherst is more than just the historic district. All areas of town must be given the same attention and focus on preservation.	12/21/2020 2:18 PM
13	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:09 PM
14	Again preserve historic rural nature of Amherst. Preserve scenic roads , rock walls etc. I love seeing deer in my back yard	12/20/2020 1:13 PM
15	Preserving the rural and historical character of Amherst is enormously important. However, it is equally important to ensure that owners are still able to exercise the full and free use of their land. Any preservation initiatives must not provide an undue burden on private owners. Specifically, owners should have the right to make neutral modifications (such as shifting a driveway location and restoring the old driveway) and safety modifications (such as felling dead or dangerously leaning trees) without a burdensome permitting or surveying process.	12/20/2020 12:11 PM
16	Bedford's designated historic district and the stricter rules for preserving the town's character is a good model to follow.	12/20/2020 10:08 AM
17	Essentially, "yes" to all, however if budget is limited, preserving a strong historical and rural character in select "core" areas feels more beneficial than doing so around major access roads.	12/19/2020 9:02 AM
18	"Preserve the historic resources and cultural resources of Amherst -stonewalls, cellar holes, foundations, granite mile markers, barns, town events, celebrations, etc." This is two questions in one. I answered "neutral" because I agree with maintaining town events and celebrations but not with preserving every stone wall, cellar hole and mile marker around - and there are some that believe we should.	12/18/2020 10:34 AM
19	establish rail-trail through Amherst	12/17/2020 4:01 PM
20	When I first moved here (1986), people would ride horses down/up Boston Post Road from the village to where the road "dead ends" and the trail goes into Mont Vernon. I let my son ride his bike to Wilkins school. Now...with the volume of speeding cars & trucks, I can't imagine anyone horseback riding on Boston Post Road or letting their elementary school child ride their bike to school or into town. Please help this from getting any worse.	12/16/2020 8:21 PM

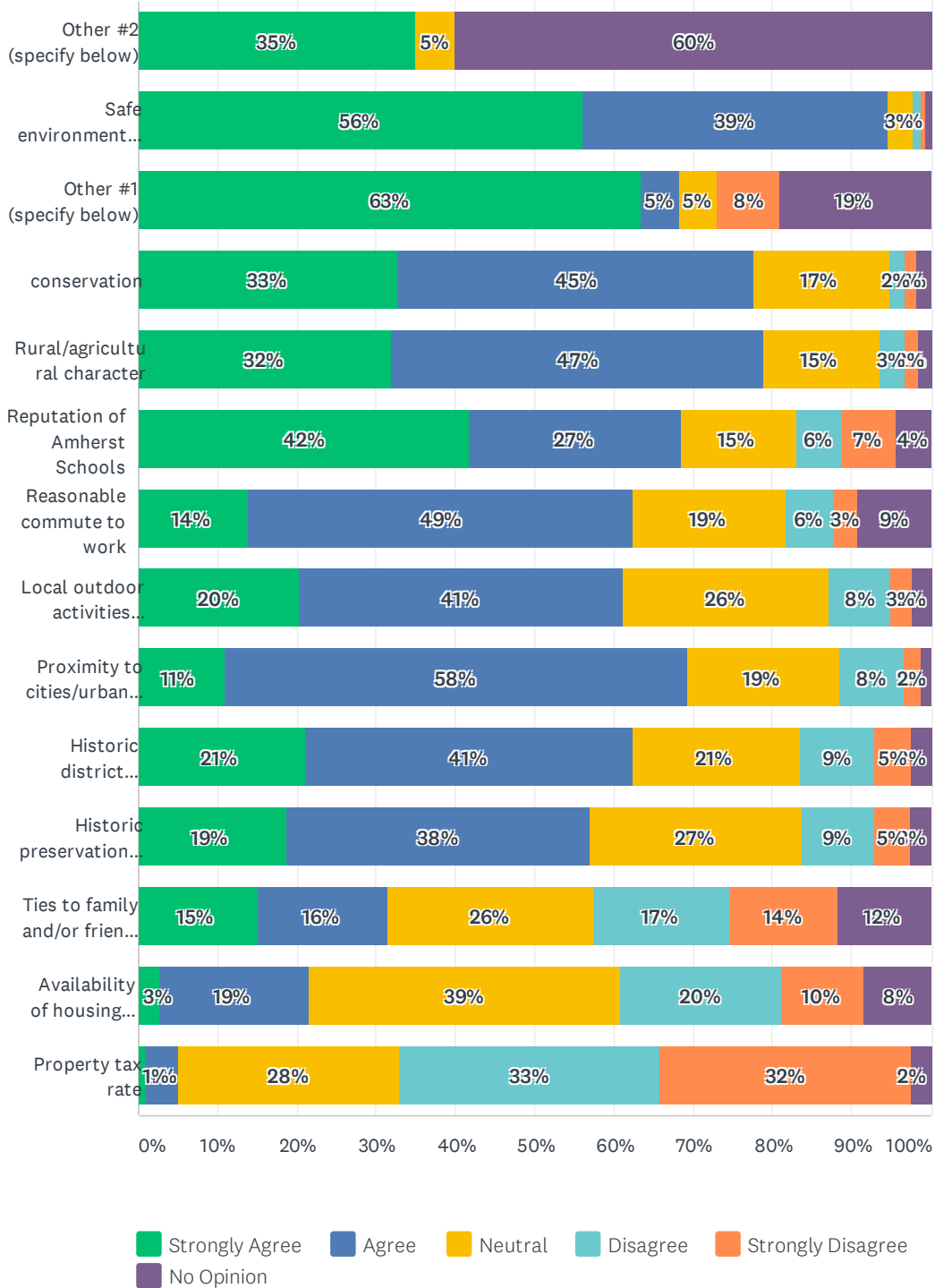
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21	Don't spoil Amherst.	12/16/2020 6:47 AM
22	Preserve existing scenic roads: agree Add new scenic roads: disagree Net: neutral	12/14/2020 11:13 PM
23	I've always been an advocate for more, better, and interesting roads. Done right, they are also biking and walking paths as long as they're not overcrowded.	12/14/2020 9:49 AM
24	I just don't know practically if we can "keep the way things are/used to be" while still remaining an affordable place to live that is representative of our country's great character and diversity. Open to debating that though. In support of preserving existing historical districts, but open to development where needed elsewhere.	12/13/2020 1:34 PM
25	preserve existing scenic roads, do not add more please	12/12/2020 12:24 PM
26	Yes!!! Yes!!! Yes!! to all of the above! We have lost some of the character over the years and it has definitely changed over the years. We do not want to see something so beautiful be destroyed by more development!	12/11/2020 4:14 PM
27	I do not want to see HOA's presence increased. I do not want the town of Amherst to behave like an HOA.	12/7/2020 8:38 AM
28	Please do not allow for the Amherst Village area or the roads leading into the village to become overrun by high density development or clustered neighborhoods.	11/25/2020 8:30 AM



### Q30 Your reason(s) for residing in Amherst

Answered: 1,479 Skipped: 336



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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Other #2 (specify below)	35% 7	0% 0	5% 1	0% 0	0% 0	60% 12	20	1.75
Safe environment (low crime rate)	56% 825	39% 566	3% 47	1% 15	1% 9	1% 8	1,470	1.49
Other #1 (specify below)	63% 40	5% 3	5% 3	0% 0	8% 5	19% 12	63	1.43
conservation	33% 480	45% 658	17% 248	2% 31	1% 21	2% 25	1,463	1.07
Rural/agricultural character	32% 467	47% 689	15% 214	3% 47	2% 23	2% 23	1,463	1.06
Reputation of Amherst Schools	42% 613	27% 395	15% 215	6% 82	7% 99	4% 66	1,470	0.96
Reasonable commute to work	14% 202	49% 709	19% 284	6% 88	3% 42	9% 136	1,461	0.71
Local outdoor activities (hiking, skiing, water sports)	20% 298	41% 600	26% 381	8% 113	3% 39	2% 35	1,466	0.70
Proximity to cities/urban area	11% 156	58% 848	19% 281	8% 116	2% 32	1% 18	1,451	0.68
Historic district (Village Green)	21% 310	41% 607	21% 307	9% 139	5% 68	2% 36	1,467	0.67
Historic preservation (stone walls, foundations, cellar holes, etc.)	19% 272	38% 561	27% 391	9% 135	5% 66	3% 38	1,463	0.59
Ties to family and/or friends who live in Amherst	15% 221	16% 241	26% 381	17% 253	14% 200	12% 170	1,466	0.02
Availability of housing stock	3% 38	19% 272	39% 569	20% 296	10% 150	8% 122	1,447	-0.19
Property tax rate	1% 16	4% 58	28% 408	33% 480	32% 464	2% 35	1,461	-0.92

## Q31 If you answered for Other #1, tell us what it is.

Answered: 53 Skipped: 1,762

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I moved here for the schools and they were good in the 90's and 2000 up to 2009. I found out that their mission is to indoctrinate our children, cancel culture, discourage our children from learning our history, removing statues, no civics. no American or international history. Disgraceful and now they want money to spend on schools that are not being occupied.	1/15/2021 9:38 PM
2	The charm of the village green with the Church and town hall made me want to live here!! Once I saw that I didn't look anywhere else!	1/13/2021 8:59 AM
3	Mostly have continue to live here because my husband loves the rural character and mountain biking trails, I personally find the tax is too high and would move. Also I was disappointed in the schools will have spent several hundred thousand dollars having to send my daughter to private school	1/6/2021 12:18 PM
4	House and neighborhood	1/5/2021 2:40 PM
5	Bought 23 years ago for the schools...it was great for elementary and middle school, it sucked for high school. Moved our daughter after 60 days at Souhegan, and sent her and our son to BG. Worth every single penny spent at BG. Looking to leave Amherst because of the ridiculous taxes here in town.	1/5/2021 10:19 AM
6	Lot sizes are attractive, and access to trails	1/5/2021 9:58 AM
7	While at one time the schools had a reputation that was envious, that is simply no longer the case. Our high class sizes, inexperienced Superintendent, horrible test scores and the tendency to prioritize the hiring of Administration over teachers has caused many including myself to chose private options for our children.	1/5/2021 6:49 AM
8	Affordable housing	1/2/2021 2:54 PM
9	The low crime rate has nothing with the police but rather the liberal gun laws in NH	1/1/2021 8:40 PM
10	High social economic standing of residents.	12/30/2020 7:59 PM
11	Exclusivity of Amherst	12/30/2020 7:03 PM
12	Love the lake	12/30/2020 4:36 PM
13	The key is low taxes and reducing existing taxes and fees	12/29/2020 10:07 AM
14	Moved to amherst because of the excellent schools not sure I would again in the current environment.	12/29/2020 8:48 AM
15	When we moved here 22 years ago, we had a bigger bang for our buck in the school systems. Now the cost per pupil is out of control.	12/28/2020 1:53 PM
16	Sidewalks and walking community	12/24/2020 8:35 AM
17	The amount of space between buildings. Natural wilderness spaces.	12/21/2020 9:48 PM
18	We can not continue to increase taxes at the current rate and pace annually.	12/20/2020 5:22 PM
19	Right price home at the right time	12/20/2020 10:54 AM
20	The town where we found an affordable home supporting our needs. No other driving reason.	12/20/2020 10:49 AM
21	The combination of the agrees.	12/20/2020 10:15 AM
22	This is our home community. We want to be able to stay in this area as we age, with our friends and ties and healthy outdoor opportunities. We cannot afford a high end condo. My husband's will continue to work - "at an international corporation IN AMHERST! Behind Walmart area--for another 5 to 8 years.	12/19/2020 9:37 AM
23	I moved here from a town in Pennsylvania that has been overrun with "affordable housing". That town went from being a wonderful place to grow up, to a crime ridden slum.	12/18/2020 9:46 PM
24	School tax rate - too high!	12/18/2020 7:05 PM
25	Perfect house on very large lot surrounded by other very large lots - complete privacy - very hard to find anywhere. This is what needs to be preserved.	12/18/2020 12:23 AM
26	Our neighbors are fantastic. Love it here but high taxes with very little services provided (we don't use the schools-pulled our kids out) may push us to move	12/17/2020 7:53 PM

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27	We have a spectacular view of Stump Pond and its amazing array of wildlife	12/17/2020 5:17 PM
28	Beautiful homes available, feeling of community,	12/17/2020 2:30 PM
29	The commute is not reasonable for many due to the lack of synchronized lights on 101A	12/16/2020 11:22 AM
30	common lifestyles among residents. Good family values.	12/16/2020 10:59 AM
31	My great grandfather came up to Amherst from Cambridge MA for his 4 children summers -- and my Grandfather lived in many areas of the town including Christian Hill Farm which he rescued from demolition by neglect - and my brothers and I grew up in Amherst in the 1950s. It is astounding how well the historic village has appreciated and cared for (a tribute to property owners as well as Historic District Commission) and how the the woods and orchards are now substantial homes.	12/15/2020 4:44 PM
32	Souhegan high school drives up our taxes. They are the black hole for our tax dollars. There is no real accountability, that high school is not fiscally responsible, period. Too much is spent on fluff programs for both student and the teachers/admin. Inmates run the asylum.	12/15/2020 9:04 AM
33	strong sense of community and caring; active civic life	12/14/2020 4:13 PM
34	Intangibles - the strong sense of community, civic pride, civility, respect for one another, the rural location close to other towns, cities, and states, the ocean, the mountains, etc.	12/14/2020 2:55 PM
35	When I moved here 30+ years ago the schools had a good reputation. I would not have my child in Souhegan High now if I had a high schooler, based on my research.	12/14/2020 1:50 PM
36	Town consists of mainly well-maintained, nice quality homes -- no "inner city" type of area.	12/14/2020 1:11 PM
37	We loved the historical character of the town, the easy access to major routes and all of the conservation property/trails that are available.	12/14/2020 11:45 AM
38	Strength of community and people's involvement in civic affairs - historical society (old home day), town band on the green on Tuesdays etc.	12/14/2020 10:05 AM
39	The amount of town activities and sense of community	12/14/2020 9:54 AM
40	Quiet, low-density area.	12/14/2020 7:30 AM
41	Ties to family or friends that live in Southern New Hampshire.	12/13/2020 1:36 PM
42	Ties to family to other parts of NH- property difficult to find anywhere 3 yrs ago	12/13/2020 1:14 PM
43	As stated before, upper middle class town with expensive homes and few rental options which yields like-minded neighbors and low crime. Let low income people live somewhere else.	12/12/2020 6:15 PM
44	The	12/12/2020 4:56 PM
45	WE LIVE IN AMHERST BECAUSE IT WAS THE ONLY HOUSE AVAILABLE IN A SELLERS MARKET IN 1998. HAVE TRIED TO BUY 3 TIMES, NONE OF THE HOUSES WE WANTED WERE IN AMHERST. AMHERST DOES NOT HAVE WHAT WE NEED.	12/11/2020 10:12 PM
46	Availability of detached condos	12/11/2020 7:03 PM
47	Sense of community	12/9/2020 8:32 PM
48	Distance to MA to visit family	12/8/2020 7:40 AM
49	Highly educated, strong family centered focus and conservative	12/7/2020 10:12 PM
50	Large lot size	12/7/2020 9:50 PM
51	The Rec dept activities- Halloween on the green, tree lighting, 4th July parade etc...	12/7/2020 6:16 PM
52	We ended up in Amherst because it had the house we were looking for at the time we were buying. We were looking along 101 from Raymond to Milford. We don't use the schools (homeschoolers) but we value the entire package the town offers. We don't want to leave Amherst, but the town has to find a balance between offering full services to all its residents, continuing to appropriately pay the professionals in its schools, and fairly assessing residents and businesses to pay for it all. It is time for a hard look at how we pay for education in our state and how we perpetuate the problem in our town.	12/6/2020 8:27 PM
53	Compared to other areas in the US, we could get more for our money here.	11/27/2020 3:20 PM

## Q32 If you answered for Other #2, tell us what it is.

Answered: 8 Skipped: 1,807

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Knowing I wouldn't have neighbors too close to me	1/5/2021 9:58 AM
2	The school districts "reputation" is based, in large part, on the past. The current school system is failing our students with the silly competency based grading, and the high schools lack of structure is very challenging for a lot of students.	1/1/2021 8:40 PM
3	Relatively low cost of living for an upmarket town.	12/30/2020 7:59 PM
4	The community and diversity of residents.	12/21/2020 9:48 PM
5	I like it here. I like the people. It's just getting to be too expensive for so little return.	12/17/2020 7:53 PM
6	Other tangible things - the library, the rec program, the clubs and civic organizations, the Fourth of July celebration, etc.	12/14/2020 2:55 PM
7	Quiet, low-density area.	12/14/2020 7:30 AM
8	We liked the smaller town feel.	11/27/2020 3:20 PM

**Q33 Please provide additional comments if you wish.**

Answered: 35 Skipped: 1,780

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1	The high property tax rate (mostly the schools, not so much the municipal) is very discouraging to those who don't make active use of the school system.	1/18/2021 11:39 AM
2	Schools, safe town that you can feel okay having you kid cross the street or ride a bike to the neighbors. We fell in love with Amherst because it's kept the simple, quaint life. Even though it's busy 5-10 away you escape once in the center area.	1/5/2021 9:27 PM
3	I reside in Amherst because it is a town that encourages strong involvement in community government, organizations, and activities. It makes a person feel that it is "my town."	1/5/2021 1:06 PM
4	I moved here because of schools, Moulton's, the village, and the affordability/availability of housing when compared to surrounding towns like Bedford.	1/5/2021 6:02 AM
5	Property taxes are the biggest deterrent to living and remaining in Amherst despite the school's reputation.	1/3/2021 10:53 AM
6	Recreational activities available within Amherst and near by was a major draw.	12/31/2020 1:25 PM
7	I work from home so I don't have a high need for infrastructure in Amherst.	12/30/2020 7:59 PM
8	The School District is the reason we chose to live in Amherst. We didn't have children yet when buying our house, but knew we would eventually! As a former teacher, the education my children will receive is a very big priority to my family.	12/30/2020 7:29 PM
9	In the time I have been here the schools have declined. It's been more about money than about the teachers and children. The ratings have gone down in both areas. What used to be 9 and 10 are now 6 and 7. Get politics. It is time to get a leader who cares about education not about raising taxes and himself.	12/30/2020 6:24 PM
10	We love Amherst because it prioritizes outdoor spaces where we can enjoy a variety of activities year round. It's conveniently located relative to cities, shopping, work, family and friends. We don't have kids but public education is absolutely essential so we value and are happy to pay higher taxes for a great education system.	12/24/2020 9:41 AM
11	Moved to Amherst from out of state. Wanted a town that was within 30-40 minutes from work (Manchester) and had a charming, New England feel. Did not want to be in a cul-de-sac only town w/o a community feel like Bedford or Windham. Amherst is uniquely positioned versus the other towns in the area. Continuing to improve the curb appeal and charm of the town can further differentiate our town.	12/24/2020 8:35 AM
12	open space add to the health and mental health of the community	12/23/2020 8:05 PM
13	Located here 30+ years ago ... beauty, charm, and reasonable tax rate. At the time we talked to current residents and got such positive feedback about the character and vibe of Amherst. Today you get very different feedback and not in a good way.	12/21/2020 2:24 PM
14	The Village atmosphere was most important. When I moved here in 1970, the village traffic was so low that Bill and Helen Burns' dog would safely take its midday nap in the center of Main Street and Boston Post Road. Not so now, but the Village is still a safe location for citizens of all ages to walk to and from Moultons, the library and the town hall to picnic on Amherst Common or just sit and read on one of the benches.	12/21/2020 1:37 PM
15	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:10 PM
16	I have only lived in Amherst for 5 months. I love it. There is so much I still need to learn about the community, and pandemic times make it more challenging. That is why so many of my responses are neutral.	12/20/2020 3:31 PM
17	I sent my kids to Catholic schools because of the "Reputation of the Amherst Schools"	12/20/2020 1:45 PM
18	I choose Amherst over 20 years ago because of the rural nature, open land, and school system. Since then the school system has declined in rating compared to other towns although the tax rate increased, open land has disappeared, it has become overbuilt and very crowded with increased road congestion. It feels as if the open nature feel is closing in with overdevelopment. I am considering moving away if things keep this way, I hope Amherst changes direction with this master plan.	12/20/2020 1:13 PM
19	I grew up here, went through the Amherst school system, and returned to Amherst after military service and higher education specifically because of what this town is. Modernization of infrastructure is important, but we must preserve the character of this town in the process.	12/20/2020 12:20 PM



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In Amherst, we have the ability to live the small-town life of a Peterborough or Jaffery, but with easy access to the amenities of Manchester, Nashua and Boston. While this is partly geography, it is also the attention to maintaining our character that keeps us in this unique position. It would be a huge loss to change the character of this town, especially through overdevelopment. Careful and thoughtful modernization with slow growth that prioritizes maintenance of our character over that growth is what will preserve Amherst for future generations.

