

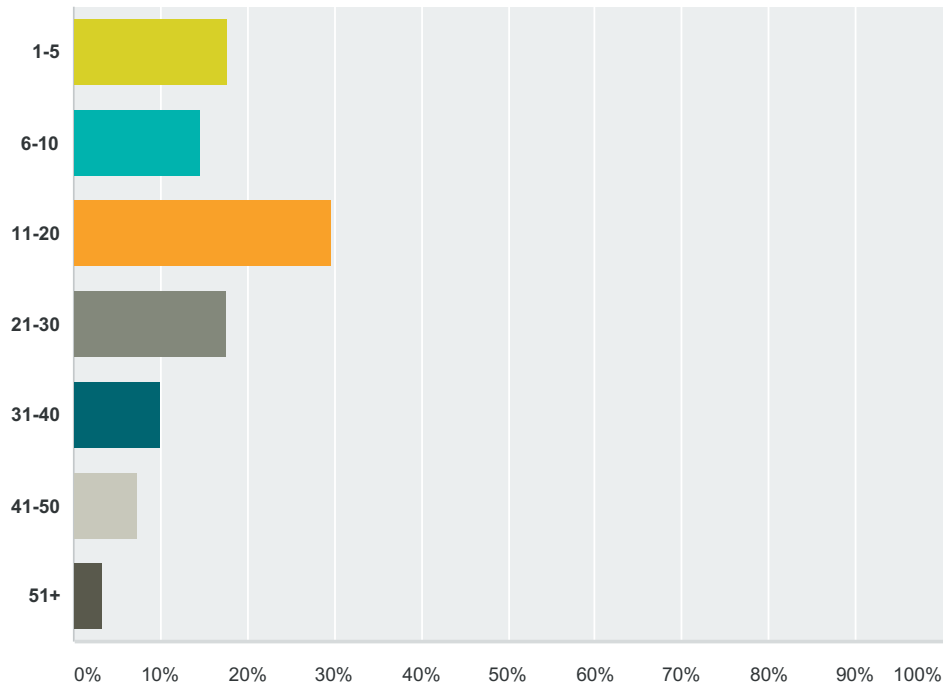
2016 Duxbury Town Government Study Committee ~ SURVEY ~ Results



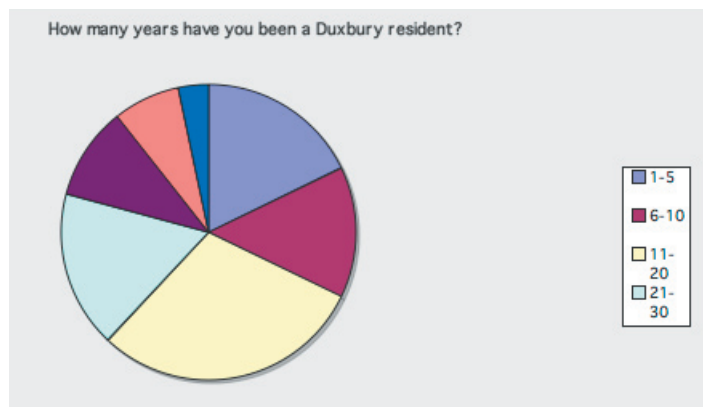
Through March 4th, 2016

Q1 How many years have you been a Duxbury resident?

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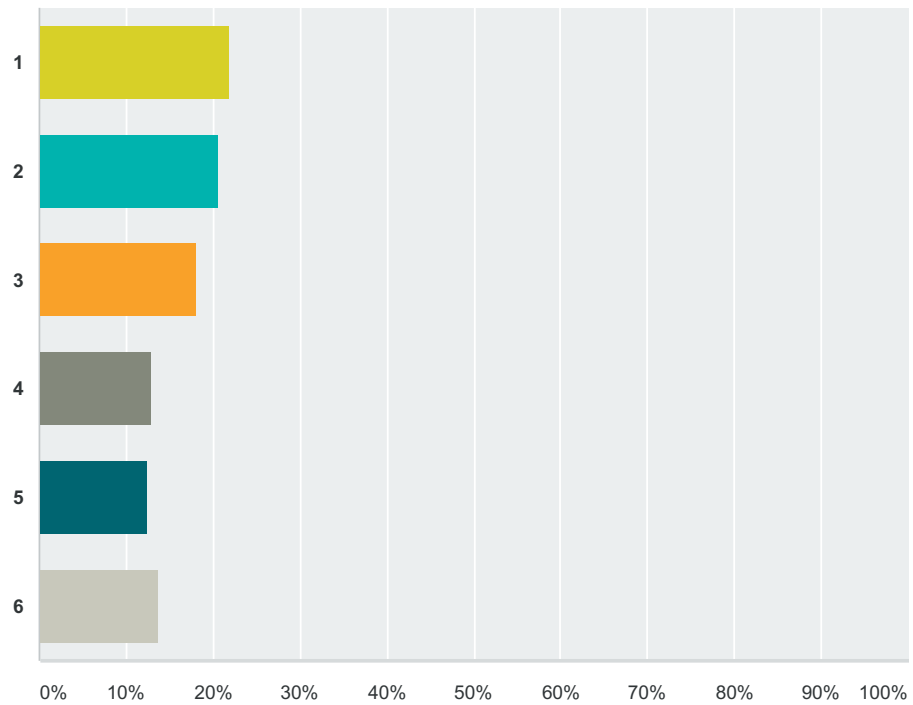


Answer Choices	Responses
1-5	17.78% 104
6-10	14.53% 85
11-20	29.57% 173
21-30	17.44% 102
31-40	10.09% 59
41-50	7.35% 43
51+	3.25% 19
Total	585

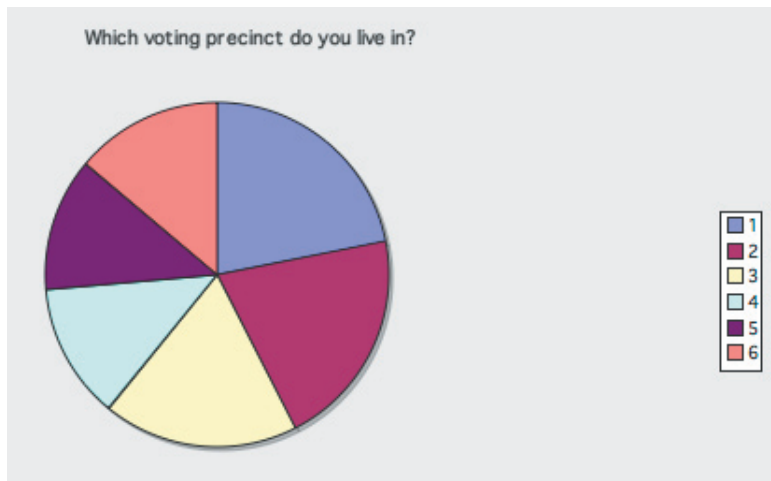


Q2 Which voting precinct do you live in?

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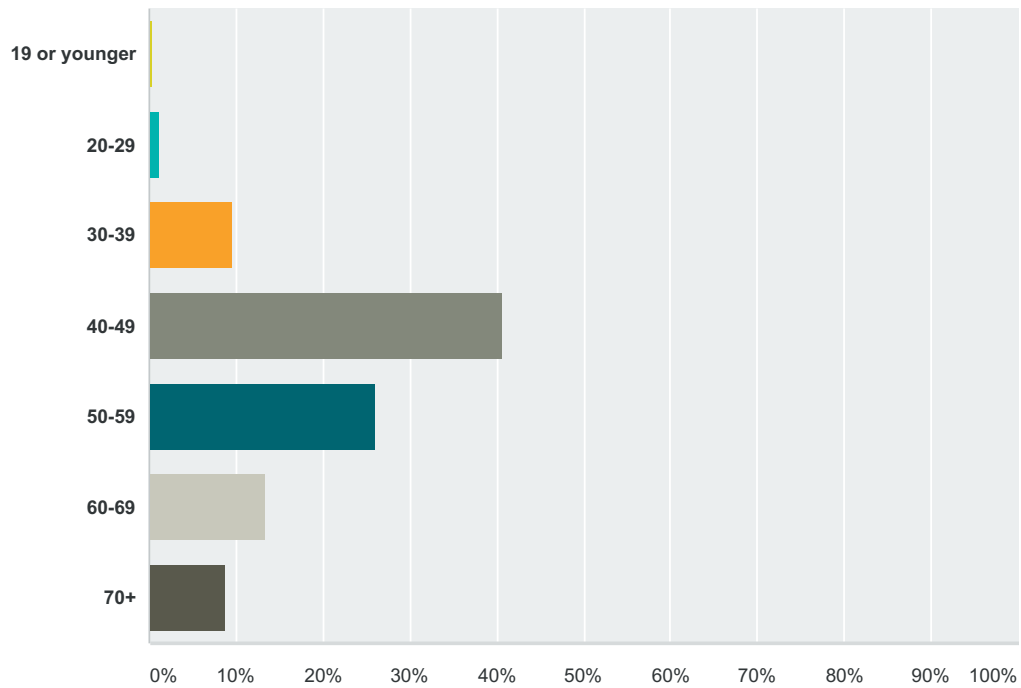