20	Thw schools use to have a good reutation until 3 years ago the rputation is falling something the town shoukd think about It known for a bullying school district lack of care of students poor curriculum. The students are falling behind.	12/20/2020 10:13 AM
21	Moving here from the west coast where we lived in a large city/poor school district/high crime area, Amherst was a wonderful breath of fresh air. We love it--don't change it!	12/18/2020 6:56 PM
22	I agree with maintaining much of the open space, conserved lands, and natural aesthetic that we have now. I do not believe in adding more.	12/18/2020 10:36 AM
23	how do seniors afford it here?	12/17/2020 7:53 PM
24	the school needs to take a step back Teachers are teachers not the kids best buds and the children and young adults should be showing respect and understand that their teacher is not someone they can push around be disrespectful to which I have seen first hand . also there are better privet schools who do a better job in education performance and cost less to go to than Amherst , Education of our young people is top priory this school.It needs to reexamine what and how they are teaching	12/17/2020 8:58 AM
25	For our family, the original draw was the reputation of the school system. It is imperative that we continue to support the schools and provide for them the proper funding and structures to continue to deliver high quality education.	12/17/2020 7:42 AM
26	Keep it Amherst. It's why we live here!	12/16/2020 2:23 PM
27	Look ahead as far as possible. Know your resources!	12/15/2020 4:44 PM
28	Moved here when I was 4.	12/14/2020 7:27 PM
29	Been here over 30 years. When we moved here, we chose based on an available (then relatively new) home in an area with relatively sparse development. We now own three house lots, doing our share to help keep density reasonable.	12/14/2020 9:52 AM
30	As an active family, living in Amherst is like living in a vacation spot. We have access to terrific mountain bike/running/hiking trails, endless road biking, paddling/fishing, bouldering. But, we have to go 15 - 20 minutes away for retail, dining, or a pub - dumping that money into Bedford, Merrimack, Milford. As a town, we give away hundreds of thousands of dollars - perhaps more - to our neighbors who are willing to take our money.	12/13/2020 10:49 PM
31	We chose Amherst bc of the schools, location and the home design we needed at the time. The schools in Amherst have failed in every way to live up to the reputation we heard about. SHS is the only school to come close to satisfactory.	12/12/2020 2:46 PM
32	I grew up in Amherst, left for 10 years for college and to start my career. It was VERY difficult to move back here as a first-time homeowner. Had to wait until my 30s to be able to afford to live here again. There were very limited options for buying and needed to wait almost a full year to find an affordable yet livable house for my family.	12/11/2020 2:03 PM
33	When looking for our house we wanted some land around us and not to be up against our neighbors.	12/7/2020 8:10 AM
34	I moved to Amherst 6 years ago from Manchester for 2 reasons... excellent schools and proximity to work. Of my friends that have made similar moves purchasing a family house for the first time, I feel the most connected to my current town and the least likely to move to another. The schools continue to be a reason for that, but it is also the community feel. Events and organizations make the difference!	12/6/2020 2:21 PM
35	The tax rate will drive people out of this town in droves, very soon, if it continues on this path. The school tax rate is a major issue and must be addressed especially in this pandemic. This is not the time to be driving up the tax rate. People simply cannot afford it and are stressed financially and otherwise due to the pandemic.	11/25/2020 8:32 AM

## Q34 Are there things we, as a town, should be doing that we are not?

Answered: 394 Skipped: 1,421

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Separate school taxes from municipal taxes! SEPARATE!	1/19/2021 7:20 AM
2	Just like we waited way too long to pave the roads, waited way too long to replace the schools. Also add bike/walking lanes to all main roads and "rail" type trails so folks can stay off roads as much as possible	1/18/2021 1:30 PM
3	Safe biking paths for children. School so close, but getting there on bike VERY dangerous.	1/18/2021 9:53 AM
4	Offer More SAFE and abundant bike riding and walking trails; more locally owned taverns, restaurants and community spaces;	1/18/2021 9:43 AM
5	Sidewalks, walking paths for those who are not bikers/hikers. Affordable single family housing options for young families and older people.	1/17/2021 8:26 PM
6	Getting rid of the teachers union and fire the teachers that do t want to return because of covid	1/17/2021 8:15 PM
7	Fix roads( gives the town an awful looks	1/17/2021 7:57 PM
8	I do not think we should do too much commercial in the green, but a nice pub, coffee shop and or Inn would make a nice addition and could keep the aesthetic feel of the town	1/17/2021 7:54 PM
9	Pave more of the dirt roads linking areas of the town.	1/17/2021 5:24 PM
10	Schools seem to be focused on students struggling rather than challenging students at more advanced levels within their classes.	1/17/2021 3:42 PM
11	Be open to creative land use ...ie smaller homes for those that don't need/want 4 bedrooms . Encourage building of historic looking housing . Discourage huge homes/mansions that will look out of place	1/17/2021 1:27 PM
12	Protect the reputation of the schools and protect the students. Once the schools fail, the community follows.	1/17/2021 12:51 PM
13	Better road maintenance. Limit increase in residential development especially any high density or low income.	1/17/2021 12:46 PM
14	Sidewalks or trails that lead to the Center would encourage more people to walk there instead of driving. I live off of Boston post but to get to town I would have to walk down 122 and there is no safe area to walk on...I wish we could utilise the old railroad bed running behind 122 to create a walking/biking trail that would connect Boston post to the enter of town.	1/17/2021 12:24 PM
15	Every town board (Selectmen, Planning, Library, etc.), whether elected or appointed, should remember that there are always new people in town that don't understand the processes (budget, planning, zoning, etc.) and strive to do a better job of transparency, communication and public relations.	1/17/2021 12:24 PM
16	Taking care of Senior Citizens.	1/16/2021 2:25 PM
17	Maintaining existing roads	1/16/2021 12:43 PM
18	Yes, stop allowing these these liberal school boards to spend taxpayer money. Our taxes are high enough with more than 85% of our property taxes go to the schools yet we are constantly asked for tissues, pencils, books, wipes, snacks, etc. Our teachers belong to a union that is tax exempt and their salaries are high enough.	1/15/2021 9:58 PM
19	It would be helpful to have convenience stores, gas stations, small restaurants/food store available after 7-8pm - especially during school year when sports are in session and can end as late as 8:30pm.	1/15/2021 9:08 PM
20	Increase transfer station hours or more days	1/15/2021 6:29 PM
21	Clean roads better in the winter.	1/15/2021 5:48 PM
22	Would love more sidewalks!	1/15/2021 5:43 PM
23	Established a sports plex for soccer etc to compete with other areas and increase sports for kids in community	1/15/2021 5:15 PM
24	Improve down services especially electricity. Encourage green energy such as solar heating.	1/15/2021 2:47 PM
25	Expanding safe pedestrian routes would be extremely helpful.	1/13/2021 1:40 PM

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26	I know it is hard to balance the rural and historic character of Amherst and still be open to affordable housing and a reasonable commercial tax rate. However, I think both are important. I hope the planning board can take a long view and try to accomplish both.	1/13/2021 8:42 AM
27	Yes. Develop or allow small clusters of houses (single separate units on smaller plots of land) clustered around a small "village green" of their own.	1/13/2021 7:22 AM
28	Contribute to the lake community septic. Due to the fact that everyone in Amherst benefits!	1/9/2021 12:42 PM
29	Sidewalks	1/9/2021 9:28 AM
30	Utilizing school space for community uses	1/9/2021 12:18 AM
31	Force phone companies to ensure cell service throughout the entire town	1/8/2021 5:46 PM
32	Improving access for people to safely travel on bikes and walking in town especially for children. Kids are missing out on the opportunity to have more freedom in this very safe town. The elementary school is in need of updates. There needs to be more recreational fields for sports and more local small businesses, cafes, and restaurants for residents. For the current tax rate their should be trash pick up.	1/7/2021 11:54 PM
33	consider ways to support residential and business property updates that improve environmental sustainability.	1/7/2021 10:41 PM
34	Fix Horace Greely and Chestnut Hill Roads	1/7/2021 8:34 PM
35	more activities to bring kids teens and families together. lower property tax. have more clean up amherst days to bring community together on sunday's too not just saturday's.	1/7/2021 3:09 PM
36	property taxes rate too high and increases too much, too frequently. The many long time senior home owners in condos or associations are and have been for a long time are unequally and unfairly assessed for property taxes. Especially those legally designated an "over 55" status.	1/7/2021 12:02 PM
37	Improve the plastic recycling. Currently very limited as to which plastics can be recycled.	1/6/2021 2:52 PM
38	Sidewalks on Boston Post Road!!!	1/6/2021 1:40 PM
39	Roads are in terrible condition the road I live on has never been repaved in the 21 years I have lived here it is completely disintegrating and is an embarrassment	1/6/2021 12:18 PM
40	Stop tearing up my lawn with the snow plows	1/5/2021 9:28 PM
41	Increase recycling, especially plastics. Offer the option for residents to pay an additional fee for recycling and trash pickup (not municipal pickup, it should not increase taxes, it should be optional).	1/5/2021 6:35 PM
42	while we generally oppose development, we would like to have access to a fiber optic or other, non-Comcast internet service provider	1/5/2021 6:34 PM
43	There should be a community park setting at Buckmeadow with mutiple sports fields, basketball courts, etc.	1/5/2021 6:07 PM
44	Town festivals in the green targeted at 20-40 year olds should be more common	1/5/2021 2:41 PM
45	During 2020 many more residents were using the Green for safe gatherings or walking on the disconnected sidewalks around the village. The automotive speeding is an issue, the lack of ticketing is obvious. The teens selling and buying drugs in their cars parked along the green is depressing. I left Boston, returning to my home town for a quaint Village experience.	1/5/2021 1:40 PM
46	No- appreciate the work of town employees and our community	1/5/2021 1:38 PM
47	It was touched upon by one question but we should be ensuring that everyone has access to broadband internet at a reasonable price. Comcast is the only option for many and its price for internet only (without a "bundle") is unreasonable. The town should investigate the feasibility of a community broadband internet utility or negotiate a community internet rate with Comcast.	1/5/2021 12:43 PM
48	Look to decrease school taxes.	1/5/2021 10:20 AM
49	Attracting more businesses - mixed use, and other types	1/5/2021 9:58 AM
50	I think we lost a wonderful opportunity when the LaBelle winery wanted to expand across 101.	1/5/2021 9:16 AM
51	Audit the SAU and the schools - determine where resources are being wasted. People are moving to this town because they are receiving more favorable outcomes when applying for	1/5/2021 9:15 AM

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IEP and 504 status than in other towns. If students need additional support, I am all for it. However, other NH SAU's audited their IEP's and found that classroom solutions took care of 80% of issues, and an IEP was not actually needed.

52	Please my previous notes on Red Gate Lane development.	1/5/2021 8:40 AM
53	Get costs under control for both the town and schools.	1/5/2021 8:10 AM
54	More parks and rec like Bedford.	1/5/2021 7:44 AM
55	We could use more trails and recreational fields.	1/5/2021 7:39 AM
56	We love living in Amherst. Our one concern is education is not keeping up with the other towns around us.	1/5/2021 7:34 AM
57	Trash pick up for free	1/5/2021 7:30 AM
58	Adding more street lights	1/5/2021 7:07 AM
59	Improving trails and sidewalks. Stop sending surveys and act.	1/5/2021 6:53 AM
60	Stop assuming and repeating how amazing the schools are. When you sit around talking about how amazing something is, it become less and less amazing.	1/5/2021 6:52 AM
61	Don't let the big developers seduce you with the promises of fictional tax revenue. They will get their money and we are left with ugly, cheap housing developments. Once you bulldoze a field or construct an ugly shopping center, you can never turn back.	1/5/2021 6:35 AM
62	More safe walking paths!	1/5/2021 6:22 AM
63	Encouraging new commercial development, be it a big box store, grocery store, or other small business. Finding new places to put business would be helpful. It is probably easier to welcome in big businesses to get more bang for the buck/real estate space available. I also think it's important to keep housing developments out of the village and surrounding 1/3-mile radius. Developments are fine but they need to be accessed on roads OUTSIDE of teh village, which can't handle the volume of traffic. I'd love to see relaxing of business rules in the Village to allow for some creative space use, much like the Milford Oval.	1/5/2021 6:05 AM
64	no	1/4/2021 9:52 PM
65	Mandatory Body Cameras for Police Officers	1/4/2021 7:06 PM
66	Don't cancel youth sports when the sun is shining but the fields are a little damp from the night before	1/4/2021 5:49 PM
67	Encouraging diversity of thought at SHS would be a good area to pursue. It seems our children are mostly being taught from a singular world view. We claim to be progressive but if it is groupthink they are not being challenged to think for themselves.	1/4/2021 5:16 PM
68	Leave us alone. We are not a state like Massachusetts and therefore we should not be trying to provide urban type of services or mirror our failed state to the south. Whatever happened to good old yankee fiscal responsibility.	1/4/2021 3:15 PM
69	Town communication of mundane things like trees down, road closures, paving or other DPW projects would be better done via a push notification service like Nixle vs a Facebook page.	1/4/2021 3:06 PM
70	Address volunteerism better. CERT, July 4th committee and others are why I stay and contribute to the town.	1/3/2021 11:58 AM
71	I would encourage the town to enforce an ordinance to cover trash on the way to the transfer station (with penalty for not doing so). The roadways are becoming evermore trashy from haphazard residents allowing trash to blow out of their vehicle (pickup beds) and all over town. Police should routinely cite residents at the transfer station who enter with uncovered trash/debris.	1/3/2021 11:04 AM
72	We should be fostering reasonable growth to allow expansion of the tax base. We should be fostering a more diverse community.	1/2/2021 5:14 PM
73	Promote mixed use in downtown village area. Give Moulton's some competition! Redesign dump configuration, so folks do not need to back in to throw out their trash. Promote affordable housing and rental units. Encourage additional businesses to move to Amherst.	1/2/2021 3:05 PM
74	Stop allowing Masshole transplants to change the character of Amherst.	1/1/2021 10:10 PM

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75	Reducing the police force to a number of cops who are actually needed in a small town.	1/1/2021 9:36 PM
76	Redirecting money from the police force to other things in the town (especially historic land and farms etc.)	1/1/2021 9:35 PM
77	No, in fact "we" are doing way too much.	1/1/2021 8:43 PM
78	Fostering community connections. One way is through a community center to bring people together. Another is having a few places for people to gather in the village, such as a coffee shop/cafe.	1/1/2021 7:04 PM
79	Upgrading municipal appearances. For example, the stop signs in the village should be wooden with wooden posts. Signage at the transfer station should be professionally done. Need to bend the cost of school increases curve down	1/1/2021 10:19 AM
80	Commuter Bike paths	1/1/2021 8:49 AM
81	Open the waste site every day and get it better organized	12/31/2020 9:24 PM
82	Promote affordability, diversity and inclusion in all forms, act and deed.	12/31/2020 7:50 PM
83	Raising awareness of racial injustice and religious intolerance. Promoting civic awareness.	12/31/2020 1:48 PM
84	Add Leader In Me 7 habits curriculum by Sean Covey into the K-12 schools to help prepare our children to be successful in the real world.	12/31/2020 12:20 PM
85	Stop increasing taxes	12/31/2020 8:56 AM
86	We need to promote the development of the industrial space off 101a behind Walmart to help lower tax rates.	12/31/2020 8:22 AM
87	Sidewalks around the entire town so children can safely walk to all the schools and fields. The high school should have sidewalk so the students can safely walk to the one store near the school	12/31/2020 8:20 AM
88	addressing traffic flow into the Transfer Station.	12/31/2020 7:53 AM
89	Make moves towards normalize biking for transportation. Allocate more resources to creating Amherst as a community for those who are not young children and parents. I would love to see a community center where people of all ages have access to art and sport.	12/31/2020 6:12 AM
90	Potentially Considering public water and sewer access that is more available	12/31/2020 2:54 AM
91	Make Cub Circle a private road please!! Our PFOA rates are high enough to qualify us for water hookup.	12/31/2020 1:03 AM
92	Trash pick up Recycling pick up One stream recycling	12/30/2020 10:47 PM
93	Sidewalks	12/30/2020 10:29 PM
94	I've never lived in a place that relies so much on Facebook to post about happenings. It's gotten some getting used to and doesn't take into account access to everyone who may not be on Facebook for a variety of reasons. The town representative where I used to live would send out a weekly newsletter and I appreciated the community feel it had (without the option for comments :))	12/30/2020 10:25 PM
95	More town events/celebrations, activities for teenagers after school hours, maybe a free/cheap shuttle. Opportunities for the arts (all ages).	12/30/2020 10:08 PM
96	Stop trying to "do" things.	12/30/2020 8:51 PM
97	Address the transfer station. Should be open on Sundays to lighten the load.	12/30/2020 8:00 PM
98	Need more street lights.	12/30/2020 7:55 PM
99	be more politically active. we are very white and very wealthy, let's learn about people that aren't. more cultural events or speakers	12/30/2020 7:12 PM
100	Full Time football coach-Robin Bowkett	12/30/2020 7:04 PM
101	The tax rate for seniors over 65 should be reviewed to ensure they do not have to leave their homes. Recommend a freeze at the existing rate once residents who hit 65 and have been in their homes 10 or more years.	12/30/2020 6:38 PM

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102	I'd encourage you to explore the potential for a local tavern for residents.	12/30/2020 6:32 PM
103	supporting our schools and teachers. they know what they're doing. we do not need so many people in administration. and we need administrators with classroom experience. also...we should be part of a regional vocational/technical high school with all kinds of extended learning opportunities for our students. we should build that school here in town. right now our kids have opportunities at a few other high schools, but we don't provide transportation to those schools. let's put everything under one gigantic roof and provide kids with what they need to be successful, including real life Math classes, real life English/Literature and real world Science classes. our students are brilliant, but they don't always feel successful. let's help them feel that way.	12/30/2020 6:00 PM
104	A more cohesive way to keep up on town and school info! A newsletter that includes both!	12/30/2020 4:07 PM
105	I would like to see Amherst have an opportunity for coffee shops and small restaurants. In addition, we need more accessibility to mountain biking, trail running and road biking. Most roads don't even have sidewalks, so walking is really tough as well if you don't live in a specific neighborhood or downtown.	12/30/2020 3:56 PM
106	Lower property taxes	12/30/2020 3:17 PM
107	Improve services at dump and DPW	12/29/2020 4:51 PM
108	Better manage speeding in the Village. I am concerned when my child is out an about - Boston Post Road through the Village is the worst:	12/29/2020 2:19 PM
109	Fixing the overcrowding in schools along with the school buildings	12/29/2020 2:03 PM
110	I realize roads are a lot of work. And are roads have been paved twice in the 19 years that I have lived here. But they could use some attention again.	12/29/2020 2:01 PM
111	Revitalize/rehabilitate 101A corridor	12/29/2020 12:47 PM
112	Continue building more mountain bike trails to connect the entire town to the green spaces	12/29/2020 12:20 PM
113	widen roads for biking / walking whenever repaving	12/29/2020 12:17 PM
114	Neighborhoods other than the village should be invested in. Sidewalks would help increase connections between neighborhoods and also for foot and bike traffic and happier moor independent youth.	12/29/2020 12:15 PM
115	The town needs to lower res. taxes thereby lowering everyone's monthly housing cost. Most residents the tax burden is one of their major monthly expense.	12/29/2020 10:07 AM
116	Road maintenance some roads are really bad and patching isn't working	12/29/2020 8:50 AM
117	Increase dump hours.	12/29/2020 7:35 AM
118	Firearms safety classes in high school and public shooting range in town.	12/28/2020 6:05 PM
119	Figure out how to communicate more effectively with residents regarding new developments and proposals in Amherst regardless of the neighborhood in an effort to include all residents in all town decision making.	12/28/2020 5:03 PM
120	Need a protected bike lane to somewhere.	12/28/2020 3:25 PM
121	Charge developers an impact fee to help with road maintenance, etc. Eliminate completely the special exceptions to the current impact fee regulation.	12/28/2020 12:09 PM
122	Protection against water and air pollution from commercial facilities.	12/28/2020 9:14 AM
123	Please improve the town website and streamline some of the information.	12/28/2020 9:02 AM
124	Increase accessibility to housing ownership. Reduce taxes, school tax waiver for seniors,	12/27/2020 3:24 PM
125	The schools are controlling the agenda which is wrong. Taxes for schools are wildly out of control as compared to our neighbors. This must be addressed.	12/26/2020 11:28 PM
126	Preserving the rural character of our town and maintaining our schools- That is why we moved here and spend all the money we do!	12/26/2020 8:11 PM
127	Street lighting.	12/26/2020 3:20 PM
128	Yearly mosquito spraying and notifying resident	12/26/2020 11:55 AM

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129	See comments above.	12/26/2020 11:23 AM
130	Yes easing taxes for empty school sub par education with high cost per pupil.	12/25/2020 9:37 PM
131	Keeping quality teachers here and weeding out the lazy unproductive teaching staff	12/25/2020 9:09 PM
132	More eco friendly everything Improve recycling reuse options Allow dining establishments in village	12/25/2020 10:34 AM
133	I believe there should be other options besides the "college track" for our high school students that does not require them to go out of the town. This is real flaw in our upper education. It sends the message that trades are not as valuable in our society.	12/25/2020 8:45 AM
134	Expand transfer station it is too small. People chit chat and workers should be helping get cars in and out.	12/25/2020 12:05 AM
135	With work from home for professionals dramatically increasing, improve broadband internet connectivity and reliability.	12/24/2020 2:12 PM
136	I think #1 priority should be preserving historic character of the town. I am from Nevada and I'm not sure those in power appreciate the specialness we have that can be ruined too easily.	12/24/2020 1:43 PM
137	When we moved here we understood that Amherst schools were excellent! We now realize that that is not the case. They are not providing quality education at a reasonable price and are trying to teach values that are non of their business.	12/24/2020 1:06 PM
138	Snow plowing the cul-de-sacs by pushing the snow towards the middle, not towards the driveways.	12/24/2020 10:47 AM
139	- Seek additional opportunities to come together as a community on the Green - more events like Tuesday Night Music, Old Home Day, etc.	12/24/2020 8:46 AM
140	Restrict residents from keeping commercial machinery like backhoes in their residential yards.	12/23/2020 8:04 PM
141	Town spending keeps rising- need to stop excessive spending	12/23/2020 3:15 PM
142	Limit sprawl, increase density in developed areas, create diversity	12/23/2020 12:02 PM
143	prohibiting the use of plastic grocery bags by all businesses in town. Many places charge for providing bags, we could do this- bring your own or pay for a paper bag at the store.	12/23/2020 9:43 AM
144	My area rates a 2/100 in walkability score. There's virtually nowhere to take a walk without cars whizzing by at 40 mph. "Rural character" concerns notwithstanding, increase the availability of sidewalks and bike paths. Historic places are still historic if they have sidewalks!	12/22/2020 9:43 PM
145	Social events	12/22/2020 3:09 PM
146	Protecting the land owners who are here and have been here for many years.	12/22/2020 2:15 PM
147	A town can't be all things to all people, and resources are limited. Therefore, enhance the characteristics of the town that attracted the majority of its population to the town, discourage conflicting characteristics, and don't put our limited resources into enhancing other areas of development.	12/22/2020 1:15 PM
148	Reduce new residential subdivisions. Keep HDC as a governing board to preserve the Village.	12/22/2020 12:01 AM
149	Not sure it is this forum but a noise ordinance would be an issue I would like to revisit. It goes along with neighborliness and privacy which are addressed in some of your issues. Also I love the animal friendliness of this town. What about a town sponsored formal dog park?	12/21/2020 9:50 PM
150	More frequent litter cleanup events (Village/122/etc.). Where it tends to accumulate.	12/21/2020 8:59 PM
151	Taxes are insane. As a single mother I will be forced to leave Amherst soon because I can no longer afford it	12/21/2020 8:40 PM
152	We should keep low income housing out of Amherst.	12/21/2020 9:57 AM
153	Utilizing vacant underutilized existing structures instead of building new developments, supporting small business that already exist	12/21/2020 7:49 AM
154	Municipal broadband service.	12/21/2020 6:46 AM
155	Provide more than 1 internet provider to residents to choose from.	12/21/2020 12:01 AM



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156	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:11 PM
157	ENSURE THAT THERE ARE SUFFICIENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR SENIORS AND THAT WE COMMUNICATE THERE EXISTENCE TO THE GROUP	12/20/2020 10:52 PM
158	Work with other communities in our area to share burdens and responsibilities where possible for things we can not afford to do on our own. Have elected officials ,Selectmen, take part in regional and state issues that affect Amherst. (Not the State Reps or Senator)	12/20/2020 10:09 PM
159	More sidewalks around the middle and high school	12/20/2020 8:14 PM
160	Stop condominiums in rural areas, enforce 2 acre zoning	12/20/2020 8:01 PM
161	Keep the character of the town as much as possible, keep the taxes in check. Be fiscally responsible.	12/20/2020 6:53 PM
162	I'd love to see Amherst encourage more educational opportunities for private or charter schools for k-12 students	12/20/2020 6:53 PM
163	As mentioned before bike paths and sidewalks help build a closer community and opportunity to meet people, stay active etc.	12/20/2020 6:39 PM
164	Allow a pub.	12/20/2020 5:58 PM
165	we need to tighten up the loop holes Developers are trying to leverage from the prior Master Plan in which the Overall project is in conflict with what makes Amherst what it is today	12/20/2020 5:28 PM
166	As I previously mentioned, developers need to be charged appropriate fees when creating new developments to support the infrastructure for the new residents.	12/20/2020 4:58 PM
167	blocking pet projects like the bike path when our schools and roads are crumbling.	12/20/2020 4:31 PM
168	We need to come up with a way to properly recycle plastics in Amherst.	12/20/2020 3:47 PM
169	trash pick up	12/20/2020 3:13 PM
170	True affordable housing, not based on the affluence of the Town.	12/20/2020 2:55 PM
171	Encourage/allow additional internet service providers to service Amherst.	12/20/2020 2:51 PM
172	Do whatever it takes to keep cluster developments out.	12/20/2020 2:46 PM
173	Monitoring speeding in neighborhoods	12/20/2020 1:58 PM
174	Address ways to reduce school taxes.	12/20/2020 1:58 PM
175	Stop The development . Increase housing lots . No high density developments . Enough commercial business developments Keep property values up	12/20/2020 1:13 PM
176	Working harder to bridge the divide and tension between school and town entities. We are one town.	12/20/2020 12:57 PM
177	Work on lowering the school portion of the tax rates. There's lots of families in Amherst that don't have kids that go to school here so the tax rate is extremely unfair to those without kids in School	12/20/2020 12:39 PM
178	Senior citizen services	12/20/2020 12:20 PM
179	Lexington MA has provided a good example of how to preserve the unique character of a town. Amherst has an interesting past that will be lost unless preservation is a policy. Amherst can be a special town or like thousands of others, just a location for McDonalds, Lowes, and ranch style homes.	12/20/2020 11:41 AM
180	Stop allowing new residential developments - we have enough in this town!	12/20/2020 11:21 AM
181	I think the town has a lot of talented individuals. Hopefully they can all be canvassed to help make this town more of a community and not just a place to sleep	12/20/2020 10:55 AM
182	Stop building .....	12/20/2020 10:51 AM
183	Fixing roads Paybattention tonwhat the schools are really doing	12/20/2020 10:14 AM
184	See my answer to a previous question regarding a clean energy commitment.	12/20/2020 10:05 AM
185	We definitely need more low income housing, perhaps some apartment buildings off the main	12/20/2020 9:54 AM

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roads? Obviously most people don't want to look at them but they are a necessity to bring diversity to our town.

186	Property evaluations are inconsistent and unfair.	12/20/2020 9:30 AM
187	Stop the number of condominium developments on route 122! Put them somewhere else put them closer to the village! feel the sting!	12/20/2020 9:24 AM
188	I really didn't like the diminished use for the "Quick" at Cemetery Fields. I thought it was a shame not to share the play fields with the "Dead". I think the budding cemetery outline should be removed from the road and set back. If the cemetery does develop or when, that it be planted with beautiful stately trees like the one on Amherst St. in Nashua.	12/20/2020 9:05 AM
189	Take a more active and forceful role in advocating for residents when it comes to internet/cable/telephone services. Feels like we have no leverage with the relevant companies, particularly Comcast, and are getting screwed. They have near monopolies and we are losing badly.	12/19/2020 9:08 PM
190	Get rid of the incentives that are causing developers to push as many incentives as possible into potential developments.	12/19/2020 1:37 PM
191	Slow down building of all those condos. To many on condo alley	12/19/2020 1:12 PM
192	Making pathways or shoulders off major roads to make biking safer.	12/19/2020 11:48 AM
193	Stop big housing developments ... Clearview and Jacobsen in particular	12/19/2020 11:29 AM
194	Parks and resources	12/19/2020 11:08 AM
195	Larger library and a better meeting facility for large groups.	12/19/2020 10:09 AM
196	As well as senior activities and meeting places a focus on the teens and tween activity options are needed.	12/19/2020 9:32 AM
197	Revive small businesses & small business opportunity on corridors of 101a & 101 (restaurants, cafes, offices, retail shops) via incentives. Cease razing land for big box stores or for-profit stores such as Goodwill. Disallow neon & other back-lit signage other than on said corridors. Increase quality of teaching/education vs. sports facilities & ball fields. Make decisions on basis of data & facts with a clear vision to maintain the rural & historic vision of this still-unique town vs. political opinion or stakeholder seniority.	12/19/2020 9:28 AM
198	It would be beneficial to have a Senior Center for Amherst and surrounding towns. The closest ones are in Nashua and Townsend, MA	12/19/2020 9:25 AM
199	Recycling program at the dump has recently been gutted - to the extent possible, I would love to see the town figure out a solution to address this.	12/19/2020 9:13 AM
200	Sidewalks near high school and middle school for students who walk	12/19/2020 8:03 AM
201	Trash pick up	12/19/2020 6:23 AM
202	Noise ordinance in center of town with increase police presence to endorse loud cars, trucks and motorcycles.	12/19/2020 12:17 AM
203	Efficient use of taxes, esp. in education.	12/19/2020 12:08 AM
204	More town wide events in village. Leverage green for more community gatherings.	12/18/2020 10:13 PM
205	Keep Amherst quaint.	12/18/2020 9:12 PM
206	Support public recreational space, for youth and adults ie little league baseball & softball, basketball, and public tennis spaces, as well as walking trails and sidewalks and bike paths that are safe.	12/18/2020 7:58 PM
207	Please don't allow any more new developments. These new, cheap, high density housing developments are changing the aesthetic of our town. And our schools can not support the population influx.	12/18/2020 7:28 PM
208	The town really needs to come together to find a way to reduce school taxes. Those taxes, in particular, are negatively impacting who can live here. Older residents are being economically forced to move, it shouldn't be a battle between our kids and our seniors. School boards must work HARDER to reduce these costs.	12/18/2020 7:07 PM

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209	Fight to keep Amherst historic and country feel. No more big housing	12/18/2020 7:04 PM
210	Senior center. More business to offset property taxes. Expansion of existing businesses	12/18/2020 6:34 PM
211	Well my experience with the schools are from what my kids tell me. I think running the heater in a classroom and not be able to control the temp so they just open the windows in winter to cool it off seems not very efficient use of tax payers money. My son said in his 4 years at Souhegan High School where he was very involved with science one of the sinks in the science lab room was broken and taped off for four years, really!! I think there are too many para teachers at the school and some of those positions should be eliminated to efficiently run the school on a tighter budget.	12/18/2020 1:12 PM
212	The side, residential roads are not well maintained, and when they cracks and holes are patched, they never hold through the winter. Why not repave them like Bedford and Merrimack have done? They pay far less property tax and yet have a better maintained infrastructure.	12/18/2020 12:36 PM
213	Consider adjusting property tax rates based on the homeowner's age and/or income. Particularly for long-time residents who might have purchased their home when they were employed and/or prices were lower, my concern is that increasing property values result in property tax bills being comparatively high when the homeowners subsequently retire. We, of course, want to support the schools and the town infrastructure because they contribute to Amherst's quality of life, so I understand this is a balancing act. But I would ask the town to look into what has been done in other towns around the world to preserve their age diversity (not force retired individuals to move out). Age diversity is valuable too because, among other things, it supports aging in place and provides a great number of potential volunteers and part-time workers.	12/18/2020 11:57 AM
214	Lower the Tax rate, school rate is out of order compared to other local districts. Something is not corret.	12/18/2020 11:35 AM
215	The big concern that I have, other than higher taxes, is the possibility of fire in the woods that are not maintained with so many fallen rotten trees. This are runs behind our home and to the field behind the Town Hall and is owned by two families. There are about 30 acreas of land with no real access and a fire in that area could threaten the whole town. There are about 20 homes bordering these woodlands.	12/18/2020 11:01 AM
216	I would like see elderly housing, with nursing services. Not a nursing home, but assisted living. Just looking out for myself, lol	12/18/2020 10:47 AM
217	Plan ahead for major expenditures like schools. Build up funds to pay for these types of things over time instead of hitting tax payers with huge tax increases when we have an "emergency" need for repairs, new buildings etc.	12/18/2020 8:26 AM
218	We need more housing options for seniors. We can encourage homeschooling and remote school options (after covid is over), to reduce costs. Also promoting the free (for NH residents) online school platform, the Virtual Learning Academy (VLACs).	12/17/2020 9:32 PM
219	Yes, spend less money on schools, additional resources for people other than schools	12/17/2020 7:54 PM
220	I would like to see the availability of green burial sites in Amherst.	12/17/2020 7:04 PM
221	Quit acting like South Amherst is not important except for development. Look at the mess you made out of 101A in the last 20 years	12/17/2020 5:19 PM
222	Encourage NRPC to get us rail service to Boston from Nashua. They've studied it to death for years but NOTHING HAPPENS!	12/17/2020 4:09 PM
223	The planning board needs to be more transparent regarding negotiations.	12/17/2020 2:41 PM
224	More jobs by allowing industry, this will also keep young people in town	12/17/2020 2:31 PM
225	- Implement sustainable economic development for the town of Amherst. - Build on the town's strengths and character to attract business owners and visitors to the center of town. - Focus on creating a community that welcomes diversity and a multi-generational population. - Examine the future initiatives of the needs and appeal for families and young Granite Staters. - Invest/Promote in Culinary, Arts & Culture outside of PMEC or Rec Dept. - Encourage more events and outdoor town activities. i.e. music, cinema, etc. - Task Economic Development Department to revise and update town website and resources. Including user friendly additions such as an Events Calendar, Things to Do, Businesses - Advances in agricultural econ via a farmer's market near the green. * PLEASE consider speed bumps in high-traffic residential roads for the safety of children, pedestrian and bikers. (i.e. Blueberry Hill/Bayberry Dr.)	12/17/2020 2:29 PM

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226	Operate legally with respect to housing development.	12/17/2020 11:03 AM
227	We should invest more in keeping the roads in good shape after each winter.	12/17/2020 9:42 AM
228	The town clearly works hard to establish a sense of community with its different events. Of course, the current pandemic makes events and gathering out of the question. However, when the pandemic is over, attempting to draw in a small restaurant or tavern into the village would be a nice gathering place for the community.	12/17/2020 7:44 AM
229	Yes. Less development not appropriate to the rural, historic character of our town & community. Promote the acquisition of more open space and conservation. Tougher regulations & accountability for developers.	12/16/2020 8:34 PM
230	Looking at ways to decrease the tax burden on residents, rein in spending by promoting efficiencies.	12/16/2020 5:12 PM
231	Leave Baboosic Lake alone. Amherst Rec has already pushed the limits of what the lake can handle and there isn't room around the lake or on the water for the town to add anything more. It has already caused many long time lake residents to no longer love where they live because of the town increasing beach and lake use.	12/16/2020 3:52 PM
232	Stick to core mission of town: good roads, rural character, safety. Drop out of supporting recreation, bike paths, and other tax-wasting projects that support a only small interest groups.	12/16/2020 3:06 PM
233	Sidewalks	12/16/2020 1:05 PM
234	We used to live in Hollis, and the transfer station was never nearly as busy as the Amherst one. It would be great if there could be an easier flow, and if they bought back the still good shack.	12/16/2020 12:38 PM
235	The town should be more transparent with information that impacts residents. For example, how many calls (and of what types) have the Fire and Police units responded to during the year? Statistics such as these (and others) give residents insight into how their taxes are actually being used.	12/16/2020 11:31 AM
236	We should be careful not to adopt policies or guidance from the state or other towns that don't align with Amherst. We don't need to be Milford, Merrimack or any other town but Amherst. We need to make decisions that are in the best interest of Amherst and it's residents, period.	12/16/2020 11:03 AM
237	Programs and events for the senior citizens in the community.	12/16/2020 10:54 AM
238	stop building so called affordable cluster housing.	12/16/2020 9:49 AM
239	You are raising property taxes beyond the means of long term residents on a fixed income.	12/16/2020 9:28 AM
240	Considering high density housing developments of any kind.	12/15/2020 10:01 PM
241	Cut back on spending on the schools. This is not Improving the schools and finally take those funds and spend it on improving the roads and strategically developing 101. Improving 101 commercial areas has been on the Master Plan for years with little to no attention.	12/15/2020 7:09 PM
242	There are many walkers and bikers who travel on many roads that are just unsafe for pedestrians (like 122 Ponemah Rd and Boston Post Road). I would love for my children to be able to travel around town more safely, but we desperately need more pedestrian walkways. Additionally, many communal spaces and parks seem to be so concentrated around the village. I would love to see more, smaller public parks within residential areas to create more community among neighbors.	12/15/2020 7:00 PM
243	I think more information regarding current happenings would be great. It would be helpful to have a quick summary of what projects are either happening or being proposed in town (potential new housing development, new land preservation/acquisition, new businesses, upgrades to recreation areas, etc.). Maybe a link on the town website. Maybe each existing board/committee could provide a "what's new" paragraph to a document that residents could refer to do stay abreast of what's happening in town.	12/15/2020 6:24 PM
244	Recycling has been curtailed during the pandemic.	12/15/2020 5:37 PM
245	Enhance and reconfigure transfer station for seamless traffic flow and increase( different types ie: junk mail, plastics, batteries, eyeglasses, rigid plastics) recycling opportunities!	12/15/2020 5:36 PM
246	Allow more personal watercraft on Baboosic Lake at ALL hours and on any day of the week!	12/15/2020 5:35 PM

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247	Trash pickup	12/15/2020 4:52 PM
248	Keep developments close to the major routes 101 and 101a - and encourage commercial development to build up on 101a and not spread out.	12/15/2020 4:49 PM
249	I think the town should, if it hasn't already, explore the possibility of recycling pickup. It could be a town service, or fee-based.	12/15/2020 4:01 PM
250	lowering taxes	12/15/2020 3:50 PM
251	Repair and upgrade roads and bridges, our roads are a mess!	12/15/2020 3:18 PM
252	Encourage some small shops downtown. Make the center More of a meeting place. 2/3 cafes would be great. Outside dining in Summer would be well supported. Perhaps small farms would be a good venue for same thing. Organic breakfasts for example. Think outside the box.☐	12/15/2020 2:38 PM
253	Actively purchase and preserve open space. Maintain or increase lot sizes for single-family homes. Stop cluster housing and stop catering to developers - cater to your tax-paying residents!	12/15/2020 2:19 PM
254	Continue to strongly appose larger developments of any kind (commercial or residential) - that is not a fit with Amherst's character or history. Mandating 2 acres per residential home is ideal and would even argue more acreage would not be a bad change - 2.5 acres or even 3 acres would be ideal. And, no more PRD (planned residential developments). That goes against Amherst's character.	12/15/2020 2:00 PM
255	More infill/cluster development	12/15/2020 1:20 PM
256	Prehaps joining with adjoining town like Hollis or Milford to offer a decent dog park	12/15/2020 11:36 AM
257	Please paint a white line along the edge or the town roads to make it so much safer. Drivers tend to easily go off the edge of the road and create hazardous gullies especially dangerous in the winter. The town often repairs the gullies with sandy dirt that does not withstands vehicles often driving over the edge.	12/15/2020 11:03 AM
258	Need to stop runaway tax rate.	12/15/2020 9:53 AM
259	Amherst should have a better program or organizational capacity to plan for and protect drinking water supplies and water quality.	12/15/2020 9:42 AM
260	Stop trying to change the town to accommodate new residents. We have a great town, that is why they are locating here, it is up to them to make it work for them, they don't get to change everything because they are used to something else.	12/15/2020 9:07 AM
261	Providing safe areas and sidewalks for pedestrians and bikers	12/15/2020 8:33 AM
262	Once things are back to normal and meetings are back in full swing they should ALSO be live streamed for more Involvement.	12/15/2020 7:23 AM
263	I would like to see limits on dense housing, multi-family units. Preserving our natural resources when building, such as large lot sizes & conservation land are important to me. Maintaining what we have is crucial. I'm concerned the school taxes are getting out of hand. I'm wondering if anyone is studying surrounding towns for ideas on getting a handle on school spending. Thank you.	12/15/2020 5:36 AM
264	More opportunities for community events would be great.	12/15/2020 2:32 AM
265	Stop trying to be everything to everyone	12/14/2020 10:37 PM
266	Limit cluster developments. Route 122 is turning into condo ally.	12/14/2020 10:01 PM
267	I am probably younger than most residents in town and I am an active runner and walker. I used to live in Denver where there are paths everywhere to get around. It was safe and easy to get around on foot or by bike. I find it extremely uncomfortable to bike here and I am shocked by the amount of empty forest land and roads, and how little of it has any real infrastructure for biking. I often feel like drivers are trying to run me off the road and it's frankly a miracle people aren't hit more often, but that's probably why I barely see anybody walking or biking here. This really needs to be an urgent priority for safety and for the quality of life in town.	12/14/2020 7:52 PM
268	I would love to see a small breakfast coffee place in town where there's musicians and breakfast burritos and outdoor seating where people can meet up. Not a chain but a place of some character.	12/14/2020 7:30 PM