Answer Choices	Responses	
1	21.88%	128
2	20.68%	121
3	18.12%	106
4	12.99%	76
5	12.48%	73
6	13.85%	81
Total		585

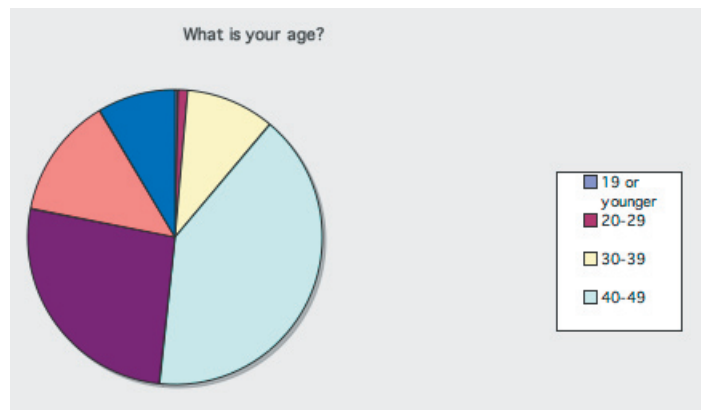


Q3 What is your age?

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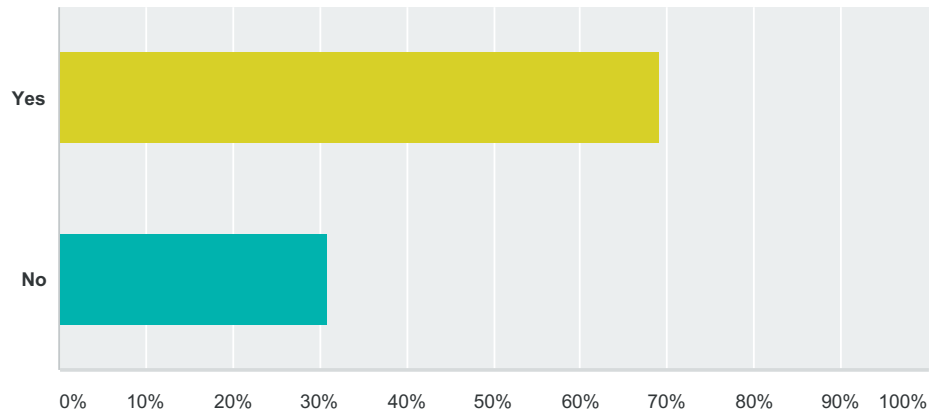


Answer Choices	Responses	
19 or younger	0.34%	2
20-29	1.20%	7
30-39	9.57%	56
40-49	40.68%	238
50-59	26.15%	153
60-69	13.33%	78
70+	8.72%	51
Total		585

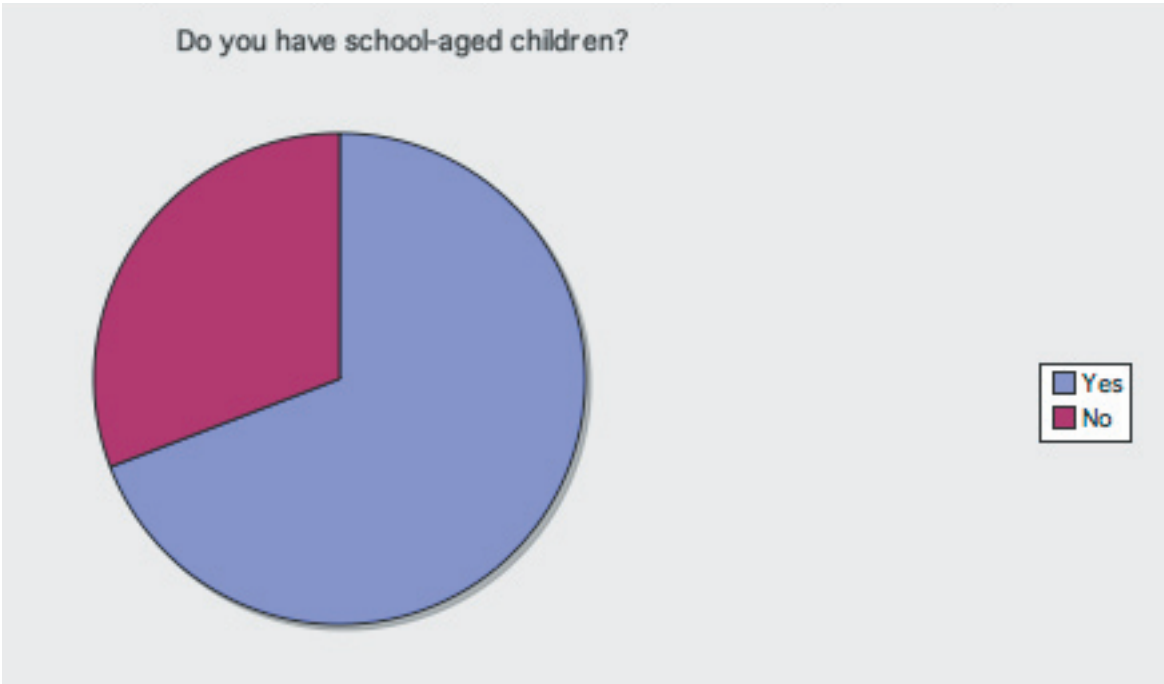


Q4 Do you have school-aged children?

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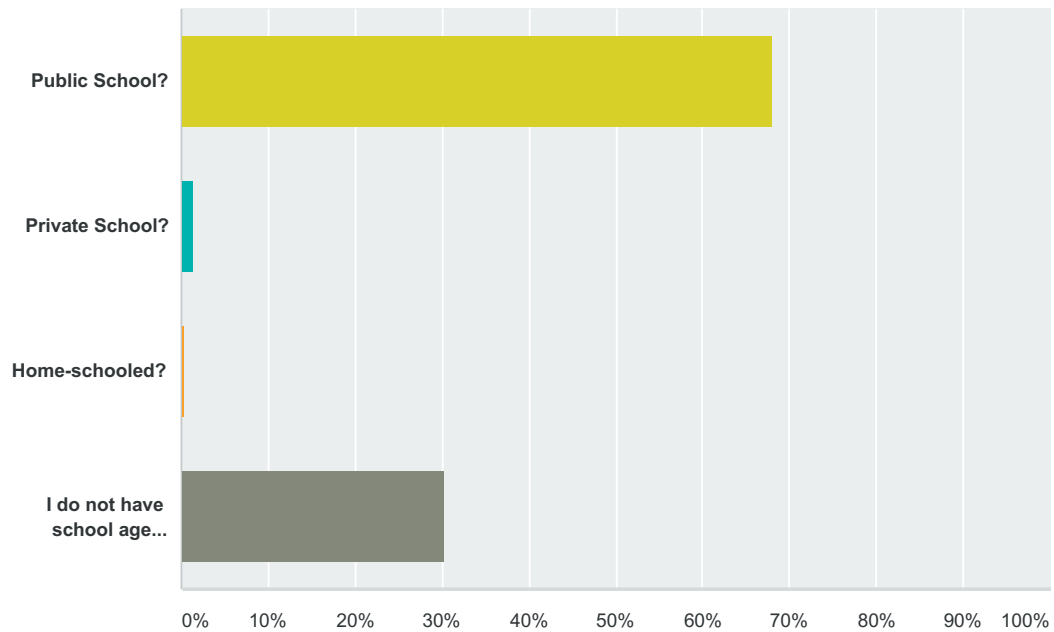