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269	Better infrastructure - road\ maintenance should be priority. Town trash pick up is a MUST and embarrassing that. we don't have that here.	12/14/2020 6:49 PM
270	Encouraging green energy and attracting that specific industry.	12/14/2020 6:29 PM
271	Issue this survey more often so that we don't punish the masses for any transient population that may ultimately leave us holding the bag with their costly whims.	12/14/2020 6:12 PM
272	improve school system to reflect high taxes paid and improve real estate values	12/14/2020 6:09 PM
273	Setting infrastructure now to allow and encourage easy access to public transportation to Manchester/Nashua/Boston without compromising rural aesthetic.	12/14/2020 5:10 PM
274	Amherst is beautiful, but we do not spend any recreational dollars here. We go to surrounding towns for restaurants, nightlife, activities, etc.	12/14/2020 4:25 PM
275	adding impact fees for developments seeking special zoning variances	12/14/2020 4:14 PM
276	Encourage and support the establishment of a restaurant/tavern in Amherst village (The Tavern at the Bedford Village Inn is a good example).	12/14/2020 3:40 PM
277	Let's not become Bedford. We have a beautiful town, and Bedford is nearby to host the large chains. It would be great to see more small, locally owned and operated restaurants and shops though.	12/14/2020 3:29 PM
278	Probably, but the Master Plan doesn't need to address every detail; it just needs to provide a vision and a framework for bringing that vision to fruition.	12/14/2020 2:58 PM
279	You can sit down in a restaurant but you can't sit down in the library. When you have to wait for 30 minutes to dump trash....hire more people for longer hours or become more efficient there.	12/14/2020 2:50 PM
280	Town-wide trash pickup; publicizing and encouraging composting; more community garden space; additional buses (so kids aren't sitting on the bus for so long)	12/14/2020 2:44 PM
281	Get some affordable housing and stop all this not in my backyard.	12/14/2020 2:41 PM
282	school tax too high	12/14/2020 2:33 PM
283	More infrastructure for non motorized transportation. Bike paths, sidewalks connecting to other similar networks.	12/14/2020 2:19 PM
284	Pushing for greater academic rigor and accountability in schools; thinking of Amherst as family recreation area for locals	12/14/2020 2:09 PM
285	Don't forget that not everyone thinks that \$400,000+ is "affordable" housing. Don't forget the seniors who have lived in town 30+ years and would like to stay here until "the end".	12/14/2020 1:53 PM
286	Keeping the tax rate low!	12/14/2020 1:50 PM
287	Sad to see developments like Pendleton Farms not allowed any more. I live in the neighborhood and all the people who bought here really love it. Brings back a new age "Village green" Feel requiring developers to leave open space is very important.	12/14/2020 1:43 PM
288	We are woefully short meeting spaces and opportunities for our Seniors. We are also at a disadvantage with our t=limited court space. The demand for the gyms in our two schools cannot be met. In my opinion, a large structure that would allow for basketball and court games and programs that would serve residents, especially Seniors, should be our priority. Without access to the schools, we are very limited in spaces to offer recreation programming. The Library is maxed out on meeting spaces. We also have no safe roads for biking or walking to the center of town or to schools. And the number of students walking to the Homestead after school in the road has been a hazard for years. These are the projects I would vote for.	12/14/2020 1:40 PM
289	Promoting affordable housing	12/14/2020 1:38 PM
290	Yes, if it ain't broke, don't fix it	12/14/2020 1:12 PM
291	Try to use education funds more efficiently	12/14/2020 1:04 PM
292	Stop tax growth.	12/14/2020 12:48 PM
293	Stop residential housing over development and destruction of natural areas and habitat.	12/14/2020 12:29 PM
294	Twenty years ago I thought we were moving to the country. Almost immediately I realized that a lot of people were "Moving to the country" and it was no longer as remote as I had thought it	12/14/2020 12:01 PM

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would be. However, being close to work and shopping made life quite comfortable and living more remotely would have made me feel isolated as well as take up considerable transportation time. I was lucky to have the best of both worlds. Now as I am getting older, it would be nice to continue to have all the conveniences that have worked for me. Not too far from medical care, food, recreation, educational experiences, etc. but still remain independent. A heady task for your planning team to make it right for everyone. But please don't forget that without housing for every economic level, you will not have the quality of employable help you will need to provide the services you will want. Mixed communities do work. Everyone wants to live in a beautiful place, feel safe and enjoy community.

295	Encouraging diversity and respect for all.	12/14/2020 11:53 AM
296	Encouraging more diversity.	12/14/2020 11:08 AM
297	Does the town have any ability to put pressure on the electric companies to provide more reliable power to the town? Why do they continue to supply part of Amherst through lines down from Mont Vernon, which are totally unreliable during any kind of adverse weather?	12/14/2020 11:02 AM
298	Promoting high density housing OUTSIDE of the Amherst Historic District	12/14/2020 10:20 AM
299	In the years we have lived here, the use of gas powered tools for now pretty much any outdoor work has grown manyfold. Some sort of regulation is becoming necessary for citizens to be able to enjoy the beauty of the town while being outside. People are not going to give up these tools, but we could keep commercial use to weekdays and encourage the use of electric machinery among private users.	12/14/2020 10:13 AM
300	More creative use of public spaces - could they be rented out for outdoor cafes/beer gardens ( <a href="https://phsonline.org/locations/phs-pop-up-garden-south-street">https://phsonline.org/locations/phs-pop-up-garden-south-street</a> ), could the old school house in the village be turned into a boutique hotel or have a cafe on the first floor?	12/14/2020 10:11 AM
301	It's tough to answer this during Covid, but I would say we do things the right way as it stands.	12/14/2020 9:57 AM
302	Affordable town garbage pickup.	12/14/2020 9:28 AM
303	Stop building new houses.	12/14/2020 7:30 AM
304	Enforce noise pollution laws. Specifically motorcycle noise	12/14/2020 7:23 AM
305	Modernize. Provide internet access to all residents which could effectively replace most of the town taxes. All town services should be available online. The town will be left behind if we don't modernize and be creative like many other towns across America are doing.	12/14/2020 7:19 AM
306	More activities in the Village.	12/14/2020 5:53 AM
307	Developing a new economic base and making Amherst a destination location.	12/13/2020 10:55 PM
308	We should have standardized labels for recycling, and containers should be provided!! The amount of accepted items to recycle has significantly decreased and I think the reason(s) why should be made known to Amherst residents. It's sad to have to throw away so many items that were previously recycled.	12/13/2020 9:08 PM
309	Increase access to social supports, such as a food pantry in town (beyond or in partnership with Share Program), financial and housing assistance , senior center and elderly assistance. Expand and/or create volunteer opportunities related to these services.	12/13/2020 7:37 PM
310	Trash pickup.	12/13/2020 7:23 PM
311	PLEASE stop all forms of shootings and fireworks.	12/13/2020 7:13 PM
312	Promoting recreation outdoors with safe bike trails along Amherst st and village green area	12/13/2020 6:25 PM
313	More emphasis should be placed to encourage affordable and workforce housing development and enhancing our sidewalk and trail network throughout the town	12/13/2020 4:11 PM
314	Keep us rural	12/13/2020 3:04 PM
315	More police presence on scenic roads and trail heads to discourage reckless driving and speeding as well as other illegal activities	12/13/2020 2:34 PM
316	What ever happened to the pond behind the church on the town green? Why can't it be restored as habitat for wildlife? We should encourage natural ponds. There was one on the north side of Lyndeborough Road near Candlewood. That dam could be easily restored. Natural	12/13/2020 1:36 PM

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ponds provide habitat for waterfowl, beavers and muskrats, deer and small game as well as moose. Plus, they can provide education and fun for our children.

317	I am very satisfied with how the town is operated	12/13/2020 1:35 PM
318	Rational School Plan based on number of student and with a goal of being one of the best school systems in the state (academic achievement).	12/13/2020 12:53 PM
319	We need less development in order to keep our rural character. No more major or minor housing subdivisions.	12/13/2020 11:33 AM
320	address comcast monopoly; competition helps reduce service rates	12/13/2020 11:28 AM
321	fixing the roads. my road is horrible.	12/13/2020 11:18 AM
322	Rec facilities for youth	12/13/2020 10:32 AM
323	Tax credits for residents with registered Electric Vehicles	12/13/2020 10:17 AM
324	Limiting growth especially multiple building developments	12/13/2020 9:55 AM
325	Street lights for neighborhoods	12/13/2020 9:38 AM
326	It seems like we are spend happy town. I would like to see a reductions in spending/taxing	12/13/2020 9:06 AM
327	No major changes or costly changes. We like Amherst essentially the way it is.	12/13/2020 8:19 AM
328	We owe it to our children and future generations to be environmentally aware. We need to be committed to creating a zero-carbon footprint community-wide.	12/13/2020 7:43 AM
329	Keep the school budgets reasonable and keep taxes down	12/12/2020 10:05 PM
330	Town trash pick up would be convenient , or increae the dump hours.	12/12/2020 8:51 PM
331	-More community events throughout the year such as outdoor movie night, concerts, picnics, .... -Farmer's market -guided hikes	12/12/2020 8:42 PM
332	You are not keeping property taxes down.	12/12/2020 7:50 PM
333	Enforce the housing lot size requirements as written and not allowing the "creative interpretation " some developers are taking. Enforcing wetland protection, and not just allowing high dollar developers to pay a penalty for encroachment.	12/12/2020 7:44 PM
334	What you've all been doing has been great. Despite the times, you've all served us well. Please keep it up. Gratefully, Chris and Becky	12/12/2020 7:44 PM
335	More architectural controls on Commercial development to enhance a theme, like Concord MA	12/12/2020 7:42 PM
336	Shorten the survey.	12/12/2020 6:38 PM
337	1. Better schools/better teachers; get rid of most of the hanger-ones! 2. Much better development/redevelopment of 101A corridor. Lowe's plaza is an eyesore compared to Lowe's development in Bedford.	12/12/2020 6:18 PM
338	We would like more parks, walking trails, and town events.	12/12/2020 5:50 PM
339	Control your spending.	12/12/2020 5:43 PM
340	Stay true to the rural and historic character of Amherst.	12/12/2020 5:10 PM
341	Spend more of the allotted time, energy, and money on parts of the town other than "The Village" which also share in many of the unique qualities and history as does the Village.	12/12/2020 3:35 PM
342	Reducing property tax rates and limiting major high-density housing projects.	12/12/2020 3:15 PM
343	Improving road safety and proper signage around town in particular near the schools.	12/12/2020 2:51 PM
344	Municipal Broadband or increased competition for internet service providers. The town must support young working professionals to maintain a diverse population. Better internet choice is imperative for this.	12/12/2020 2:01 PM
345	Taking your seniors seriously. They are the ones out during the day spending. remember most of us only have Social Security to pay for housing,heat,utilities,church and living expenses.	12/12/2020 12:16 PM
346	Improve targeted public works projects to be more efficient, effective and logical.	12/12/2020 10:42 AM



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347	I don't know if any of this is in the works, but I think that getting prepared to purchase land as it comes up is extremely important. Are we working on bonds? Maybe some kind of outreach that explains to land owners how selling to the town or Land Trust would benefit them and the town. There are only a handful of large parcels left so time is of the essence.	12/12/2020 10:24 AM
348	The transfer station was difficult prior to the pandemic and is now problematic. Need to address logistics including hours of operation.	12/12/2020 8:12 AM
349	Start listening to the quiet majority. We have a very nice town and just about everyone I know moved TO Amherst to be in a small, historic town, with good schools. Many of us moved from places to get away from dense populations and no desire to have multi family units which not only changes the landscape of a town but it will also lower property values. All of these proposals to increase housing are absurd, imagine if Nashua or Manchester decided to change their landscape and get rid of condos, apartments and other multi family buildings. Residents there would object and would tell their city that if people want to live in an area like that they can move to Amherst or Hollis.	12/12/2020 12:30 AM
350	WE NEED A NOISE ORDINANCE. NO FIREWORKS OR SHOOTING/FIREARMS	12/11/2020 10:14 PM
351	Trash pickup, community center, more recreational activities for kids, proper accommodations for the elementary school (school expansion), smaller class size	12/11/2020 8:13 PM
352	Police people putting signs up near the road. Drive down the road and you see everyone taking advantage of free advertising roadside and it is tacky. eggs for sale, tree cutting service etc. If each one of us in town did that think of all the signs.	12/11/2020 7:31 PM
353	I think the village would be better with a few more businesses. Perhaps a small cafe or restaurant or Barney and a gift store. Not a lot of commercial businesses but a few more maintaining its character while making it more usable as a town to the residents	12/11/2020 7:06 PM
354	Yes downsizing for the "great reset" as most of your residents will be out of a job in 2021 and unable to pay their property taxes and all the new fancy things (tax increases) everyone thinks they need and voted for but will later regret when the shoe drops.	12/11/2020 5:09 PM
355	I love this town, I think you folks do a great job overall! I don't envy you taking this survey & coming up with a plan, but trust you'll do your best!	12/11/2020 5:05 PM
356	Update town website	12/11/2020 4:58 PM
357	Would love the village to add a small restaurant and retail space or two. Also, focus on updating schools.	12/11/2020 4:25 PM
358	Please conserve open space and not sell to developers.	12/11/2020 4:18 PM
359	We could probably replace half of our police force with two or three traffic/speed cameras.	12/11/2020 3:45 PM
360	thank you for putting a lot of focus on conservation of land, protection of wildlife, historic feel of town, CSAs	12/11/2020 3:38 PM
361	Too much building. I listen to drilling, dynamiting and chainsaws every single day in the Spring, Summer and Fall. It's too much and we are hoping to get out of here soon. We live on Old Milford Road which once was a wonderful street, but now with barking dogs and all of the construction noise it is unbearable.	12/11/2020 2:28 PM
362	Yes. Try synchronizing the over-abundance of traffic lights, especially on Rt. 101A.	12/11/2020 2:11 PM
363	No	12/10/2020 9:22 AM
364	Repairing and improving the roads	12/9/2020 2:16 PM
365	Provide places to meet such as centers, playgrounds, bike trails, a square, for our younger population that is not in the village. Students live all over Amherst and should be able to congregate closer to home.	12/9/2020 10:40 AM
366	Prioritizing the safety and capacity of our public school buildings.	12/9/2020 6:25 AM
367	Sidewalks are needed.	12/8/2020 11:49 PM
368	Yes building new schools for elementary and middle school Kids	12/8/2020 6:48 AM
369	We should be prioritizing school buildings!	12/8/2020 12:02 AM
370	School updates	12/7/2020 10:55 PM

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371	Be respectful of how new proposed commercial business developments will affect residential neighborhoods.	12/7/2020 8:33 PM
372	Focusing on what makes us great rather than trying to be like others.	12/7/2020 8:00 PM
373	If some large developments are built we need to look at roads and traffic flow and not expect current systems will work without major or minor modifications. We should expect the impacts and prepare for them, rather than being surprised.	12/7/2020 7:56 PM
374	Stop trying to grow and work on preserving what we have. Stay unique and maintain the rural aesthetic of the town.	12/7/2020 7:52 PM
375	We need a community center with a pool. Hampshire hills is expensive and Amherst needs their own center	12/7/2020 4:48 PM
376	We should be more focused on the school systems. There is also a traffic issue starting through the village. This is a major concern for those who live there and those of us that live just outside the village.	12/7/2020 2:56 PM
377	The bike path improvements that were supposed to happen this past summer.	12/7/2020 10:43 AM
378	Sidewalks and walking paths for general use need to be built.	12/7/2020 8:40 AM
379	Limiting developments and taxing developers like other towns due.	12/7/2020 8:13 AM
380	Sidewalks	12/7/2020 7:28 AM
381	More family friendly community social events like the concerts on the green.	12/6/2020 11:57 PM
382	We need to put a much greater effort on energy use. Solar energy production and use by town buildings. Support for electric vehicles for town use and citizens.	12/6/2020 9:43 PM
383	Encourage more business development that isn't retail or restaurant.	12/6/2020 9:37 PM
384	Need meeting spaces for scouts of all ages.	12/6/2020 9:34 PM
385	Open up new construction to single family and neighborhoods, less to rental and high density	12/6/2020 9:33 PM
386	Towns need to be applying pressure to the state to move away from the property tax model for funding education, even if only partially.	12/6/2020 8:28 PM
387	Should have a senior center ( I am not a senior) but it is ridiculous to have no or limited support for seniors in town. There are often elderly people in recreational activities in town and the classes are not geared for them. It's unfortunate to see. Also there should be more bus routes in Amherst especially for the hospitals. I imagine having limited transportation when sick or receiving care is a reason people can't stay in the town. Also during this pandemic it has grown more dangerous to take a walk in my neighborhood. The roads should all have shoulders with rocks and not grass. I'm not walking though high grass and getting ticks on me.	12/6/2020 7:23 PM
388	Municipal and school government bodies should work more collaboratively. It isn't required by statute - but it sure would serve our community of residences if they did.	12/6/2020 6:42 PM
389	Increase pedestrian and bicycle safety.	12/3/2020 8:25 AM
390	It would be great to have a farmers market on the green. The green is a beautiful space that could be used to support local vendors and bring the community together. It would be even more ideal to have a restaurant within the historical village zone. An option other than Moulton's Market would be another draw for young families to move into town.	12/2/2020 8:56 PM
391	May already be in the works, but I would say arming ourselves with bonds to jump on buying large parcels of land when they come up.	11/27/2020 3:26 PM
392	We should be investing in upgrading and repairing our school facilities that are aging and have been neglected. And encouraging our state reps. to think of other ways to fund education rather than solely through property taxes.	11/27/2020 11:18 AM
393	The Zoom meetings are making it hard for many to stay on top of town matters. We need to find additional ways for participation and communication. The opportunities for citizen input are limited to the beginning or very defined moments in meetings and this is troubling with all that is going on with development, the pandemic, school facilities upgrade discussions, future tax rate implications, etc.	11/25/2020 8:33 AM
394	No!	11/24/2020 6:12 PM



## Q35 Are there other important issues that we have not addressed?

Answered: 190 Skipped: 1,625

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Not enough rec/field space (private leagues/tournaments (soccer) take what limited space there is away from our own kids).	1/18/2021 1:30 PM
2	The very heavy emphasis in town life & municipal elections on a certain subset of schooling options (Clark-Wilkins, AMS, SHS) does a disservice to those who do not make use of those particular institutions. With increasing numbers of private school/homeschooling families, a wider view of education support for Amherst families should be considered. More inclusiveness for families who do not utilize the public schools could help increase a sense of community and diversity.	1/18/2021 11:52 AM
3	Reduce/prevent large 18 wheeler trucks from traveling on rural/narrow/dangerous local roads (Mont Vernon Rd). It's a HUGE safety issue for walkers/riders/children	1/18/2021 9:43 AM
4	Increase transfer station hours, at times the wait is unacceptable.	1/18/2021 9:41 AM
5	Stop raising the tax rate of residents. The town could be smarter of driving people to commercial aspects of Amherst. Put in a Trade Joes or Fresh Market in the Sports authority. Do you see the lines of these places in Bedford? Why should that town get all good commercial opportunities?	1/17/2021 7:54 PM
6	Too many to list. There are great things about this community. Unfortunately, the planning board has made a mess out of building condos on Rt 122 south, selling for \$479,00.00; 1200 sf. It doesn't drive our single family home's prices up. Disgraceful.	1/15/2021 9:58 PM
7	Reduce/eliminate systems that create "townies" long time residences and elective officials who only focus on their needs/wants and ignore those with different views.	1/15/2021 2:47 PM
8	Help connect greenways for wildlife conservation.	1/13/2021 7:22 AM
9	Please consider a sidewalk along Boston post road between 101a and Souhegan high school. Please consider a white line on the outer edges of every road in Amherst for better lane visibility at night and during rain.	1/11/2021 2:12 PM
10	As above	1/9/2021 12:42 PM
11	Better choosing on road repairs	1/9/2021 9:28 AM
12	parks and rec land mgt. It is time to stop using toxic pesticides proven to cause cancer on the village green and playing fields.	1/7/2021 10:41 PM
13	tax rates increasing high which young people cannot afford. tax rates very high for services offered.	1/7/2021 12:02 PM
14	Increasing per student costs due to changing demographics, not making adjustments in staffing levels as enrollment drops. Very high tax cost for schools but only middling academic ranking vs other school districts some with lower tax rates.	1/5/2021 9:28 PM
15	Improve public buildings ie road maintenance facilities are tired and poor access to it.	1/5/2021 7:36 PM
16	Please make sure that the community traditions (tree lighting, parades, trick-or-treatinf, etc.) do not go away. These are the types of things that we moved to this town for, as well as the high-end and historic feel it has.	1/5/2021 6:35 PM
17	high speed internet access choice	1/5/2021 6:34 PM
18	limited affordable housing options will prevent offspring of town residents from ever being able to return and this must be addressed	1/5/2021 6:07 PM
19	Facebook is becoming less used by many, an alternative method of communication should be explored. The Town's website did not have updated voting information for the 2020 Presidential Election. That might be a great place for residents to get updates! Thanks.	1/5/2021 1:40 PM
20	No- thank you	1/5/2021 1:38 PM
21	Police force is too large.. way to big of a budget for schools.. needs to be reduced by 15 %	1/5/2021 11:30 AM
22	Schools - we need more school resources	1/5/2021 9:58 AM
23	It would be a benefit to have more condo housing options similar to Atherton Common, The Fells, Bartlett Common.	1/5/2021 9:16 AM

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24	The superintendent should be evaluated. The school boards should not be a rubber stamp for the superintendent.	1/5/2021 9:15 AM
25	Again, education needs to be sorted. To be an affluent community and not have some of the top schools is concerning. We perhaps need to stop testing into new programs and instead ensure a solid base in which to build upon. This is vital not only for our high school kids today looking at colleges but to our future as new families decided whether to move to Amherst or another town; we'll lose out.	1/5/2021 7:34 AM
26	The problems at the transfer station. Very little recycling and people yelling at you before they now what you are doing.	1/5/2021 7:30 AM
27	Maintain or improve accessibility around town services and in public and municipal owned facilities	1/5/2021 7:10 AM
28	Improve incentives for solar power	1/5/2021 6:53 AM
29	Again-stop making assumptions about the schools. They were palpable in this survey and from my perspective, horrible inaccurate. Who wants to send their kid to school with 23 other kids in a class?	1/5/2021 6:52 AM
30	This survey is flawed. Amherst has several distinct areas. The area around 101A, Lowes shopping center, is already developed and can be developed more. However, never compromise the character and charm that downtown has. As I mentioned previously, could we add a bar and restaurant downtown? Yes, if it kept with the historic nature. Could we add a Shaws or Hannafords? No! Keep the corporate out of downtown. It's the only way to save it.	1/5/2021 6:35 AM
31	no	1/4/2021 9:52 PM
32	update the transfer station to single stream recycling and figure out a better layout that allows 2 active lanes/sides to pass through to limit the congestion that happens today based on the 1 lane layout	1/4/2021 5:05 PM
33	DON'T TRY TO BECOME BEDFORD, NH	1/4/2021 3:15 PM
34	Enable residents to develop their own property as they see fit (e.g., sheds, barns, detached garages, mother-in-law apartments) to allow for income-producing structures, less red tape, especially within the historic contributing zones when there are no historic buildings on the property.	1/3/2021 11:04 AM
35	Workforce development, economic development, demographic and economic diversity.	1/2/2021 5:14 PM
36	Reduce tax burden on single family homes. I bought my home for \$150,000, but it's assessed for \$260,000. Taxes seem to go up every year, but our income has not. I enjoy living in Amherst, but it seems that our budget increases every year, but without much to show for it. Do we really need a cop patrolling our street multiple times a day?	1/2/2021 3:05 PM
37	Police force funding and police force employment rate.	1/1/2021 9:36 PM
38	Where money goes to especially the police force	1/1/2021 9:35 PM
39	Reducing residents tax burdens	1/1/2021 8:43 PM
40	Age-friendly community initiative to help people remain independent in their homes as they age. Affordable property taxes for seniors.	1/1/2021 7:04 PM
41	Leave the town as it is and reduce the property taxes	12/31/2020 9:24 PM
42	There were were no questions about improving civic responsibility in our town. Given the events in our nation over the past 4 or 5 years, it is obvious that there is ignorance of what it takes to be a patriotic citizen. Who is responsible for raising that awareness? Why not the local level!	12/31/2020 1:48 PM
43	Quality food available locally with no toxins or preservatives	12/31/2020 12:20 PM
44	The town has very little diversity and we should consider why	12/31/2020 2:54 AM
45	A shade cover over Joshua's Park.	12/31/2020 1:03 AM
46	Teen enrichment programs A place for teens to go where it is fun and keeps them out of trouble	12/30/2020 11:38 PM
47	We should look at bringing in Verizon to compete with Comcast for internet access in town. We	12/30/2020 8:00 PM

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did this in the town I recently lived in and rates for internet / cable dropped lower.