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	69.06%	404
No	30.94%	181
Total		585

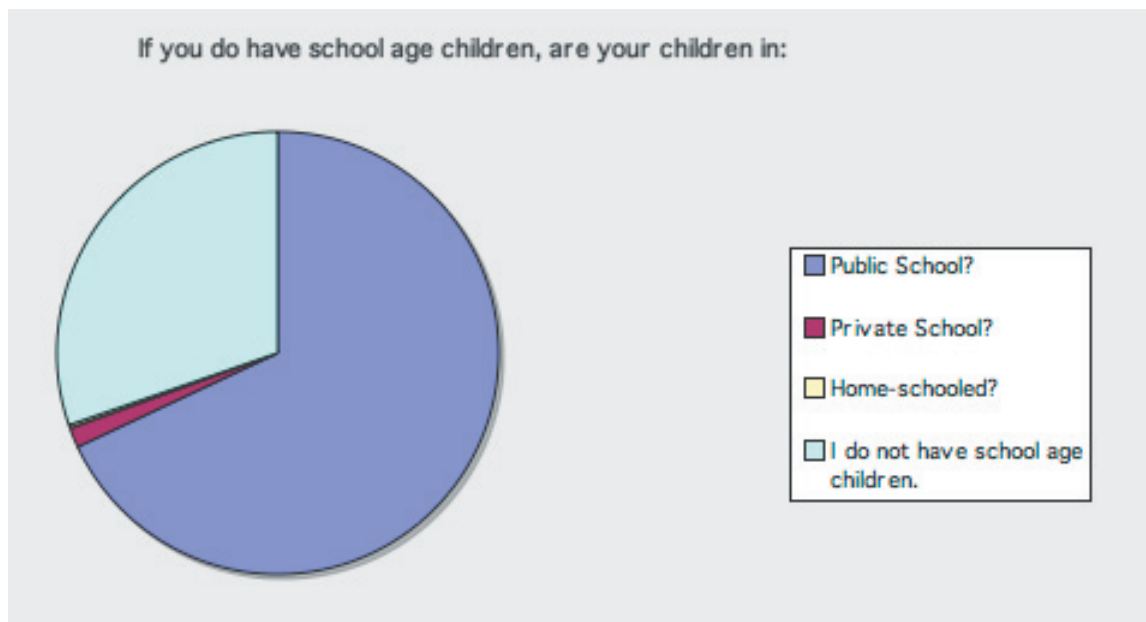


Q5 If you do have school age children, are your children in:

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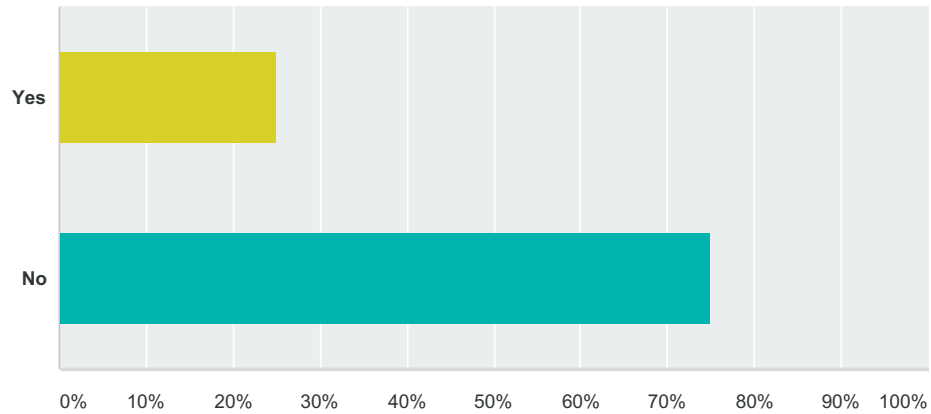


Answer Choices	Responses	
Public School?	68.03%	398
Private School?	1.37%	8
Home-schooled?	0.34%	2
I do not have school age children.	30.26%	177
Total		585

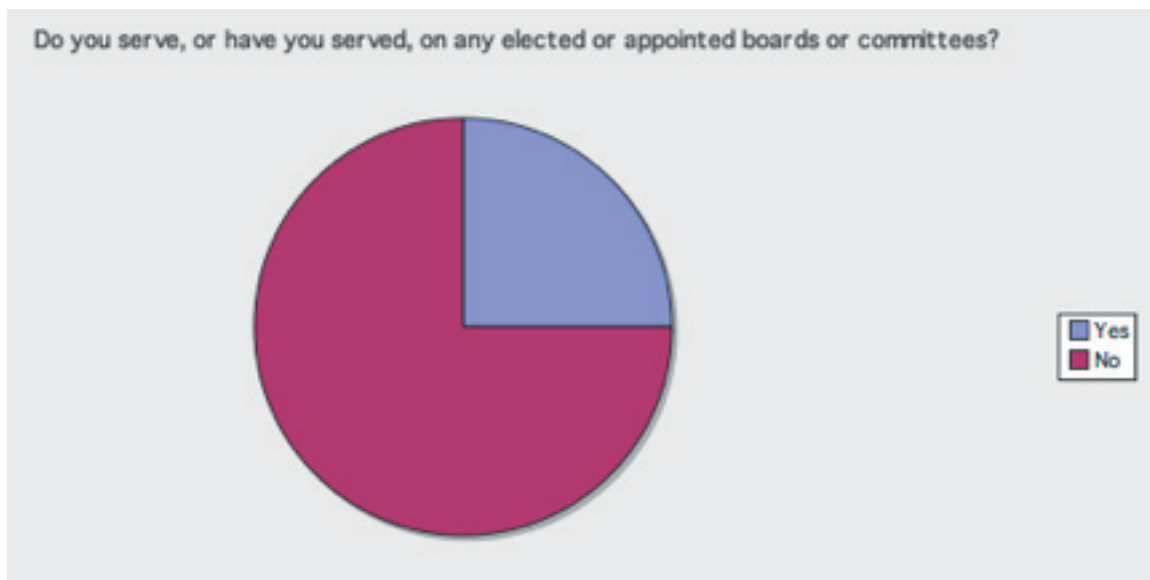


Q6 Do you serve, or have you served, on any elected or appointed boards or committees?

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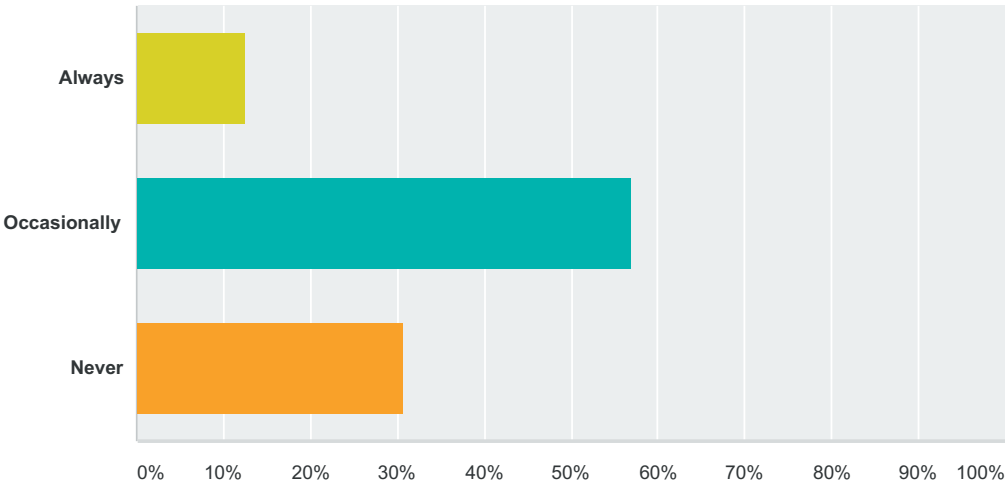


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	25.13%	147
No	74.87%	438
Total		585

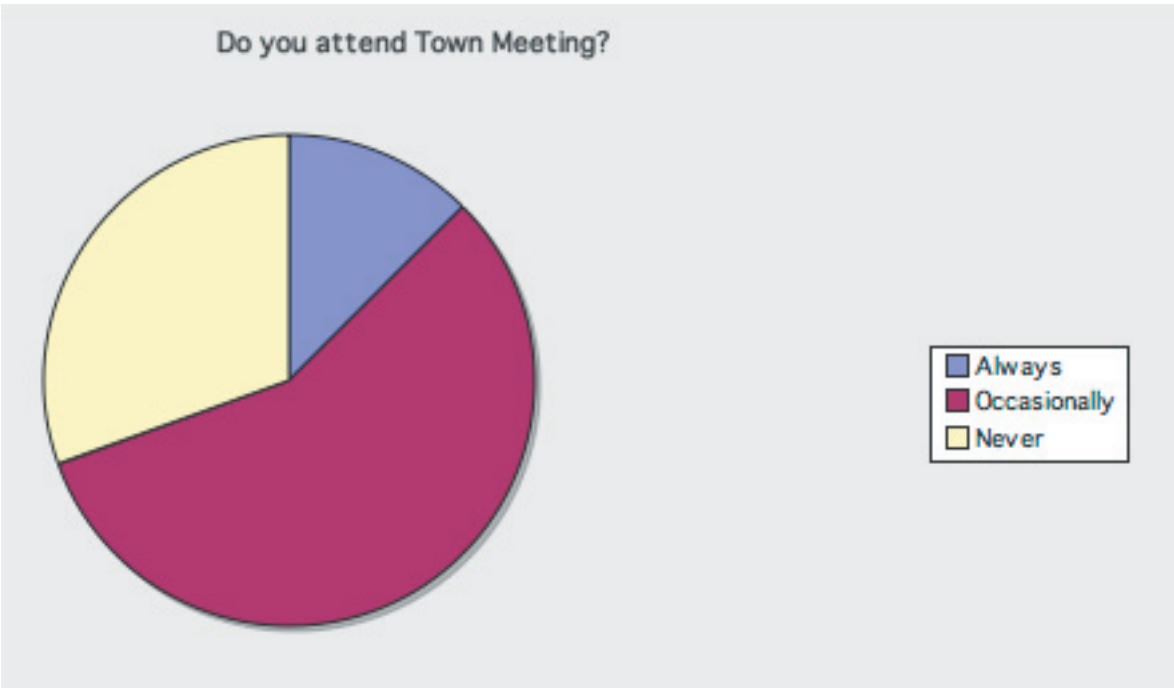


Q7 Do you attend Town Meeting?

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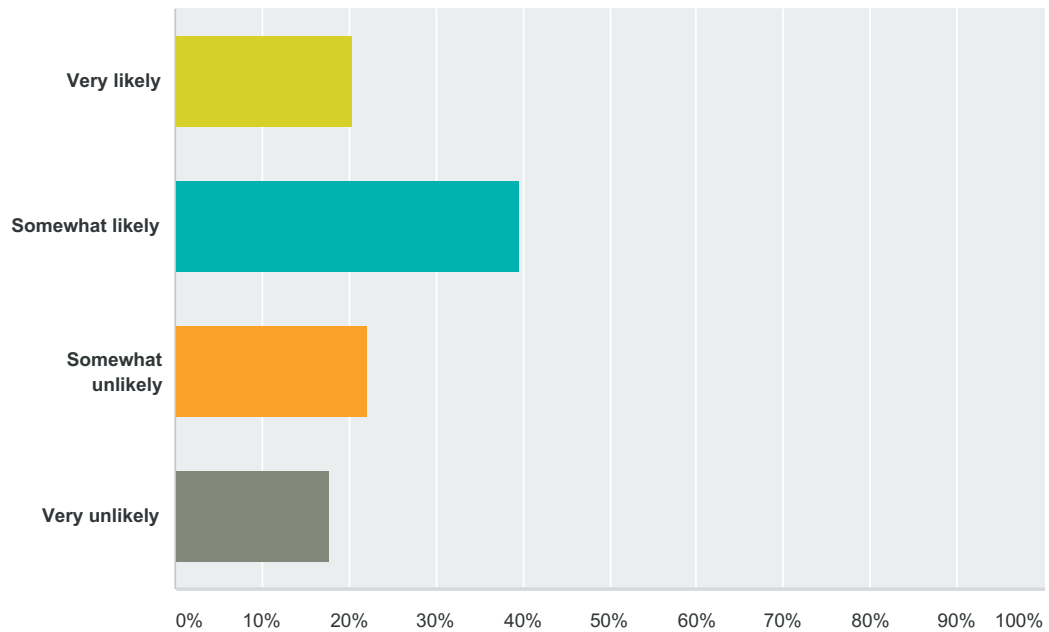


Answer Choices	Responses	
Always	12.48%	73
Occasionally	56.92%	333
Never	30.60%	179
Total		585

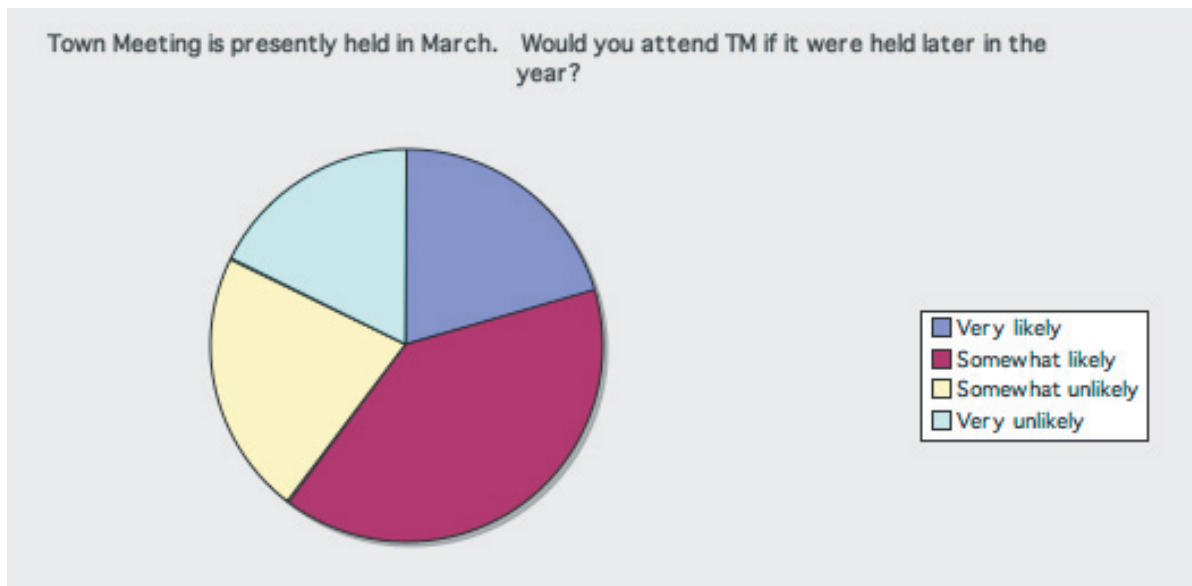


Q8 Town Meeting is presently held in March. Would you attend TM if it were held later in the year?

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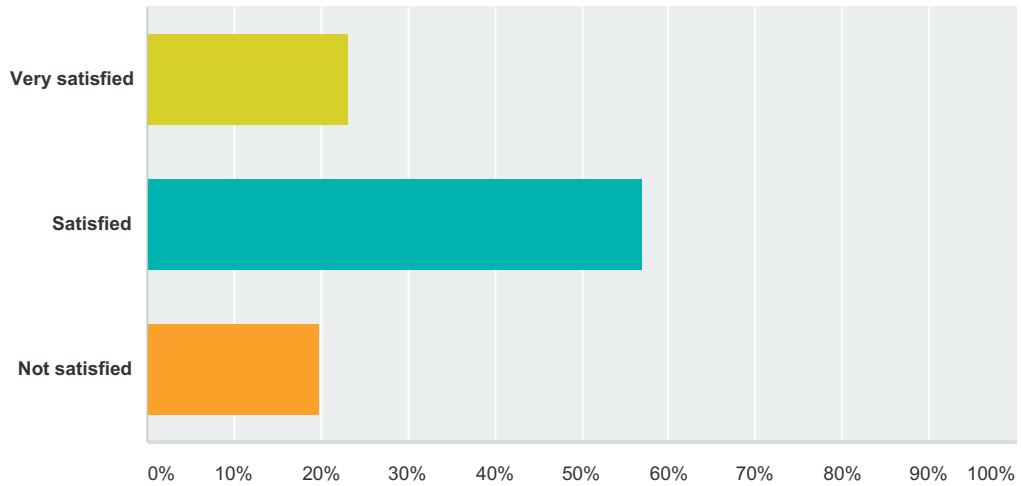