48	Grocery shops needed.	12/30/2020 7:55 PM
49	The transfer station is pretty busy	12/30/2020 6:52 PM
50	there are a lot of students who fall below the radar...not of teachers, but of people who think that Amherst schools are full of all Rich kids. they're made up of residents of all kinds of income levels. teachers know this. the public should appreciate it. it would be awesome if we could have classroom Paras in every elementary and middle school class room and it would be incredibly helpful if we had smaller middle school and high school math classes. and I some cases, individualized math classes...not where kids learn on their own, but where they learn alongside one adult, perhaps monitoring several students at a time.	12/30/2020 6:00 PM
51	The transfer station needs attention. The covid pandemic has highlighted the congestion issues	12/29/2020 2:01 PM
52	Additional business devolpement in the 101A area	12/29/2020 10:07 AM
53	Taxes and spending should really be looked at especially going forward, we are not Bedford nor do we have the tax base to pay to be Bedford.	12/29/2020 8:50 AM
54	Traffic management versus growth and expansion activities.	12/28/2020 9:14 AM
55	Amherst is a great town but we should not be embarking on projects that require more tax dollars. Free enterprise should be free to engage in some of the ideas here, including additional housing, but density should be limited.	12/28/2020 9:02 AM
56	Pave the actual pull-up area at the transfer station bin locations to prevent muddy shoes for drop-off.	12/27/2020 9:13 PM
57	when people with connections to developers enter our selectmen process it creates a disconnect with community members who do not wish Development. Builders wanting more density to make more money does not represent what Amherst residents wish for	12/27/2020 5:20 PM
58	You ask questions and get opinions on taxes and do nothing	12/27/2020 3:24 PM
59	We need to figure out how to use the industrial zone rather than continuing to ignore it.	12/26/2020 11:28 PM
60	Aquifer testing in my area.	12/26/2020 11:55 AM
61	Yes the housing crisis and property value drops when people start leaving	12/25/2020 9:37 PM
62	Holding teachers accountable for poor performance	12/25/2020 9:09 PM
63	Internet/cell phone/call service how to improve	12/25/2020 9:53 AM
64	Transfer station hours are too limited with the demand of use	12/25/2020 12:05 AM
65	None	12/24/2020 1:43 PM
66	Public safety improvements - enforce speed limits and safety of pedestrians in our town. Drivers speed through the Village on a regular basis, even as kids walk to school, bicycle around town, walk their dogs/walk with strollers.	12/24/2020 8:46 AM
67	The quality and character of our future town will only be enhanced by the increase of its racial and ethnic diversity. We should serve as a welcoming community for all people of color. The nation is changing, the state is changing and over the next 10 we should be part of that change. How we portray ourselves to a diverse nation and state will be critical to enhancing our diversity.	12/23/2020 8:25 PM
68	How about ways to lower taxes? It seems crazy to be paying \$600-\$800 a month in real estate taxes for a mediocre home built 50-60 years ago. I also think the town doesn't do enough for its senior citizens.	12/23/2020 8:04 PM
69	create a use assessment of town buildings and properties to determine needs, relocations, swapping of spaces, and find the best fit for the future	12/23/2020 12:02 PM
70	lower tax rates for seniors	12/22/2020 3:51 PM
71	There could be a need for emergency shelter, if a power outage is extensive.	12/22/2020 10:41 AM
72	Mark major town roads with a single yellow line, not a double line. As a double yellow line confuses drivers with a state highway and encourages the driver to maintain the minimum	12/21/2020 10:59 PM

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	state highway speed of 40 mph.	
73	Roads and walkways.	12/21/2020 8:59 PM
74	More street lights, sidewalks, safe spaces for all!	12/21/2020 8:40 PM
75	Housing assessments and ultimately property taxes. Consideration of square footage and lot size is understandable but residents that take care of their home, plant trees, and do nice landscaping get whacked. I had this discussion with an assessor. It makes no sense...my impact on town services etc has no correlation to my brick patio or trees planted.	12/21/2020 2:44 PM
76	It's not under control of the town but seems the SAU is getting very top heavy at the expense of the teacher/support staff. Have lived here for 21 years, have good friends in the school district and our leadership just keeps expanding, and the number of students is way less than it was. SAU should have it's own budget....not buried within the budgets of the schools themselves.	12/21/2020 11:59 AM
77	Reduce size of school staff when enrollment decreases. Schools are too costly and many teachers need staff development at a higher level.	12/21/2020 6:15 AM
78	Expand playground! Add shade to the playground!	12/21/2020 12:01 AM
79	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:11 PM
80	Encourage activities that provide a mixing of demographics so citizens feel more connected and welcome. Build roads for more than cars and encourage multi-model transportation and connectivity. We need basketball courts for all age groups-- sandlot BB facilities. We need a tennis backboard where the noise wont bother the neighbors--(AMS)	12/20/2020 10:52 PM
81	While we enjoy the rural character/feel of the town, we would also like improved telecommunications (i.e., cellular service for major carriers). I realize those may be a bit contradictory, but as we rely more on electronic devices, poor/no cell service can impact overall quality of life and potentially safety. We're happy as long as it's being looked at.	12/20/2020 8:15 PM
82	taxes, we need to decrease our tax burden on Amherst citizens	12/20/2020 6:53 PM
83	Thinks it important to be business friendly and on that note perhaps sewer lines along 101A business district and 101 around Meeting place.	12/20/2020 6:39 PM
84	Require new retail establishments to provide more environmental caution.	12/20/2020 5:58 PM
85	whilst High density sounds good. The reality of it is more often than not an eyesore which negatively impacts property values	12/20/2020 5:28 PM
86	of course, you wasted questions on bike paths, which should never even have been on the ballot last March.... such as correcting the horrible dump layout ( again ), fixing the school infrastructure, etc.	12/20/2020 4:31 PM
87	Road conditions are abhorrent. Lane markings have deteriorated to the point of uselessness.	12/20/2020 4:13 PM
88	You can't bike anywhere without getting run over. Stop building roads only for cars please.	12/20/2020 3:20 PM
89	Consider the traffic impact of further development. Do not allow major roads to become more congested, particularly in the village where several converge.	12/20/2020 1:58 PM
90	Many roads are in poor condition. All roads need better signage and lane markers. I don't know where we buy our road markings paint, but we need to find paint that is more durable.	12/20/2020 1:48 PM
91	More open conservation land for the residents to hike, grow products on . Protect natural resources water, aquifers including the animals deer, bears . Stop the congestion .	12/20/2020 1:13 PM
92	Schools and school funds	12/20/2020 10:14 AM
93	Dump capacity may need to be increased. Very long lines at peak times.	12/20/2020 9:59 AM
94	Attracting diverse population	12/20/2020 9:54 AM
95	See my earlier comment about 5G internet service.	12/19/2020 3:30 PM
96	Town water supply is a must for developments being considered. Not wells. 27 are being considered for the Clearview project.	12/19/2020 11:29 AM
97	Lower property tax and start an income tax. Property tax is a danger when peoples' lives change (job loss, retirement, etc.)	12/19/2020 10:09 AM



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98	Reduce school spending. Our roi in the schools is pathetic.	12/19/2020 6:23 AM
99	Do not push away from the charm of the town	12/18/2020 9:12 PM
100	Maintain/expand musical performances in the public library, schools, and historic district.	12/18/2020 7:58 PM
101	Very against the hazen development	12/18/2020 7:04 PM
102	Somehow balance the tax rate of childless households to reflect that we don't use the schools. Those households who have multiple children in school should expect to pay more than older couples with none.	12/18/2020 12:36 PM
103	no	12/18/2020 10:47 AM
104	Average cost per student in school. We are not getting value for what we pay.	12/18/2020 8:26 AM
105	Library costs could be reduced by limiting hours and reduced staffing. As per the 80/20 rule, 80% of the use is during 20% of the (open) hours. We have scanned library card data, so this information is available. Eliminate fines for overdue books/DVD's to increase library usage. This is the meeting space asked about in earlier questions. School facilities could be used for Senior Center activities during breaks and summer months.	12/17/2020 9:32 PM
106	recreational resources	12/17/2020 7:54 PM
107	Hire someone to assist our community in getting grants for various projects. One full time person could benefit all of our existing organizations! Perhaps an intern or work at home position?	12/17/2020 4:09 PM
108	If we have a Town "emergency" plan, I am not aware of its' existence. Shame on me for not looking before now. But - I have lived here since 1996. I have never seen one 'advertised' or announced/promoted for citizen comment/update/approval. Do we have a Town "Emergency Coordinator"? Again, I have not looked but same comments above apply. We are talking about the future: it's not unreasonable to consider an undefined "HundredYear" event beyond rain/blizzard that has never happened before. Environmental, chemical, other. We do have one active train track in town. We have a limited section of Route 101. Hazardous Material spill reporting/containment/communication/mitigation/long-term restoration, etc.	12/17/2020 3:44 PM
109	No.	12/17/2020 2:41 PM
110	More options for renewable energy as a town - that did come up earlier - but push that harder.	12/17/2020 9:42 AM
111	Cell signal on most carriers is very spotty to downright abysmal. This represents a significant decrease in signal quality in the last few years. Also it would be nice to look into availability of a fiber run to make true high-speed internet available to residents and businesses.	12/16/2020 5:12 PM
112	Leave Baboosic Lake alone. Amherst Rec has already pushed the limits of what the lake can handle and there isn't room around the lake or on the water for the town to add anything more. It has already caused many long time lake residents to no longer love where they live because of the town increasing beach and lake use.	12/16/2020 3:52 PM
113	Get school costs under control.	12/16/2020 3:06 PM
114	Some of the busy streets should have sidewalks for pedestrians safety	12/16/2020 11:52 AM
115	Increase cellular reception. Provide additional internet providers.	12/16/2020 10:54 AM
116	Our school teachers are paid more than any others in the state and the results are not any better than other schools.	12/16/2020 9:28 AM
117	No, this was great.	12/15/2020 6:24 PM
118	Rail trail adjoining nearby towns?	12/15/2020 5:36 PM
119	School taxes are way too high!!	12/15/2020 5:35 PM
120	Keep History in the village and on the farms central and don't let the village become too idiosyncratic without a drug store, grocery, farm stand and ice cream stand . . . etc. My mother used to say in the 1950s - "Amherst is a real place --not Colonial Williamsburg."	12/15/2020 4:49 PM
121	It would be nice to know relationship between tax rate and various services, e.g. trash pickup, recycling pickup, bus service	12/15/2020 4:01 PM
122	lowering taxes	12/15/2020 3:50 PM

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123	Communication -- how to keep Amherst Citizens engaged and informed about town issues. Board meetings are televised, but are they watched? Board minutes are probably posted online, but are they easy to access and are they read? How are volunteers and candidates for board positions informed, identified, recruited, etc.? It's especially easy for seniors to become less informed and engaged, but they pay taxes and vote!	12/15/2020 3:38 PM
124	Demand the testing of water from aquifers in numerous golf course areas that impact private wells. Golf courses use chemicals and suck water from the Souhegan River they need to be monitored in an official way!	12/15/2020 3:18 PM
125	Boards should remember they are there to protect the residents, not acquiesce to developers.	12/15/2020 2:38 PM
126	Consider making a "safe zone" around the town that forbids cluster housing or other forms of high-density housing that will increase traffic flow through the town.	12/15/2020 2:19 PM
127	Tax rate for senior citizens without children in Amherst school system.	12/15/2020 12:44 PM
128	Amherst is not a very diverse community. Are there ways that we can encourage people of color to consider coming to town.	12/15/2020 12:02 PM
129	It has been mentioned but the lack of sidewalks is really a disgrace, especially around the school there are always children walking down Boston Post and it is so unsafe	12/15/2020 11:36 AM
130	Need to limit development and protect wildlife and rural character of town.	12/15/2020 9:53 AM
131	Increasing ability and incentives for solar energy for homeowners and condo developments.	12/15/2020 8:33 AM
132	When I think of increased retail it doesn't mean big box stores. I think of small biz	12/15/2020 7:23 AM
133	Schools need to improve back to there former standards. Currently they are mediocre at best to most students.	12/14/2020 10:37 PM
134	The tax rate is extremely high	12/14/2020 10:01 PM
135	We have many more policemen than we need in a town of our size and crime rate	12/14/2020 8:09 PM
136	We need to get a handle on school costs. Especially to retain our seniors in town	12/14/2020 7:06 PM
137	Schools are mentioned in your survey, but not the fact our facilities have improvements looming in this time frame.	12/14/2020 6:29 PM
138	Extremely disappointed in a recent conversation with both the conservation committee and planning board. The questions they asked were not applicable, and their stipulations caused us to spend thousands more dollars on a project. I'd like see people in these positions that have relative experience/backgrounds that can propose educated suggestions on how to best manage our properties.	12/14/2020 4:25 PM
139	Constructive engagement with the surrounding towns, municipalities, and state	12/14/2020 2:58 PM
140	roads need to be upgraded/resurfaced	12/14/2020 2:33 PM
141	A pub in the village	12/14/2020 1:50 PM
142	The transfer station is in need of transformation. When cars are sitting on 101 waiting to turn in, there is a safety issue. The process is not working and needs assessment.	12/14/2020 1:40 PM
143	Food dessert. Must drive miles and miles to closest grocery store to pay very high prices. The town "market" now serves as a fast food joint/penny candy store, which helps no one. We have a base hh income over 250k so it's pretty bad to have to make this comment. It's quite noticeable someone without a car would have a hard time getting food.	12/14/2020 1:20 PM
144	too many to mention	12/14/2020 1:12 PM
145	Tax spiral! Out of control spending schools!	12/14/2020 12:48 PM
146	A program to help the aging community of Amherst with volunteerism from school students would benefit all. Too many elderly people spend hours raking leaves. Surely students could learn a valuable lesson if a program assisted them with volunteerism for yard work, or electronic gadget set up and assistance. If overseen, this could benefit both elderly and youth.	12/14/2020 11:53 AM
147	The police force is overstaffed. Why do they roam around burning fuel in their patrol cars (as opposed to being ready and on call when actually needed)? To what purpose is that, really? Is	12/14/2020 11:02 AM

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there any evidence it helps anything? Is there any solid proof that they make any difference in our schools?

148	Ordinances that protect the character of the town (design criteria for homes and development layout) are important, even more so than impact fees. Impact fees help finances, but don't prevent tasteless, community ruining developments. We can control how this town is developed and there are models we can look to. The seacoast is being ruined by thoughtless town plans, let's be different.	12/14/2020 10:11 AM
149	Stop building new houses.	12/14/2020 7:30 AM
150	The state of our school buildings. They are need of updating!	12/13/2020 9:08 PM
151	Lack of choice with internet companies.	12/13/2020 7:23 PM
152	BAN the 5G network. Do not allow Verizon or any of the other carriers to put 5G anywhere in Amherst, NH. 5G causes physical, mental, and emotional harm to humans AND animals in those areas that have it now. 5G is NOT needed. We do not have it now, and we do NOT need it. It will bring significant harm to Amherst, NH, if we allow Verizon and other carriers to put in 5G. Do NOT allow 5G in Amherst, NH.	12/13/2020 7:13 PM
153	roads quality, old milford road for example has had frost heaves since the pavement was placed in mid 1980's and not addressed.	12/13/2020 6:25 PM
154	Again, we're new residents so I'm sure it has been discussed ad nauseam....but I'd be interested in learning more about how the Town plans to utilize the Cemetery Fields area over the next 10 years.	12/13/2020 1:38 PM
155	No	12/13/2020 1:35 PM
156	we will need be vigilant not to allow cannabis and other drugs to be sold/marketed here for recreation as much of our character, scholastic achievement (and health of our students) will be at risk.	12/13/2020 1:02 PM
157	Keep Amherst beautiful ~ eliminate political signs on public right a ways	12/13/2020 11:33 AM
158	winter snow removal is not as good as it was several years ago. For example, a pickup truck with plow would follow main plow to do the difficult areas that the main plow now bypasses. Suggest sending similar poll for plow rating quality.	12/13/2020 11:28 AM
159	I think the Police do an outstanding job.	12/13/2020 11:18 AM
160	Reduce/retard property tax increases.	12/13/2020 10:17 AM
161	Prevent over-development and don't even consider subsidized anything	12/13/2020 9:06 AM
162	I know it is hard, but the schools can reduce their cost per pupil. We are spending too much relative to similar communities and it is making it difficult to address other areas that need tax payer money.	12/13/2020 7:43 AM
163	Boat ramp at Baboosic for Town residents. A fee per use.	12/12/2020 8:51 PM
164	We need to get valid competition for Comcast.	12/12/2020 7:50 PM
165	Wetlands protection is paramount. And this is big picture wetland protection - understand that the runoff of construction and heavy development will cause our drinking water to be unpotable.	12/12/2020 7:44 PM
166	Mor biking trails	12/12/2020 7:42 PM
167	Nope	12/12/2020 6:38 PM
168	Please stop pushing high-density developments, it will ruin the character of the town. There are plenty of these developments in neighboring towns. Amherst is wonderful and there is a wide variety of housing at a wide variety of price points.	12/12/2020 5:50 PM
169	How will the outcome of this survey be implemented?	12/12/2020 3:15 PM
170	Improved police coverage in the areas especially on BPR and Stearns.	12/12/2020 2:51 PM
171	Not enough activities for seniors in the area.	12/12/2020 12:16 PM
172	Work study on the affect of potential adverse health consequences from commercial aircraft traffic pattern routes over Amherst to Manchester Boston Regional Airport.	12/12/2020 10:42 AM