Answer Choices	Responses	
Very likely	20.51%	120
Somewhat likely	39.66%	232
Somewhat unlikely	22.05%	129
Very unlikely	17.78%	104
Total		585



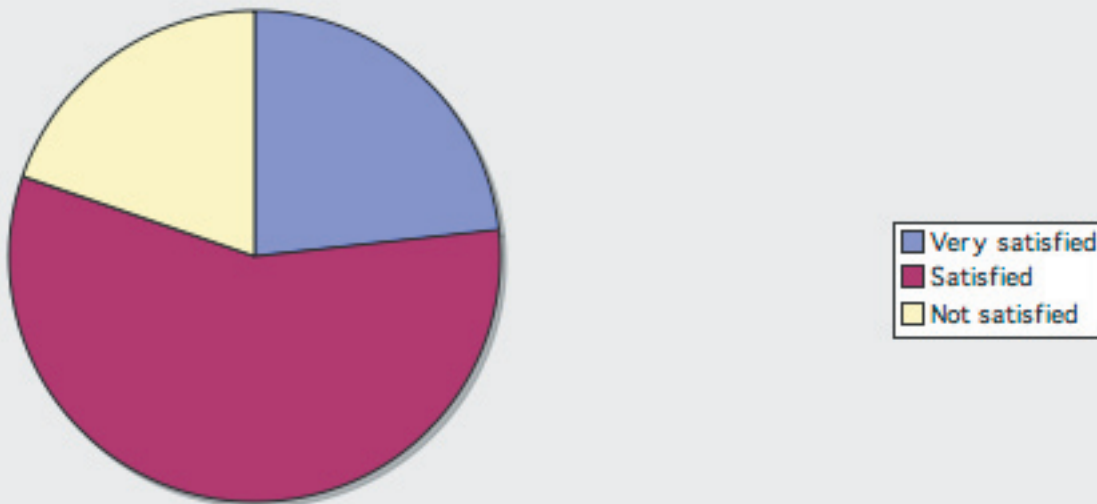
Q9 How do you feel about the Open Town Meeting form of Government?

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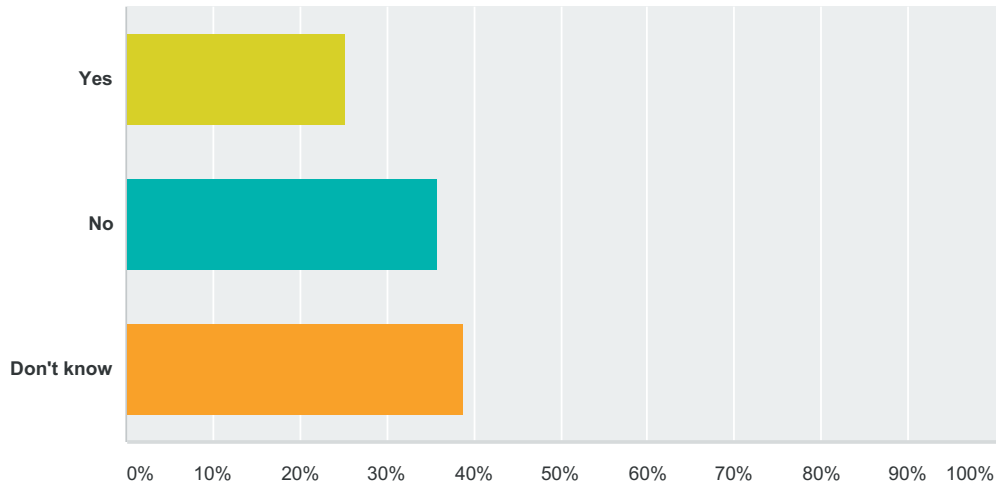
Answer Choices	Responses	
Very satisfied	23.25%	136
Satisfied	56.92%	333
Not satisfied	19.83%	116
Total		585

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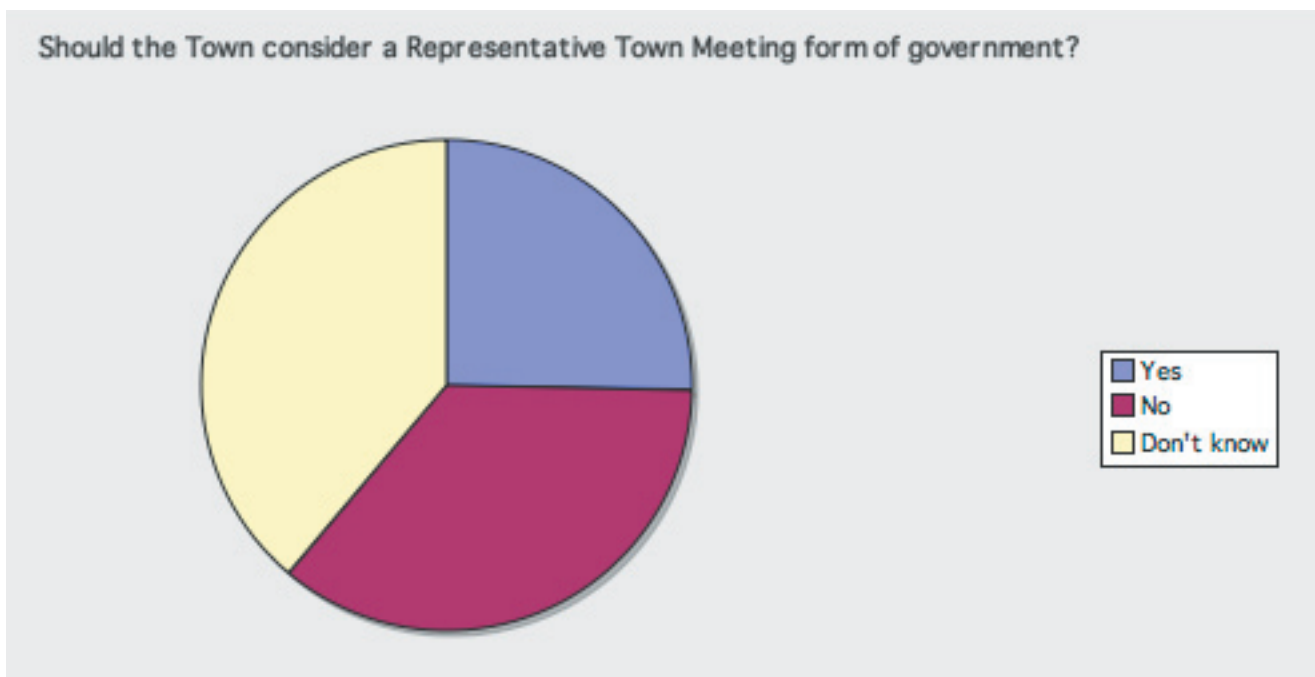


Q10 Should the Town consider a Representative Town Meeting form of government?

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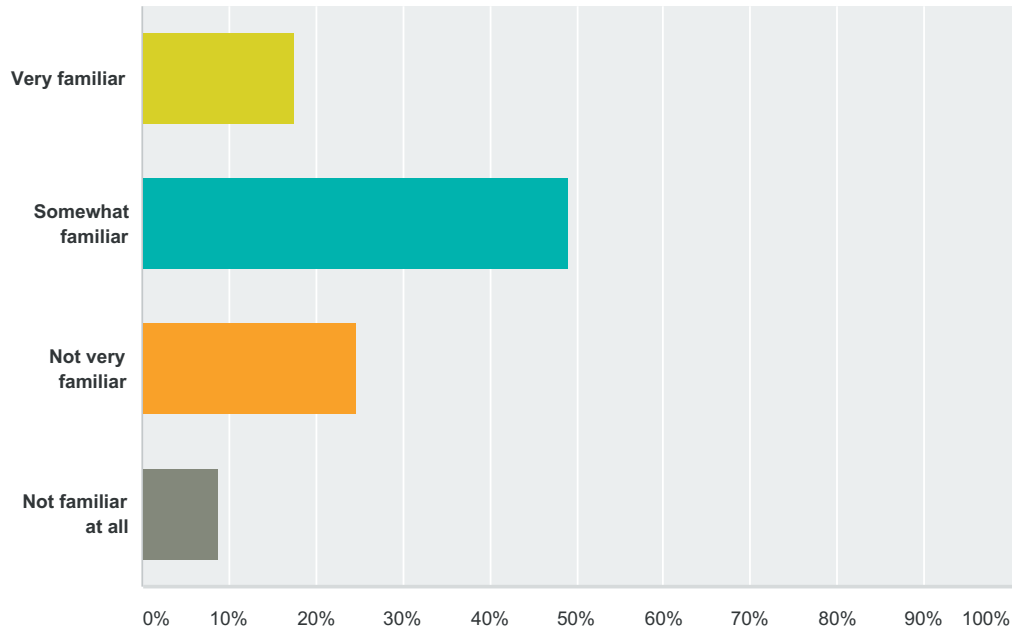