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173	When peoples uphill land abuts the street it washes out the pavement they should be required to put in drainage and a culvert.	12/11/2020 7:31 PM
174	Historic district needs to be more attuned to energy efficient modern materials and construction techniques as well as cost factors imposed on residents by their decisions.	12/11/2020 6:32 PM
175	Resistance to the great reset and all the orwellian mandates that our tyrant politicians are jamming down our throats in the midst of the Covid scamdemic & of course Eversource and the amount of power outages we have is unacceptable.	12/11/2020 5:09 PM
176	We need noise ordinances and Animal Control.	12/11/2020 2:28 PM
177	This town used to have a "standard" for Christmas lighting. What happened? Can we get back to it?	12/11/2020 2:11 PM
178	No	12/10/2020 9:22 AM
179	School infrastructure. Fix the buildings.	12/8/2020 7:58 AM
180	Stop building!!!! The Rt 122 into hollis is shameful. 101A is a disaster.	12/7/2020 10:13 PM
181	Rt 101 becoming a 4 lane highway	12/7/2020 7:56 PM
182	Our schools is what draws most young families to Amherst. We need to focus on the families.	12/7/2020 8:13 AM
183	Trash pickup	12/7/2020 7:28 AM
184	Bring School facilities up to it better yet, above modern standards. Route 101 safety.	12/6/2020 11:57 PM
185	Your system for appointments and taking care of city business sucks! Atrocious. And don't blame covid. What a waste! Especially the way a senior who couldn't get through on the phone, I offered my appointment and they turn her away. Shame!	12/6/2020 9:34 PM
186	Promote local restaurants and small business	12/6/2020 9:33 PM
187	This survey barely touches on public infrastructure - schools, roads, fore station etc. and when it does it feels a bit biased. This is disappointing.	12/6/2020 6:42 PM
188	Modernizing the schools. I think this pandemic has shown us that space and technology is lacking in our schools. I know the Joint Facilities committee is working on these issues but this survey does not touch on schools much.	11/27/2020 3:26 PM
189	The increased volume of through traffic the village that both provides increasing noise and air pollution and damages our roads. Trucks and motor cycles are the worst offenders. There needs to be enforcement of state laws regarding decibel levels of motorcycles.	11/27/2020 11:18 AM
190	No!	11/24/2020 6:12 PM

**Q36 Please provide any additional comments below.**

Answered: 160 Skipped: 1,655

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	In general, Amherst is a wonderful town to live in and raise a family. Keeping the rural, small town character in place is very important to prevent it from turning into a generic suburb of Boston. Amherst has historically done well with the municipal services it provides, and should continue to focus on doing those limited things with excellence.	1/18/2021 11:52 AM
2	Free, public, meeting space is imperative, but that does not require building a new building. Please increase collaboration to utilize existing spaces in town.	1/18/2021 10:20 AM
3	I would love to see Amherst be a leader in southern NH in committing to renewable energy	1/17/2021 10:49 AM
4	There's no need for apartment buildings, new housing developments or increased traffic due to those things. Bedford and Merrimack already have those things covered. It would be nice to attract new business, but only if they use existing buildings at this time.	1/17/2021 3:34 AM
5	Taxes are extremely high vs neighboring towns. This will cause people to move out of Amherst once their kids are out of school. Bedford has better schools and a lower tax rate.	1/16/2021 11:27 AM
6	I love Amherst with all my heart just the way it is. The amazing people/community and natural beauty has stolen my heart.	1/15/2021 6:38 PM
7	Certainly would be nice to have a stronger technology infrastructure... better cell service and internet.	1/15/2021 5:24 PM
8	The people who yell about not wanting to allow affordable housing may be loud, but it doesn't make them right. Teachers, small business workers and those who dedicate their lives to public service should have the possibility of affording housing in the town where they work.	1/13/2021 1:40 PM
9	Thank you for this survey!	1/13/2021 7:22 AM
10	The lake community had their homes reassessed five years ago. No one else in Amherst was reassessed!	1/9/2021 12:42 PM
11	Bring back the good shed at the dump, we have things we don't want to go to waste and end up in trash piles!	1/9/2021 9:28 AM
12	I'm not sure why you bother with these surveys. Over the years, preserving the rural nature of the town seems to consistently rank at the top of the list and yet the town has proceeded to remove trees from the roadside on a binge. Take a look at the trees now marked for removal on Veterans Road. Living trees off the road... why? Rural character doesn't come from the elimination of mature trees within the right of way. I'd suggest you create a position for town forester who has to sign off on tree removals. It's 2021, this survey, like others before it, focuses on the development of businesses as buildings on lots. You should make the establishment of communications infrastructure a priority. People can and do work from home. Those are businesses too. Don't allow for swampland or power lines to be counted as preserved land in the determination of lot size. You ask about preservation of scenic roads. County road was a scenic road until a developer wanted subdivide home lots along it. The planning board granted his request over the strong objections of the area residents. Rear access could have been provided, but that was more expensive for the developer. Protection is only provided to scenic roads where there is no interest. Objective evidence over the past 30 years would indicate that preservation of the rural character of the town is not in any way considered by the planning board. Accommodating developers is. You can't plant a 150 year old tree...	1/8/2021 3:02 PM
13	I'd love to have a news letter or "things to do" in Amherst for new residence. We were here 4-5 years before knowing what we really had local! It took a pandemic to venture out and find hidden gems- trails, water falls, hikes, farms etc.	1/5/2021 9:29 PM
14	The amazing school system is the biggest reason my family moved to Amherst.	1/5/2021 6:35 PM
15	thank you for asking and serving our beautiful community!	1/5/2021 6:34 PM
16	widen, improve all roads. driving conditions are dangerous for both operators and pedestrians even without weather	1/5/2021 6:07 PM
17	Amherst is a small town that is big in many ways thanks to the many past and present volunteers and town officials that care deeply about it. Yea for Amherst!	1/5/2021 1:23 PM
18	It is extremely important that Amherst NOT end up looking like Bedford, which is hideous and soulless. Additional development should be thoughtful and consistent with the town priorities.	1/5/2021 9:52 AM

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While I do not want to see blocks of apartment complexes, projects like the proposed agri-development with smaller individual lots and larger community space are interesting and could help to maintain the town culture, promote additional housing options and encourage new families to come to the area and older couples to stay.

19	Any business has weights and measures of performance for their employees. Why do we not have that for our town employees? Accountability is needed, and a way to measure performance, especially when the budget demands asked of residents keep increasing and we are not seeing that increase echoed in performance. Thank you.	1/5/2021 9:15 AM
20	Lower taxes and provide more services. Roads are bad, no trash pickup, limited to no recycling, I am not sure what I pay for. Not beneficial to me.	1/5/2021 7:30 AM
21	The entire town is based on our "great" schools and life in the village. Amherst is more than the village, and frankly, nothing like it in most other areas. The village should maybe succeed and then the town can start worrying about the rest of us.	1/5/2021 6:52 AM
22	I had a little trouble deciding between "neutral" or "no opinion" on some of the questions.	1/4/2021 11:52 AM
23	Ultimately I'm proud to live in Amherst and be raising my family here.	1/3/2021 11:14 PM
24	Over 50% of Amherst residents have a dog. We would enjoy a dog park. Woof!	1/3/2021 11:58 AM
25	Find a way to lower property taxes! Please!	1/3/2021 11:04 AM
26	Landscaping for the town is subpar. Add additional character through landscape architecture.	1/1/2021 9:36 PM
27	Thanks for thinking about all this	1/1/2021 10:19 AM
28	This survey has too many leading questions that point toward excessive spending.	1/1/2021 7:55 AM
29	As a resident I am very frustrated the amount of time it takes to make a trip to the dump. Waiting in line for long periods of time before we can pull up to empty our trash. I understand with Covid 19 the town has limited the number of cars for our safety but it would be great if they offered additional days to the residents during this time.	12/31/2020 8:20 AM
30	I think the idea of decreasing lot size could be really great for creating some higher density neighborhoods but preserving a somewhat rural feel. I live near the middle school and still think the neighbors are very far away.	12/31/2020 6:12 AM
31	Improve remote learning..... ie structure	12/30/2020 11:38 PM
32	Would love more sidewalks	12/30/2020 10:47 PM
33	Do not continue to allow developers to take over the town!	12/30/2020 8:51 PM
34	I would like the rest of Green Road be paved.	12/30/2020 7:09 PM
35	typing in my phone, please excuse any typos! thank you.	12/30/2020 6:00 PM
36	Originally chose Amherst based on the quality of the high school combined with the country character of the town and reasonable proximity to Boston. Chose between Bedford, Amherst and Hollis. Bedford was too commercial/industrial and Hollis had very few quality homes available. No longer have kids in the school system but still love the town. Don't want to see it become too overgrown. Its worth the higher taxes to keep the aesthetic and maintain the school quality.	12/30/2020 1:54 PM
37	We need to make Amherst affordable for retirees. I would encourage more development of senior living options	12/29/2020 4:51 PM
38	It would be great if we established a Town Pool at some point.	12/29/2020 2:19 PM
39	I love the town and feel it's a wonderful place to live. I have sent four children through the school system with great results.	12/29/2020 2:01 PM
40	Sidewalks near SHS and middle school should be a priority fir the safety of the students. Let's not wait until one of them is hit by a car please. Reworking the transfer station with input from professionals who know what they're doing should also be a priority.	12/29/2020 1:50 PM
41	40 plus year resident.	12/29/2020 7:35 AM
42	The timeline for this survey was too short. I would also appreciate more transparency. Who are the members of the Master Plan Steering Committee? You have obviously put in a lot of work,	12/28/2020 9:02 AM

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but nowhere are any names listed. The town website should contain this information.

43	Preserve the non-business atmosphere within town center.	12/27/2020 9:13 PM
44	Stop rewarding developers with stupid bonuses that result in cookie cutter ugly development. Limit times in all town boards to ten years to encourage more to participate. Bring back town meeting.	12/26/2020 11:28 PM
45	This town has become very liberal and is quite hate filled in social media for opposing views.	12/25/2020 9:09 PM
46	This was a great survey. Thanks for putting it together.	12/24/2020 7:43 PM
47	you can make the housing in Amherst more "affordable" by addressing the property tax particularly as it relates to the schools as opposed to building more "affordable" housing. The taxes in this town are driving many on fixed income or retirees out.. There should be a break for those who do not tax our schools or who are retired!	12/24/2020 2:05 PM
48	Very nice survey!	12/24/2020 1:43 PM
49	We would LOVE any town support for the rail trail proposal along the rail line that passes through Milford. We often take our bikes to the Goffstown or Nashua rail trails. We also fully support the bike path to Milford and beyond. I don't use my road bike often because I don't feel safe on the main roads so these resources are appreciated!	12/24/2020 9:43 AM
50	Improve beautification of the Village. Require Moulton's to put a fence around their dumpster - one of the first views that visitors have coming into the Village is of their dumpster. Require others to have fences around unsightly, long term dumpsters (for example 110 Boston Post Rd). Also, improve the maintenance of the Village, including Green, trimming of trees, picking up fallen branches, sweeping sidewalks, etc.	12/24/2020 8:46 AM
51	Though not possible, I'd like it if the folks who have junk in their yards were taxed more because they make the neighborhood look trashy! LOL.	12/23/2020 8:04 PM
52	Please contact me and I will gladly share the Amherst Village 2020 Master Plan we developed 5 years ago. email: rolf@bmaworld.com office: 603 673 1991	12/23/2020 12:02 PM
53	More people and new homes adds to the burden of the town. It will not lower taxes. Slow residential growth!	12/22/2020 12:01 AM
54	We seem to have a Planning Board that approves intense development that will greatly increase motor vehicle traffic through the village, to levels that will cause the loss of the village atmosphere and reduce safe activities for the school children and others. It must be remembered that once development occurs, the past is gone. A diverse population is important but not sustainable with the excessive school tax. Unfortunately, this is a subject that must be addressed in the state legislature and not under the authority of the town.	12/21/2020 1:39 PM
55	I LOVE AMHERST AND ITS RURAL / COMMUNITY FEEL. LETS KEEP IT THAT WAY	12/21/2020 11:59 AM
56	Lower taxes	12/20/2020 11:11 PM
57	Town Hall needs a capability for communications on the range of services and programs provided. There is little coming out of Town Hall and the result is less appreciation for the amazing services the Town provides.	12/20/2020 10:52 PM
58	I think the Town needs dining establishments in The Village. This would give residents and visitors something to do and create a place to spend money. A restaurant, cafe, or pub all would be great options.	12/20/2020 7:31 PM
59	Add a tavern, restaurant, or cafe to the village	12/20/2020 7:25 PM
60	Encouraging small, locally-owned business development is a good thing, increased presence of national corporate chain stores is not. Also, consider limiting size of residential structures rather than lot size.	12/20/2020 3:34 PM
61	We hate this town. Hardly a year goes by when we have not been assaulted or suffered a road rage incident by some entitled Amherst asshole. And the police seem to be able to do nothing about it. There is nothing wrong with Amherst that a few well-placed thermonuclear weapons wouldn't fix!!!	12/20/2020 3:26 PM
62	Thank you for creating and distributing this thoughtful survey. I'm wondering if the results will be posted anywhere? I'd be interested to see what the town consensus is.	12/20/2020 1:23 PM



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63	Taxes are getting too high .	12/20/2020 1:13 PM
64	I can only repeat. Amherst is perfect as it is. Any development that threatens water quality, increases traffic or degrades the rural beauty is extremely detrimental.	12/20/2020 12:51 PM
65	We are just fine as we are now. To become even better requires that we preserve what we already have, then build upon it. Anything that "undoes" what we already have is not likely to be in the best interest of Amherst.	12/20/2020 12:22 PM
66	Thank you for asking for feedback and for all the hard work being done to keep Amherst a great place to live.	12/20/2020 11:21 AM
67	Please don't offer services that residents can pay for if they wish to have (Trash pickup).	12/20/2020 10:41 AM
68	The tax assessment office is too bureaucratic . (i.e. forms instead of personal communication)	12/20/2020 9:30 AM
69	Wanted to live out the rest of my days in this town. Now considering moving because I see a town that is not caring for the wildlife, not interested in the concerns of the heavy tax paying law abiding citizens	12/20/2020 9:24 AM
70	Tax rate is too high!!	12/19/2020 5:21 PM
71	Amherst is awesome. Moved here in Aug 2019.	12/19/2020 5:02 PM
72	Need to listen to the people about all those condos going in. Too many	12/19/2020 1:12 PM
73	We would prefer scattered low income housing as opposed to large clusters. This worked well in Keene NH where we previously lived.	12/19/2020 10:09 AM
74	Thank you very much for your thoughtful planning as we head into a very different future than the past we have known for so long. It's no longer okay to view ourselves as separate from the world, even as we value this Haven.	12/19/2020 9:38 AM
75	Good luck - balancing development and keeping the character of the town is an interesting challenge for sure.	12/19/2020 9:13 AM
76	Additional business development or renovations along 101A seems appropriate. Not so much in the village or the like.	12/19/2020 12:08 AM
77	I think we should keep new housing units on minimum 2 acre lots; I don't like the set up of the construction/new housing on 122 south of 101A, it's really horrible. It seems that there must be a way to have a variety of housing that can maintain a country feel.	12/18/2020 10:28 PM
78	A nice well done tavern in the village would be nice.	12/18/2020 10:13 PM
79	Are the schools still supporting the Robotics programs started years ago? They helped a lot of kids get started in STEM careers.	12/18/2020 7:58 PM
80	Thank you, again, for the opportunity to voice our opinions.	12/18/2020 6:57 PM
81	Thank you for all your efforts to balance competing priorities and preserve Amherst as a desirable place to live.	12/18/2020 11:57 AM
82	Thank you so much for all you do to make Amherst a special place	12/18/2020 10:47 AM
83	Amherst has done a wonderful job of keeping the business and residential areas separate. We very much appreciate this, and we hope this will not change. We have also found that the Amherst police are very responsive and wonderful people when a problem should occur. We hope, as well, that this will not change. We've been very happy here since 2003.	12/18/2020 12:29 AM
84	Preservation of historic village green is of utmost import :)	12/17/2020 10:16 PM
85	recreational resources-pool, walking/running paths, fenced dog park. resources everyone can use	12/17/2020 7:54 PM
86	Please maintain bus services for the elderly and disabled.	12/17/2020 4:09 PM
87	See my previous comments .	12/17/2020 3:44 PM
88	We love Amherst and it's wonderful sense of community, but adding some small details and encouraging a few modern touches, I can see our family staying for years to come.	12/17/2020 2:29 PM
89	Keep the population density low!!!	12/16/2020 7:37 PM

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90	Services, particularly transportation options, for seniors will become increasingly important	12/16/2020 5:04 PM
91	Amherst is a beautiful town. We should balance our desire to maintain and preserve the rural/historic character of the town with the need to provide services for low to moderate income people and retirees who want to stay in Amherst but cannot afford to do so and/or need additional resources. Reasonably priced housing, including rental property, condos/townhomes, single family homes, etc., should be part of the plan.	12/16/2020 4:38 PM
92	Leave Baboosic Lake alone. Amherst Rec has already pushed the limits of what the lake can handle and there isn't room around the lake or on the water for the town to add anything more. It has already caused many long time lake residents to no longer love where they live because of the town increasing beach and lake use.	12/16/2020 3:52 PM
93	You tried to work in support for cluster housing multiple times in this survey. It's NO every single time!!!!!!!!!!!!	12/16/2020 3:35 PM
94	Really don't understand the walking/biking need on Amherst St. going into Milford. Currently a "wide enough" road to accommodate those few who walk/run/bike there since I rarely see walkers/bikers on that road.	12/16/2020 3:29 PM
95	I can't repeat it enough.....Get TAX RATE UNDER CONTRL!!!!!!!!	12/16/2020 2:45 PM
96	Merry Xmas!	12/16/2020 2:23 PM
97	So far, we have enjoyed living in Amherst, NH...just need some snowmobile trails!!	12/16/2020 12:38 PM
98	Survey was too long and repetitive	12/16/2020 12:04 PM
99	Give full support to our Police and Firefighters always.	12/16/2020 6:51 AM
100	I'd love for Amherst to have a bit more of a Vermont flair to it- Vermont is rural but, for example, they have amazing pizza at their gas stations and have cool small businesses. They seem to encourage creativity, not stifle it, but still maintain their rustic roots. If Amherst could have a few more local feel restaurants, cafes (like Moultons) and boutiques like the Milford Oval, that would be great.	12/15/2020 8:57 PM
101	Thank you.	12/15/2020 6:24 PM
102	We made the decision to move to Amherst because we love the rural and historic feel of the area, and the excellent reputation of the school system. We'd hate to see a lot of major development and construction detract from that.	12/15/2020 4:45 PM
103	If the Town raised taxes to fund the many proposal in this survey, the Town become unaffordable and you shall drive out seniors that consume few service and pay lots!	12/15/2020 4:09 PM
104	We could have moved anywhere and picked Amherst because of the town is today. Please don't turn this into a subdivision or add apartment buildings. That's exactly what we moved from.	12/15/2020 3:18 PM
105	Requirements for seniors to be eligible for tax reductions Should be reviewed. The #'s are way off base & haven't been adjusted for years.	12/15/2020 2:38 PM
106	Conservation is valuable if it protects vulnerable flora and fauna or provides public access to outstanding natural resources. Mere "open space" that has little ecological value and is inaccessible should be open to development.	12/15/2020 1:20 PM
107	It would be great to have a side walk on Manchester Road and Mack Hill Road. Many people use this to walk, bike, etc and the road is very narrow as it goes up the hill towards town hall. This is dangerous as cars shift out of their lane to avoid pedestrians.	12/15/2020 12:02 PM
108	I enjoy the recreational activities you offer!	12/15/2020 11:03 AM
109	Recruiting more light industry and businesses, whether retail or professional services, into already defined commercial areas that would help reduce the residential tax rate should continue to be a high priority.	12/15/2020 10:07 AM
110	I love living in Amherst. It's a great town with good people!	12/14/2020 10:02 PM
111	After the \$100K wasted on the last "master planconsultants" we hope you do not repeat the disaster	12/14/2020 8:09 PM
112	I think it is important to live up to the promises made to citizens in the past. People buy houses in an area with lot minimums that will provide them with a level of privacy and quiet	12/14/2020 7:36 PM

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unavailable in other areas. When you subsequently reduce those lot size requirements, you to a certain degree betray those buyers who bought there. Having lived though this exact scenario, I've witnessed that wealthy homeowners are capable of buying a neighboring lot or two to preserve their privacy, while other homeowners a forced to accept their new reality. There are plenty of larger towns/small cities surrounding us. To become like them and increase building density ruins the reason most people choose Amherst to begin with. Once it is destroyed, no amount of regret will bring it back. We are a small town and should be proud of that fact and willing to protect it.