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	25.30%	148
No	35.90%	210
Don't know	38.80%	227
Total		585

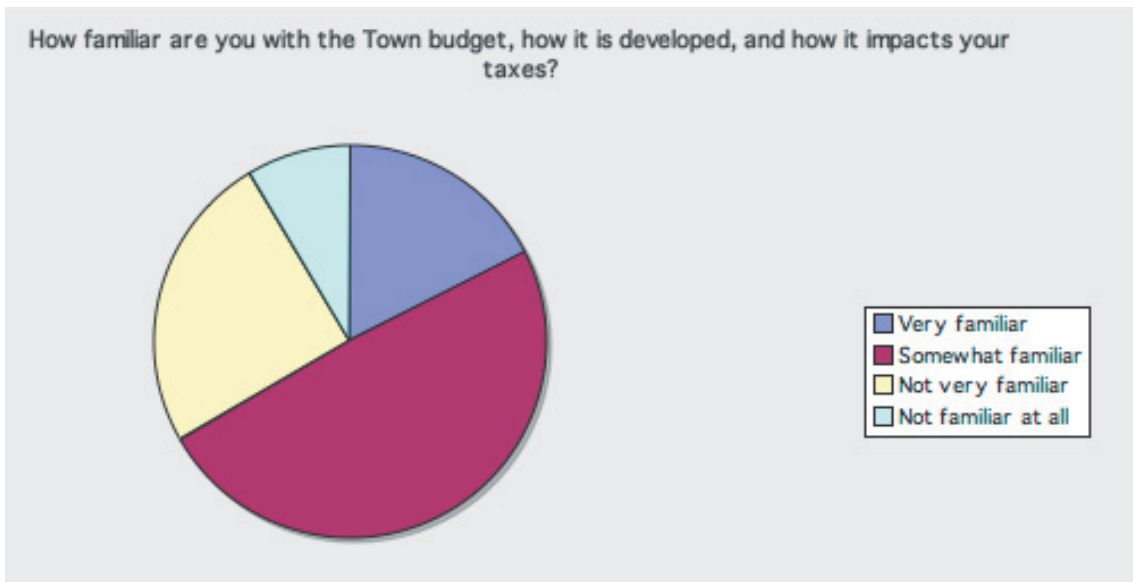


Q11 How familiar are you with the Town budget, how it is developed, and how it impacts your taxes?

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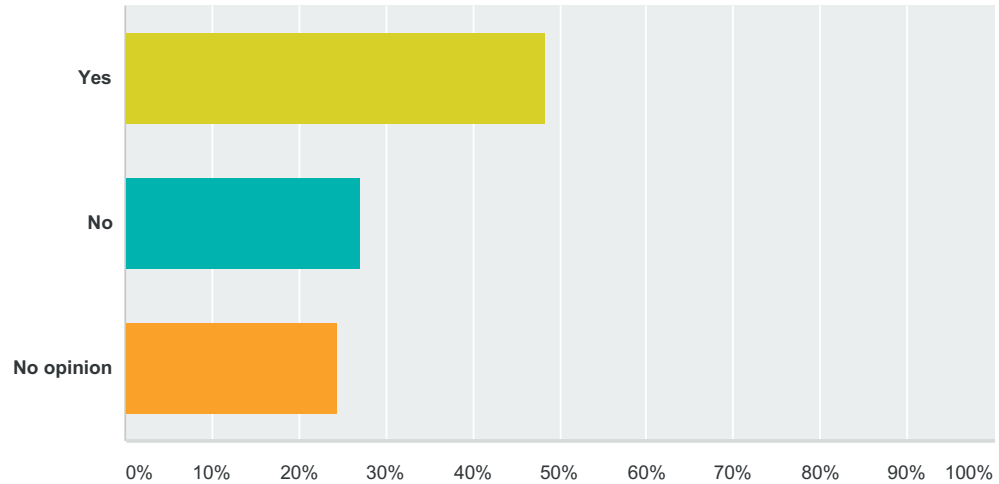


Answer Choices	Responses	
Very familiar	17.61%	103
Somewhat familiar	49.06%	287
Not very familiar	24.62%	144
Not familiar at all	8.72%	51
Total		585



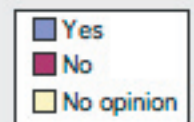
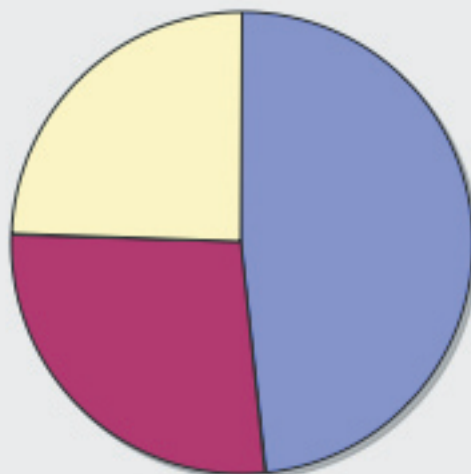
Q12 The Board of Selectmen is presently made up of three (3) members. Should the number of members of the Board of Selectmen be expanded?

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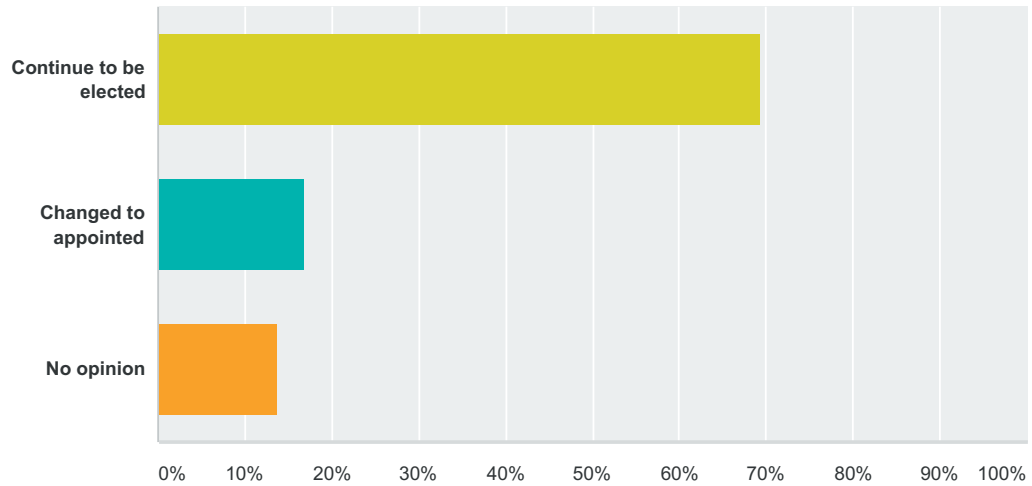
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	48.38%	283
No	27.18%	159
No opinion	24.44%	143
Total		585

The Board of Selectmen is presently made up of three (3) members. Should the number of members of the Board of Selectmen be expanded?