113	Allow classy, restaurants to the area along the lines of LaBelle Winery. No chain restaurants like on 101A, but classy, upscale restaurants.	12/14/2020 6:49 PM
114	I like Amherst the way it is. I turn one way and I come to a beautiful country town with historic buildings and a village green. I turn the other way and I have easy access to most services	12/14/2020 3:29 PM
115	Thank you for tackling the update to the Master Plan! It's vital!	12/14/2020 2:58 PM
116	I'd love to see a little more retail business in the center of Town. An ice cream store or coffee shop would be such a great addition.	12/14/2020 1:40 PM
117	We will sadly likely leave Amherst due to high tax burden. Many of our friends are discussing the possibility also. Please help preserve this community for those on a fixed income. By continually replacing older families with young families, you spoil the heritage of the town AND add burden of resources to the school systems. No one wins when people more away after 25-30-40 years of living here due to the high burden of taxes.	12/14/2020 11:53 AM
118	I would hate to see this beautiful town taken over by developers who want to spoil its historical and rural character with cookie cutter or high density subdivisions.	12/14/2020 11:48 AM
119	How can the town prevent development from getting out of control? Are there any new laws that can safeguard the village from pressure for commercial interests? Can we stop developments that will continue to pour automobile and delivery traffic onto the roads leading into and through the village? How has the town of Amherst "improved" in the categories the public has identified and that are surveyed in the prior questions over the last, say, 20 years? How has the master plan succeeded?	12/14/2020 11:02 AM
120	It's hard to legislate, but the main issues we and our family face have been visual and noise problems with neighbors. But you're asking the right questions.	12/14/2020 10:37 AM
121	Stop putting additional checks for the police union on the ballot.	12/14/2020 10:20 AM
122	Based on the number of times "rural character" have come up in the questions, it's clear that is what makes Amherst Amherst. It's why I live here. Let's not ruin it. It's sickening to see housing developments that somehow "get around" the lot minimum rules. We need to preserve the entire residential area of Amherst and not just the historic village green.	12/14/2020 10:13 AM
123	Reiterating: do not rezone any parts of Amherst into higher density housing to attract lower income residents. I worked hard and succeeded; and get to live here for it; it was earned. I love here so I don't have to live in another Manchester or Nashua.	12/14/2020 9:57 AM
124	On the whole I think the town is a good place to live (or I'd leave), and that town government and schools do a pretty good job.	12/14/2020 9:53 AM
125	Stop building new houses.	12/14/2020 7:30 AM
126	America will not look the same in 20 years, yet this survey seemed to be the same old questions. Don't let Amherst be left behind...	12/14/2020 7:19 AM
127	We're a young family that loves the community in Amherst and is excited to live in a town with many friends, great schools, and terrific opportunities for our family to grow. We're committed to helping Amherst develop its economic base.	12/13/2020 10:55 PM
128	This was difficult because there are three Amhersts: The village, Rt. 101A, the rest of town. The answers to all of these depend on area of which we speak	12/13/2020 5:55 PM
129	On all issues, I'm in favor of prioritizing long-term and big-picture value and sustainability over short-term value. We should pay taxes that provide the best value over the long term rather than trying to pay the lowest possible taxes in the short term while increasing our overall financial obligation.	12/13/2020 2:40 PM
130	Maintain the town as it is; rural. Lowering the lot size for new residential developments is a	12/13/2020 1:35 PM

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	huge mistake for multiple reasons, as are new multi-family developments.	
131	By all appearances to a local tax payer of 25 years, the Town is well run and a great place to live	12/13/2020 12:52 PM
132	selectman allowing tax rates to get away from them, by saying yes to everything.	12/13/2020 12:18 PM
133	Amherst is a nice town.. hopefully it stays that way.	12/13/2020 11:18 AM
134	Continue and upgrade DPW- maintain roads,bridges and public works including better summer and winter maintenance	12/13/2020 11:06 AM
135	Stop turning this town into northwest Nashua. There have been more cluster homes built then conventional housing since I moved here.	12/13/2020 9:23 AM
136	Nancy Demers is a true assest to the town. Post Covid Pandemic we need to have a huge celebration on the village green.	12/12/2020 8:51 PM
137	In my judgment a balance between growth and status quo must be reached. While it is recognized that growth is inevitable, it seems reasonable to attempt to control strip type development and a proliferation of high-density housing units as the infrastructure cannot support it.	12/12/2020 7:08 PM
138	As mentioned it is important that the residents of Amherst have a voice at meetings and be heard. Allowing for time for questions or bringing up issues and a discussion at meeting is important. The residents need to be heard.	12/12/2020 5:47 PM
139	Amherst has LOST it's image of a snobby town of rich folks, but some folks in town still see it as they are living in a "up scale" town - that image is no longer correct. Some neighborhoods are clearly more wealthy than others, but even these houses are getting "old"	12/12/2020 5:33 PM
140	Please, let us maintain the beautiful, peaceful, quiet, rural town that Amherst has always been, which is what we moved here for. Please don't change it to accommodate people who want something different. There are other towns in the area that can provide these things.	12/12/2020 3:54 PM
141	School board needs to seriously evaluate the performance of the school administration and superintendent who have failed to keep the safety and academic well being of students, staff and community a top priority. The preference of sports over academic enrichment is seriously disappointing.	12/12/2020 2:51 PM
142	Better town involvement in controlling predator animals that populate residential neighborhoods. Relocate them if possible.	12/12/2020 10:42 AM
143	I appreciate the opportunity to provide this input to the Master Plan. Amherst is a great town to live in and raise a family.	12/12/2020 10:11 AM
144	I CAN'T WAIT TO LEAVE THIS TOWN	12/11/2020 10:14 PM
145	Understand that not all of Amherst residents are here for the charm of the village.	12/11/2020 7:31 PM
146	Buckle up - 2021 and beyond is going to be a doozy if you sheeple don't wake up in time. Lastly and most importantly: Don't get the Covid Vax - save your family before its too late. My body my choice! God Bless.	12/11/2020 5:09 PM
147	Dislike type of developments like the one on 122 headed towards Hollis (looks like rows of similar houses with no spacing). It doesn't fit in with the town aesthetic, in my opinion.	12/11/2020 4:25 PM
148	Will we be made aware of the results of the Master Plan ?	12/11/2020 4:18 PM
149	i am concerned that more city folk will move here and wish to change amherst to fit their city ideals. hopefully, the town can put measures in place to resist such changes and maintain as rural a town as possible. it's hard to go backwards once changes are made	12/11/2020 3:38 PM
150	One of the things that irks me is the random variability of speed limits in the area. They really should make sense and be consistent.	12/11/2020 2:11 PM
151	This is remarkably well done. Obviously not the first try.	12/11/2020 1:44 PM
152	I think having more diverse housing is a valid goal but allowing builders to come in and make a profit with little to no regulation is a concern. Housing should reflect the available space and be in keeping with the towns core values. Housing can be dense to allow for renters or lower cost housing but community space must be maintained, the size being developed should be reasonable and the housing should be priced to allow those groups to actually purchase.	12/8/2020 9:05 PM

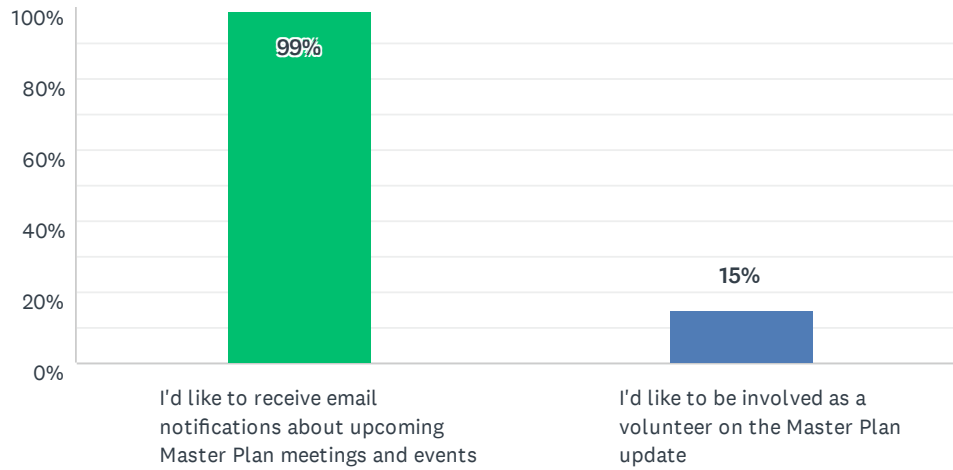
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Houses should be built with quality in mind and natural surrounding should be maintained. I worry about going down the overdeveloped no plan route that other towns have done

153	Thanks for your hard work and dedication to our town!	12/8/2020 8:42 AM
154	I do not think we should bring any more low income housing in to Amherst.	12/8/2020 6:48 AM
155	We love Amherst and we hope to stay forever so we hope it maintains its village feel and doesn't just become another suburb of Nashua.	12/7/2020 7:52 PM
156	Private roads are a scam so you don't have to plow. Plow all roads!!!!	12/7/2020 7:28 AM
157	High and growing tax rate discourages significant home improvements that would increase property value.	12/6/2020 11:57 PM
158	The tax rate is an increasing problem. There's a perception that schools are the issue. That needs to be addressed before voters even consider many of the suggestions/ideas covered in this survey.	12/6/2020 9:54 PM
159	Test!	11/24/2020 6:12 PM
160	I'm not sure how to address it but I am dismayed by the nature of some of the discourse in town and how some people express themselves, including but not limited to, how they interact with the many volunteers (and town employees) who spend countless hours contributing to town governance and management. The disrespect, lack of appreciation for their contributions, and manner in which this is sometimes communicated is saddening and not how the path on which I want our community's discourse to continue.	11/23/2020 10:00 AM

### Q37 Would you like to remain informed about or get involved with the Master Plan update process?

Answered: 644 Skipped: 1,171



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I'd like to receive email notifications about upcoming Master Plan meetings and events	99%	636
I'd like to be involved as a volunteer on the Master Plan update	15%	95
Total Respondents: 644		

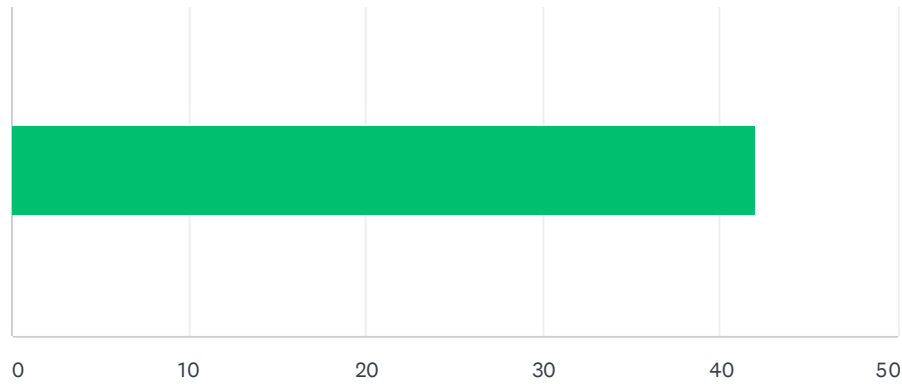
**Q38 If you did not include your name, email or phone number earlier, but changed your mind, please enter it below (especially if you want us to keep you posted about the Master Plan update process).**

Answered: 249 Skipped: 1,566

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	92.37%	230
Company	0.00%	0
Address	0.00%	0
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	0.00%	0
State/Province	0.00%	0
ZIP/Postal Code	0.00%	0
Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	99.60%	248
Phone Number	69.08%	172

### Q39 For residents that are also owners and/or managers of a business in Amherst:

Answered: 42 Skipped: 1,773



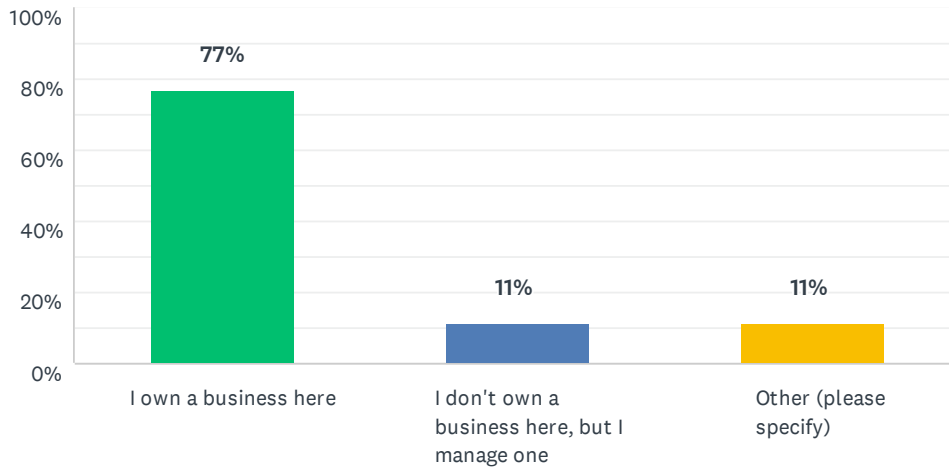
I would like to answer additional business questions.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I would like to answer additional business questions.	100.00%	42
Total Respondents: 42		



## Q40 Which option best describes your position?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 1,754

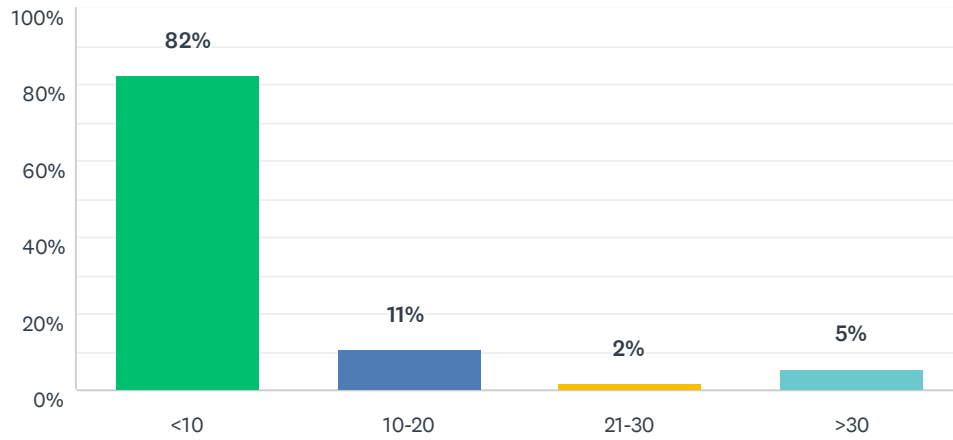


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I own a business here	77%	47
I don't own a business here, but I manage one	11%	7
Other (please specify)	11%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>61</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I don't own a business here, but I do work in the town of Amherst as a private contractor, REALTOR	1/17/2021 8:10 PM
2	I will be starting a business January 1.	12/30/2020 8:01 PM
3	Property Owner	12/30/2020 6:38 PM
4	Prospective business owner	12/21/2020 9:01 PM
5	SWA	12/18/2020 12:26 PM
6	I'd like to own a business here	12/14/2020 5:38 PM
7	Work at a local business in Amherst	12/14/2020 1:57 PM

## Q41 How many employees do you have working in Amherst?

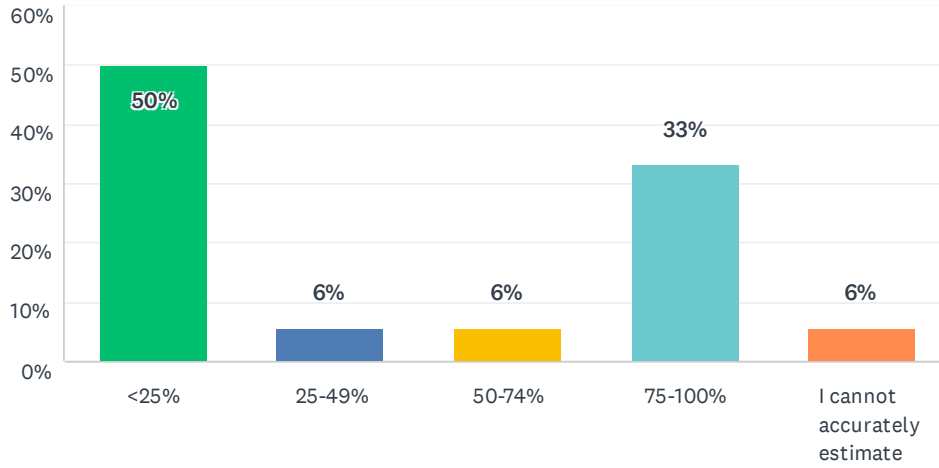
Answered: 56 Skipped: 1,759



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
<10	82%	46
10-20	11%	6
21-30	2%	1
>30	5%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>56</b>

## Q42 What percentage of your employees live in Amherst?

Answered: 54 Skipped: 1,761



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
<25%	50%	27
25-49%	6%	3
50-74%	6%	3
75-100%	33%	18
I cannot accurately estimate	6%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>54</b>

## Q43 If not Amherst, where do your employees live?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 1,790

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Town name:	100.00%	25
Town name:	80.00%	20
Town name:	56.00%	14

#	TOWN NAME:	DATE
1	Milford	1/17/2021 8:10 PM
2	Merrimack	1/17/2021 12:25 PM
3	Bedford	1/16/2021 6:45 AM
4	Lyndeborough , Bedford, new Ipswich	1/5/2021 7:39 PM
5	Peterborough	1/5/2021 7:39 AM
6	Nashua	1/1/2021 10:12 PM
7	Milford	12/31/2020 7:51 PM
8	Nashua	12/31/2020 8:22 AM
9	Milford	12/28/2020 2:30 PM
10	Milford, New Ipswich, Hancock, Concord, New Boston, etc.	12/23/2020 12:04 PM
11	Milford	12/23/2020 6:53 AM
12	Milford	12/19/2020 12:16 PM
13	New Boston	12/18/2020 8:28 PM
14	Milford	12/18/2020 5:34 PM
15	Nashua	12/15/2020 8:46 AM
16	Temple	12/14/2020 7:07 PM
17	manchester	12/14/2020 2:38 PM
18	Milford	12/14/2020 1:57 PM
19	Milford	12/14/2020 10:11 AM
20	All employees telecommute from their homes.	12/13/2020 7:15 PM
21	Merrimack	12/13/2020 4:12 PM
22	Nashua	12/11/2020 3:54 PM
23	Auburn	12/6/2020 10:17 PM
24	North Conway	11/24/2020 6:11 PM
25	milford	11/21/2020 5:03 PM

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1	Mont Vernon	1/17/2021 8:10 PM
2	New Ipswich	1/17/2021 12:25 PM
3	Merrimack	1/16/2021 6:45 AM
4	Nashua, Goffstown, Milford	1/5/2021 7:39 PM
5	Temple	1/5/2021 7:39 AM
6	Milford	1/1/2021 10:12 PM
7	Merrimack	12/31/2020 7:51 PM
8	Hollis	12/31/2020 8:22 AM
9	Nashua	12/28/2020 2:30 PM
10	Mont Vernon	12/23/2020 6:53 AM
11	Nashua	12/19/2020 12:16 PM
12	Wilton	12/18/2020 5:34 PM
13	Hudson	12/15/2020 8:46 AM
14	Rindge	12/14/2020 7:07 PM
15	auburn	12/14/2020 2:38 PM
16	Milford	12/14/2020 1:57 PM
17	Mont Vernon	12/14/2020 10:11 AM
18	Merrimack	12/13/2020 4:12 PM
19	Milford	12/11/2020 3:54 PM
20	nashua	11/21/2020 5:03 PM
#	TOWN NAME:	DATE
1	Nashua	1/17/2021 8:10 PM
2	Nashua	1/17/2021 12:25 PM
3	Dublin	1/16/2021 6:45 AM
4	HUDSON,	1/5/2021 7:39 PM
5	Nashua	12/31/2020 7:51 PM
6	Milford	12/31/2020 8:22 AM
7	Manchester	12/28/2020 2:30 PM
8	Brookline	12/23/2020 6:53 AM
9	Mont Vernon	12/18/2020 5:34 PM
10	hooksett	12/14/2020 2:38 PM
11	Milford	12/14/2020 1:57 PM
12	Merrimack	12/13/2020 4:12 PM
13	Litchfield	12/11/2020 3:54 PM
14	wilton	11/21/2020 5:03 PM

## Q44 What are some of the advantages of doing business in Amherst?

Answered: 36 Skipped: 1,779

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Advantage	100.00%	36
Advantage	63.89%	23
Advantage	27.78%	10

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#	ADVANTAGE	DATE
1	Density of population	1/17/2021 8:18 PM
2	Friendly small town atmosphere	1/17/2021 8:14 PM
3	Local customers	1/17/2021 12:27 PM
4	Rural quiet atmosphere	1/16/2021 6:47 AM
5	Residential town. High income customers	1/5/2021 7:42 PM
6	Locality	1/5/2021 7:40 AM
7	Location to major highways	1/5/2021 6:53 AM
8	It's close to where I live.	1/1/2021 10:14 PM
9	Consumerism is alive and well here	12/31/2020 7:52 PM
10	Closeness to highway, shopping and my home	12/31/2020 8:23 AM
11	Lower tax rate on businesses here than other states.	12/30/2020 8:02 PM
12	Small community, word of mouth advertising	12/30/2020 4:09 PM
13	Location, near but not in cities of Nashua and Manchester	12/28/2020 2:43 PM
14	Close to MHT Airport	12/23/2020 12:06 PM
15	Location	12/23/2020 6:55 AM
16	none	12/20/2020 4:33 PM
17	Easy access to the town via 101 and 101A	12/20/2020 12:25 PM
18	Meet need local residents	12/19/2020 9:32 AM
19	Good chamber of commerce	12/18/2020 8:30 PM
20	Sense of community	12/18/2020 5:36 PM
21	good location	12/18/2020 12:28 PM
22	I live here	12/17/2020 5:21 PM
23	First , just because we are located in Amherst it does not mean our customers are local	12/16/2020 7:24 AM
24	per ca-pita income	12/15/2020 8:47 AM
25	Location	12/14/2020 10:39 PM
26	Rural area for outside therapeutic activities	12/14/2020 9:10 PM
27	Amherst looks out for the best interest of Amherst	12/14/2020 2:39 PM
28	Location	12/14/2020 1:57 PM
29	Centrally located post office	12/14/2020 1:22 PM
30	Proximity to MHT BOS Regional Airport	12/14/2020 10:12 AM
31	High Income	12/13/2020 8:57 PM
32	Dealing with the town is much simpler than a city.	12/13/2020 4:15 PM
33	Availability to educated labor force	12/11/2020 6:30 PM
34	Location	12/11/2020 3:55 PM
35	Cute community	11/24/2020 6:13 PM
36	nice people	11/21/2020 5:04 PM

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#	ADVANTAGE	DATE
1	Safe area	1/17/2021 8:18 PM
2	Educated town where people are active in town events	1/17/2021 8:14 PM
3	Not travelling very far to work	1/17/2021 12:27 PM
4	Moultons - town green	1/16/2021 6:47 AM
5	Highly educated population.	1/5/2021 7:42 PM
6	Support from Town Administration, Fire, and Police Department ents	12/28/2020 2:43 PM
7	Close commuted to my house	12/23/2020 12:06 PM
8	Local police keep a watchful eye on business buildings	12/23/2020 6:55 AM
9	Reduce commute time to obtain services	12/19/2020 9:32 AM
10	Good access to nearby communities	12/18/2020 8:30 PM
11	Community pride	12/18/2020 5:36 PM
12	environmently aware	12/18/2020 12:28 PM
13	We have great support businesses here , staples ,lowes the home depo ect ,	12/16/2020 7:24 AM
14	Citizens	12/14/2020 10:39 PM
15	Location close to many other towns	12/14/2020 9:10 PM
16	Community	12/14/2020 1:57 PM
17	Centrally located highway access	12/14/2020 1:22 PM
18	Proximity to owners home	12/14/2020 10:12 AM
19	Educated Population	12/13/2020 8:57 PM
20	Close to home	12/13/2020 4:15 PM
21	Non urban environment	12/11/2020 6:30 PM
22	Quality Police/Fire Departments	12/11/2020 3:55 PM
23	Nice people	11/24/2020 6:13 PM
#	ADVANTAGE	DATE
1	Quick access to resources in the bigger towns of Nashua and Manchester or Concord	1/17/2021 8:14 PM
2	Central location in state for my business - in between Boston and Portland, ME for vendors - convenient	1/16/2021 6:47 AM
3	Longevity/history of organization doing business in Amherst	12/28/2020 2:43 PM
4	Offer a sense of community	12/19/2020 9:32 AM
5	Community loyalty	12/18/2020 5:36 PM
6	careful planning	12/18/2020 12:28 PM
7	Access to nature	12/14/2020 9:10 PM
8	Opportunities	12/14/2020 1:57 PM
9	Plenty of customers, but no city worries like high crime.	12/13/2020 4:15 PM
10	Easy access to cities interstate highways and airport	12/11/2020 6:30 PM



## Q45 What are some of the disadvantages of doing business in Amherst?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 1,790

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Disadvantage	100.00%	25
Disadvantage	36.00%	9
Disadvantage	12.00%	3

#	DISADVANTAGE	DATE
1	Lack of retail space available in Amherst Village	1/17/2021 8:18 PM
2	Limited places for workers to rent in the town of Amherst	1/17/2021 8:14 PM
3	High taxes	1/5/2021 7:42 PM
4	No mountain or Ocean views from my office.	1/1/2021 10:14 PM
5	Public transportation	12/31/2020 7:52 PM
6	Not close to public transportation	12/31/2020 8:23 AM
7	More state paperwork for businesses.	12/30/2020 8:02 PM
8	Tax rate	12/30/2020 4:09 PM
9	None	12/28/2020 2:43 PM
10	Limited work opportunities	12/23/2020 12:06 PM
11	Traffic volume - time spent in traffic	12/23/2020 6:55 AM
12	Amherst is not business friendly	12/20/2020 4:33 PM
13	Cost running small business (taxes, rent, utilities)	12/19/2020 9:32 AM
14	Lack of visibility in location (we're secluded)	12/18/2020 8:30 PM
15	Limited affordable commercial real estate	12/18/2020 5:36 PM
16	growth	12/18/2020 12:28 PM
17	Traffic on 101A	12/17/2020 5:21 PM
18	There is very little to no town utilities, water , sewer etc	12/16/2020 7:24 AM
19	none	12/15/2020 8:47 AM
20	Tax Burden	12/14/2020 10:39 PM
21	none	12/14/2020 2:39 PM
22	Cost of Land	12/13/2020 8:57 PM
23	It is spread out	12/13/2020 4:15 PM
24	Small community	11/24/2020 6:13 PM
25	can't get good help	11/21/2020 5:04 PM

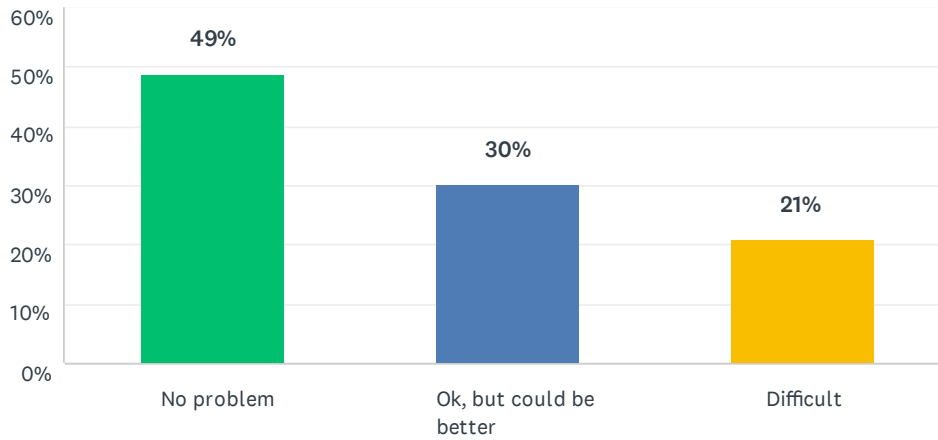
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#	DISADVANTAGE	DATE
1	Limited places for people to buy homes that are less than \$250,000	1/17/2021 8:14 PM
2	Only one internet provider in town (Comcast).	12/30/2020 8:02 PM
3	No restaurants or cafes in the village	12/23/2020 12:06 PM
4	Lack of public sewer	12/23/2020 6:55 AM
5	Prior to Covid, # of seats in a restaurant limitation made it difficult to open them here.	12/20/2020 4:33 PM
6	Limited decent lease space	12/19/2020 9:32 AM
7	Zoning laws	12/18/2020 5:36 PM
8	Lack of industrial space	12/16/2020 7:24 AM
9	The critters	11/24/2020 6:13 PM

#	DISADVANTAGE	DATE
1	No public transportation, or even regular bicycle /walking routes	1/17/2021 8:14 PM
2	Internet Provider	12/23/2020 6:55 AM
3	High property tax	12/18/2020 5:36 PM

## Q46 What is your experience recruiting employees to work here?

Answered: 43 Skipped: 1,772

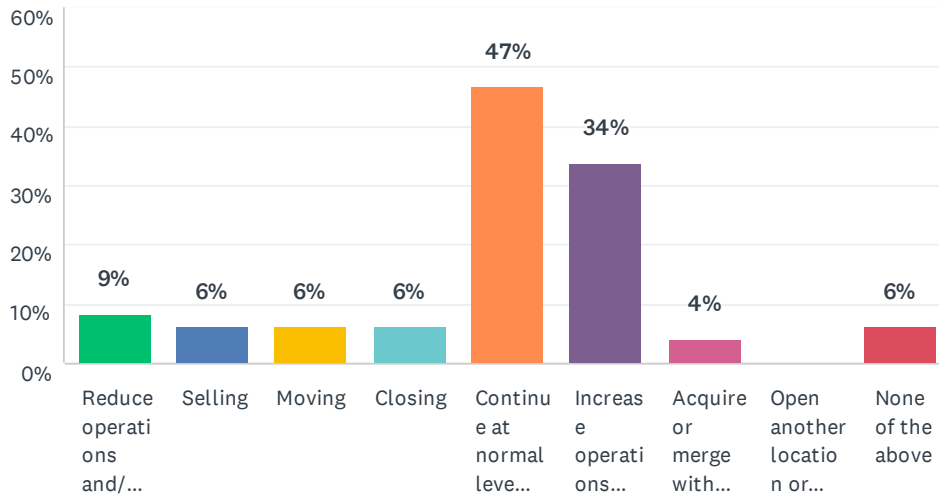


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No problem	49%	21
Ok, but could be better	30%	13
Difficult	21%	9
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>43</b>

#	ANY PARTICULAR FACTORS THAT HINDER RECRUITING?	DATE
1	Limited low cost housing/ renting in Amherst	1/17/2021 8:14 PM
2	My Business is highly Specialized. Most households here one spouse does not work!	1/5/2021 7:42 PM
3	Affordable housing	12/31/2020 7:52 PM
4	Lack of qualified help	12/23/2020 6:55 AM
5	Many prospective employees considered this town too isolated	12/18/2020 8:30 PM
6	Yes, Americans are not hard working, hands on workers anymore!	12/16/2020 7:24 AM
7	nothing to do with Amherst	12/14/2020 2:39 PM
8	None that are the responsibility or impacted by Amherst	12/14/2020 10:12 AM
9	Now, Covid-19. Before it wasn't an issue here.	12/13/2020 4:15 PM
10	Finding qualified people	12/11/2020 3:55 PM
11	Critters	11/24/2020 6:13 PM
12	competing for limited workforce	11/21/2020 5:04 PM

### Q47 What are your future plans? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 47 Skipped: 1,768



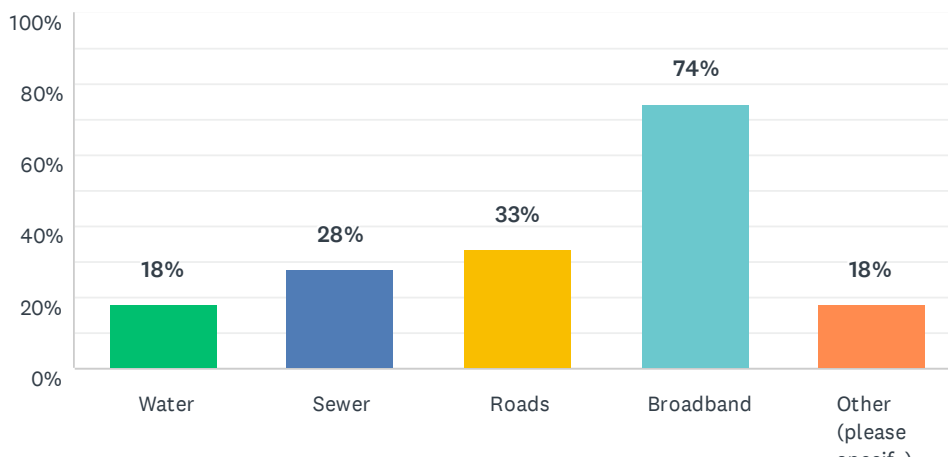
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Reduce operations and/or staff	9%	4
Selling	6%	3
Moving	6%	3
Closing	6%	3
Continue at normal level of operation	47%	22
Increase operations and/or staff	34%	16
Acquire or merge with another business in Amherst	4%	2
Open another location or business in Amherst	0%	0
None of the above	6%	3
Total Respondents: 47		

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#	PLEASE SHARE ANY KEY FACTORS IN YOUR DECISION	DATE
1	Wanting to continue to provide my customers with better services	1/17/2021 12:29 PM
2	I have had a satellite office for 17 years in the Carriage House - first with a main office in Keene and now with a main office in Methuen, MA - Amherst is a wonderful location for a satellite office	1/16/2021 6:48 AM
3	Want to puretuate my business	1/5/2021 7:43 PM
4	Eventually I will move my business to Florida because of the state paperwork / taxes (BPT) on small business. Probably have my business here for a few years though.	12/30/2020 8:03 PM
5	Results of COVID-19 may impact decisions	12/28/2020 2:45 PM
6	property tax too high, too much out of control tax spending here in town.	12/20/2020 4:33 PM
7	My business is in a stable position right now in terms of our supply and community demand. We do attract out-of-town clients who appreciate the easy access via 101 and 101A. Only if demand increases would we would look to expand.	12/20/2020 12:27 PM
8	I'd like to increase operations but am having a difficult time finding a appropriate property at a reasonable price in Amherst.	12/18/2020 5:38 PM
9	Has more to do with Covid 19 than Amherst	12/17/2020 5:22 PM
10	Retiring after 40 years of operation	12/11/2020 6:32 PM

## Q48 Would your business benefit from better town infrastructure?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 1,776

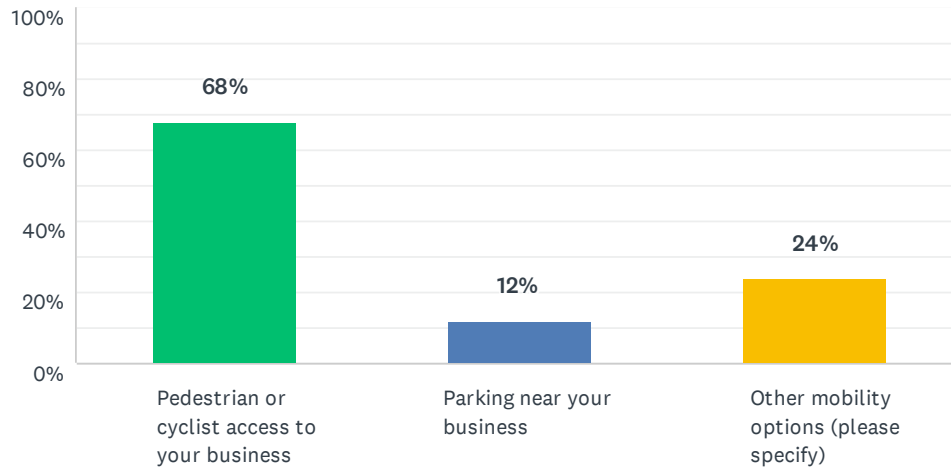


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Water	18%	7
Sewer	28%	11
Roads	33%	13
Broadband	74%	29
Other (please specify)	18%	7
Total Respondents: 39		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Access to public transportation, lower income housing or rental for people to live and work in this town when they are first starting out.	1/17/2021 8:16 PM
2	Public transportation	12/31/2020 7:54 PM
3	No.	12/20/2020 12:30 PM
4	Natural Gas	12/17/2020 5:24 PM
5	No 5G!	12/14/2020 5:39 PM
6	N/A	12/13/2020 7:16 PM
7	less expensive ways to get messages to prospective customers	12/13/2020 4:24 PM

## Q49 Would your business benefit from better town mobility?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 1,790

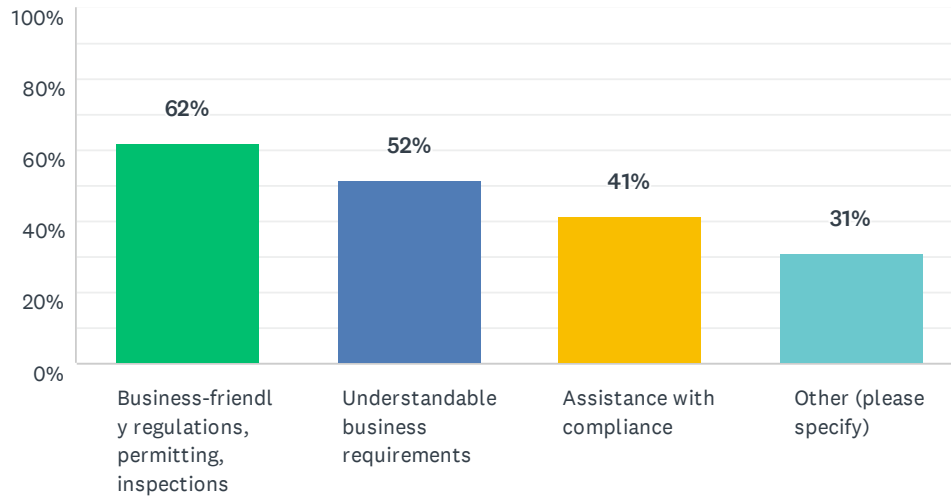


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Pedestrian or cyclist access to your business	68%	17
Parking near your business	12%	3
Other mobility options (please specify)	24%	6
Total Respondents: 25		

#	OTHER MOBILITY OPTIONS (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	No it's adequate.	1/1/2021 10:16 PM
2	Public transportation	12/31/2020 7:54 PM
3	Extension of Nashua bus route down 101a	12/31/2020 8:25 AM
4	auto traffic improvements.	12/20/2020 4:34 PM
5	No.	12/20/2020 12:30 PM
6	N/A	12/13/2020 7:16 PM

## Q50 Would your business benefit from better town administration?

Answered: 29 Skipped: 1,786



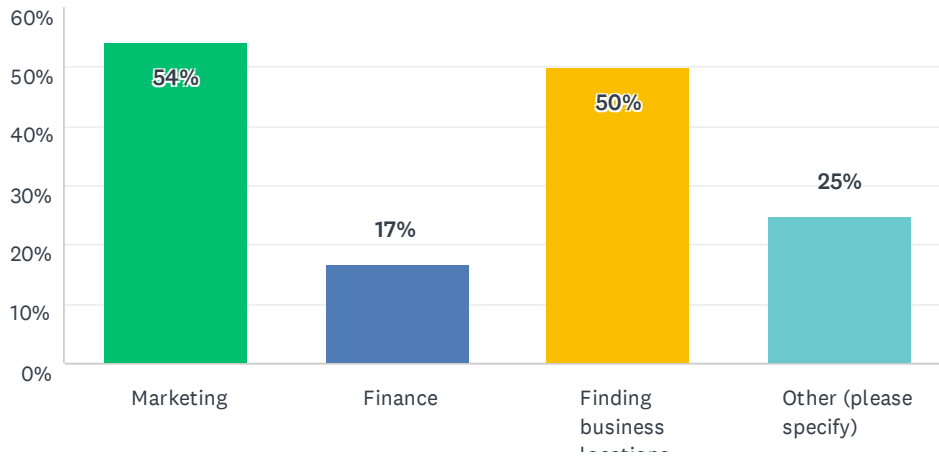
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Business-friendly regulations, permitting, inspections	62%	18
Understandable business requirements	52%	15
Assistance with compliance	41%	12
Other (please specify)	31%	9
Total Respondents: 29		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The Town Hall has been friendly and helpful... truly appreciated.	1/17/2021 8:16 PM
2	It's fine as is.	1/1/2021 10:16 PM
3	We always value the assistance given by the town administration.	12/28/2020 2:54 PM
4	No.	12/20/2020 12:30 PM
5	Change to town regulations on business signage	12/18/2020 8:33 PM
6	Treat owners respectfully	12/14/2020 10:42 PM
7	We have not had any reason to comment either way.	12/14/2020 2:41 PM
8	Stop all forms of shootings and fireworks.	12/13/2020 7:16 PM
9	Amherst was very helpful when I was setting up my business. It is one of the biggest reasons I ended up here.	12/13/2020 4:24 PM



## Q51 In what areas can the town collaborate better?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1,791



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Marketing	54%	13
Finance	17%	4
Finding business locations	50%	12
Other (please specify)	25%	6
Total Respondents: 24		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Cleaning up trash and enforcing no dumping laws in industrial areas	12/31/2020 8:25 AM
2	n/a	12/14/2020 2:41 PM
3	Allowing for non-residential area expanding.	12/14/2020 10:13 AM
4	A single town contact to aid with all town departments and regulations.	12/13/2020 9:02 PM
5	N/A	12/13/2020 7:16 PM
6	community development - assistance with expanding in Amherst Village	11/21/2020 5:07 PM

## Q52 Any other issues the town should address as it updates its Master Plan?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 1,801

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The library needs more user friendly hours for working citizens. Open on Mondays and Sundays.	1/17/2021 8:21 PM
2	Natural gas to as many households as possible. Town sewer to as many residences as possible	1/5/2021 7:46 PM
3	Encourage mixed use retail-residential development	12/31/2020 7:54 PM
4	These questions do not seem to address the issue that many small business people are simply telecommuters. Telecommuters have their own issues that are completely different from bricks and mortar businesses.	12/30/2020 8:05 PM
5	None	12/28/2020 2:54 PM
6	For business in the 101 and 101A corridor, the current situation works well. Keeping all but cottage industry confined to these corridors is in the best interest of both the town and businesses.	12/20/2020 12:30 PM
7	The left hand turn lanes on 101A seem to be a problem for many of my customers. Another traffic light would probably not be a popular idea, however. I don't know the answer. Just sharing the feedback. Thank you.	12/19/2020 12:31 PM
8	Replacing all the old elementary schools,	12/16/2020 7:27 AM
9	Encourage "town friendly " business development. LaBelle had been a great addition but then the legal action against them from citizens was very disappointing. Too much NIMBY	12/14/2020 10:42 PM
10	No. We run a state non profit from Amherst and it works really well.	12/14/2020 1:23 PM
11	Reducing taxes	12/14/2020 10:13 AM
12	Stop all forms of shootings and fireworks.	12/13/2020 7:16 PM
13	Updating Zoning. Allowed uses are outdated and in need of a refresh.	12/11/2020 8:23 PM
14	More of a focus on keeping property taxes reasonable	11/21/2020 5:07 PM