Q13 The Town Clerk's position is presently elected. Should the Town Clerk position:

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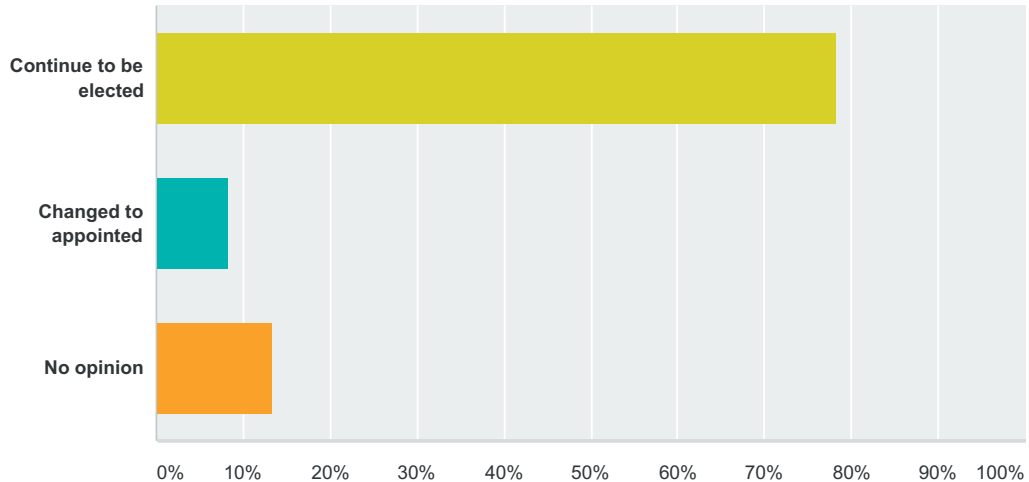
Answer Choices	Responses	
Continue to be elected	69.23%	405
Changed to appointed	16.92%	99
No opinion	13.85%	81
Total		585

The Town Clerk's position is presently elected. Should the Town Clerk position:

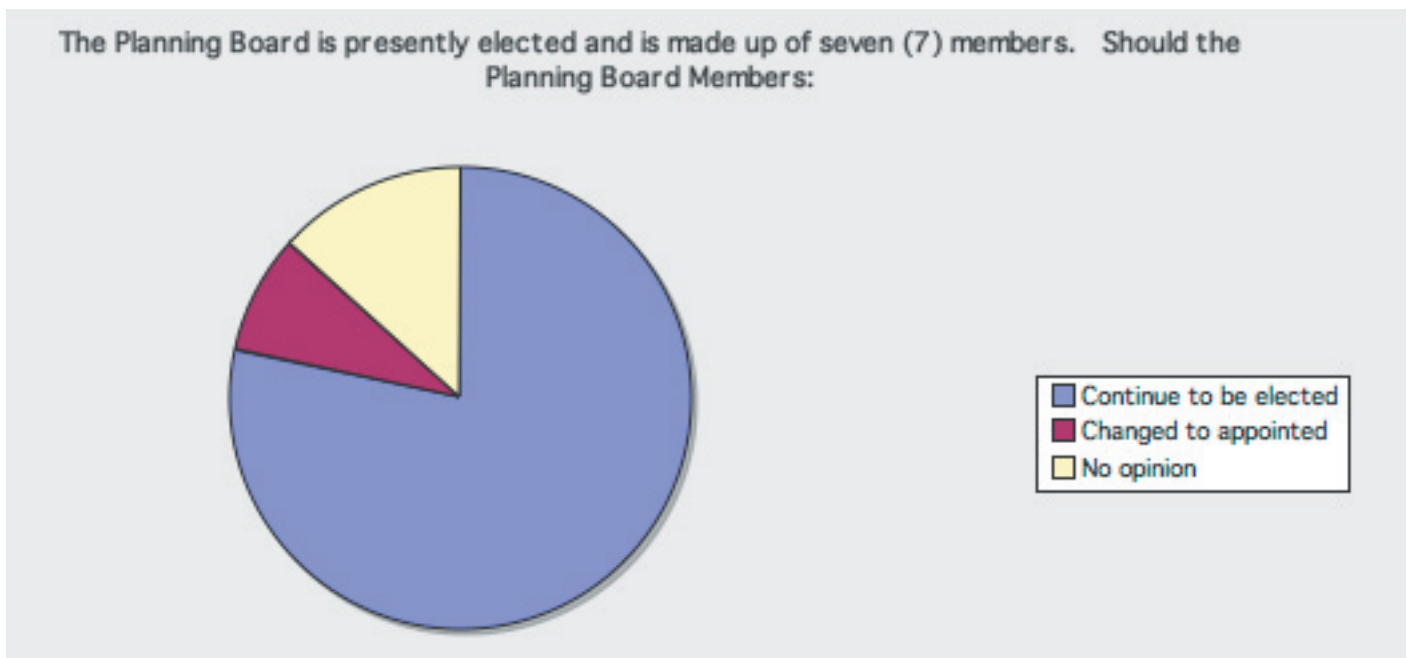


Q14 The Planning Board is presently elected and is made up of seven (7) members. Should the Planning Board Members:

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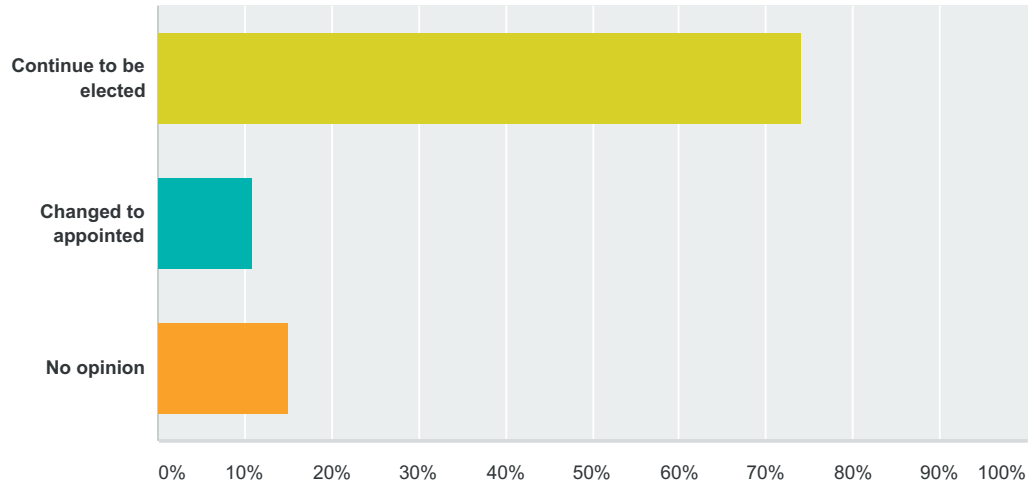


Answer Choices	Responses	
Continue to be elected	78.29%	458
Changed to appointed	8.38%	49
No opinion	13.33%	78
Total		585



Q15 The Board of Assessors is presently elected and is made up of three (3) members. Should the Board of Assessors Members:

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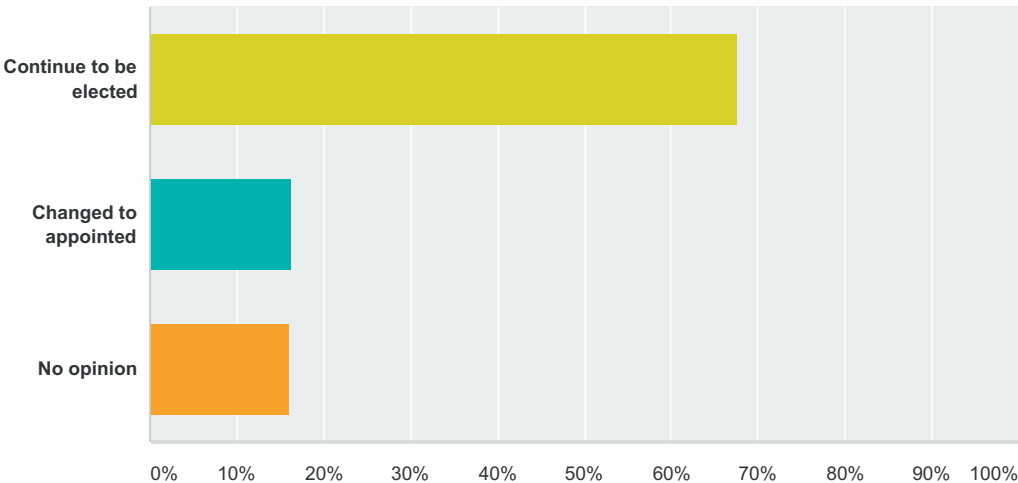
Answer Choices	Responses
Continue to be elected	74.19% 434
Changed to appointed	10.77% 63
No opinion	15.04% 88
Total	585

The Board of Assessors is presently elected and is made up of three (3) members. Should the Board of Assessors Members:

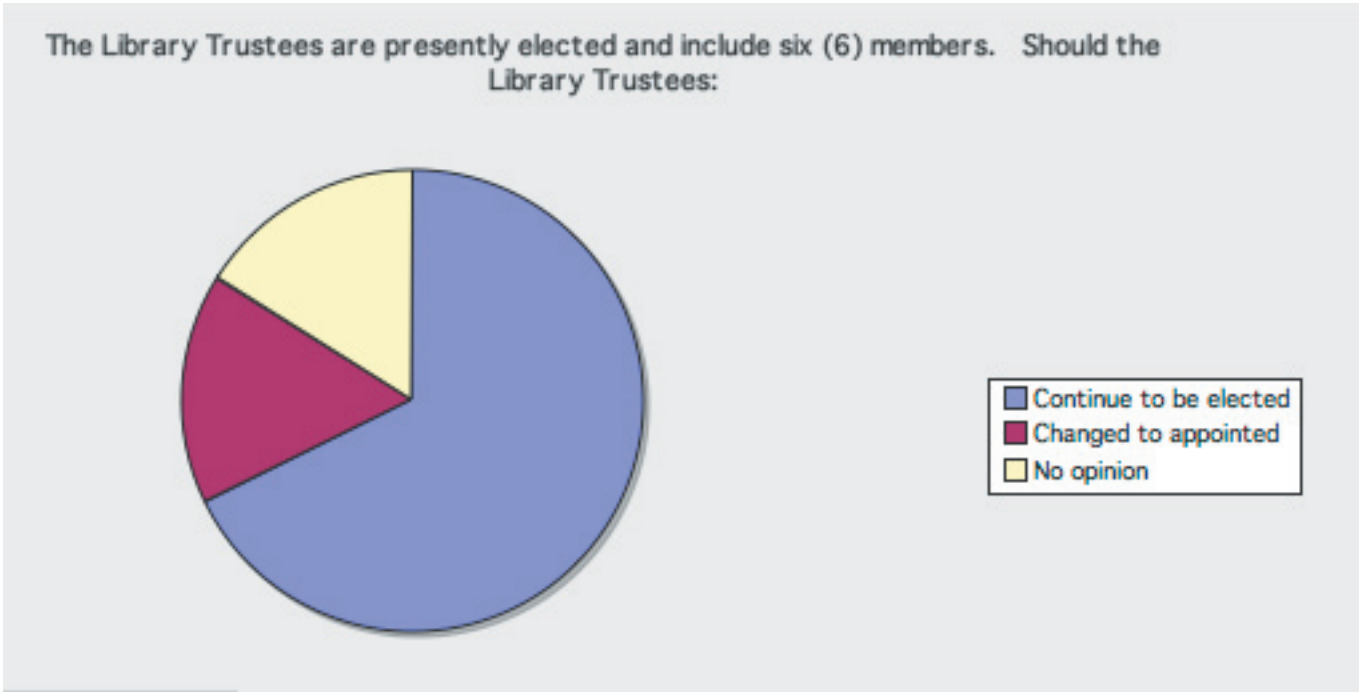


**Q16 The Library Trustees are presently elected and include six (6) members.
Should the Library Trustees:**

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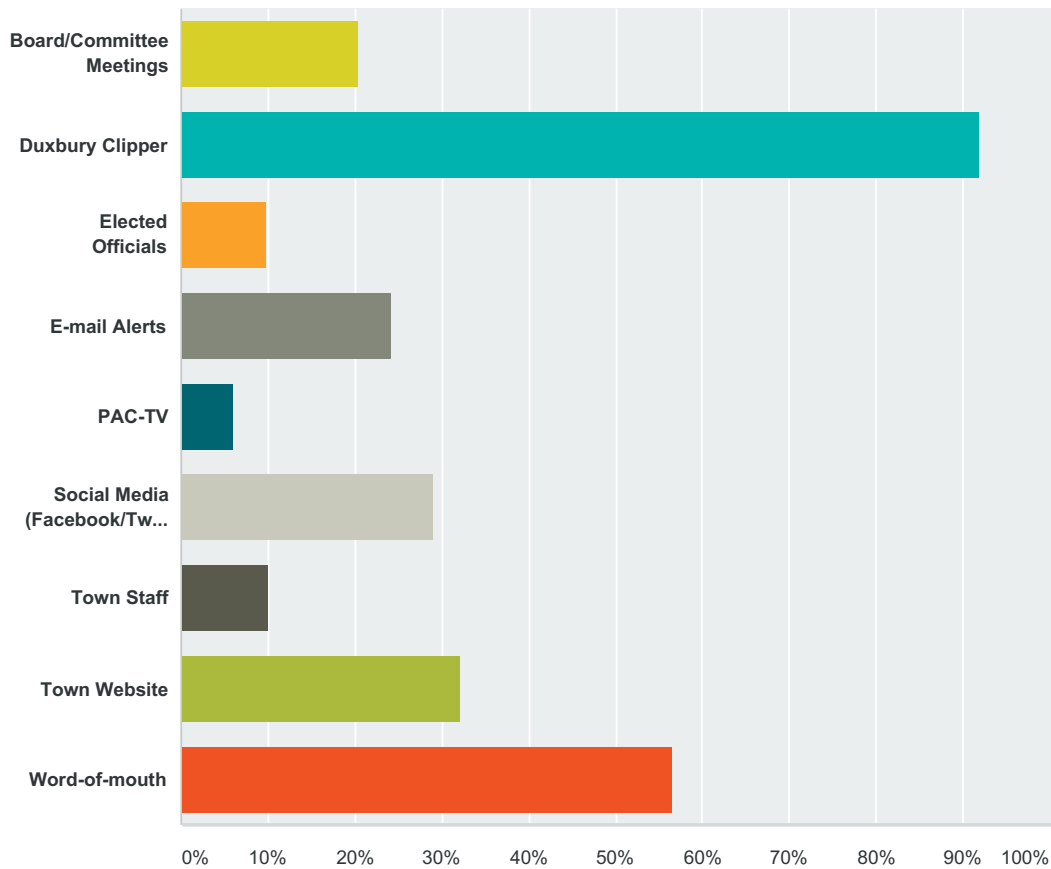


Answer Choices	Responses	
Continue to be elected	67.69%	396
Changed to appointed	16.24%	95
No opinion	16.07%	94
Total		585



Q17 What are your primary sources of information about Duxbury services and news?

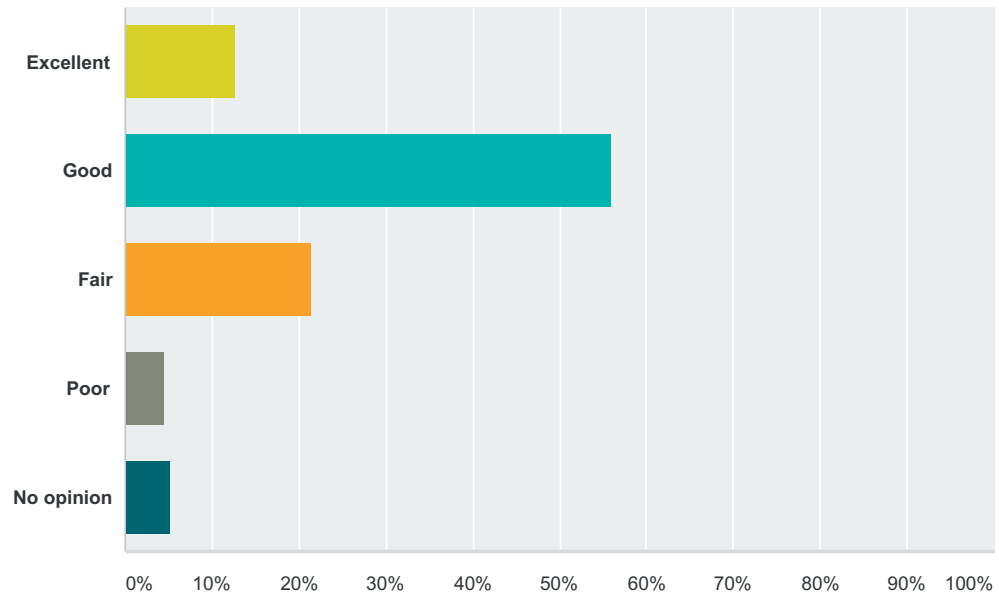
Answered: 584 Skipped: 1



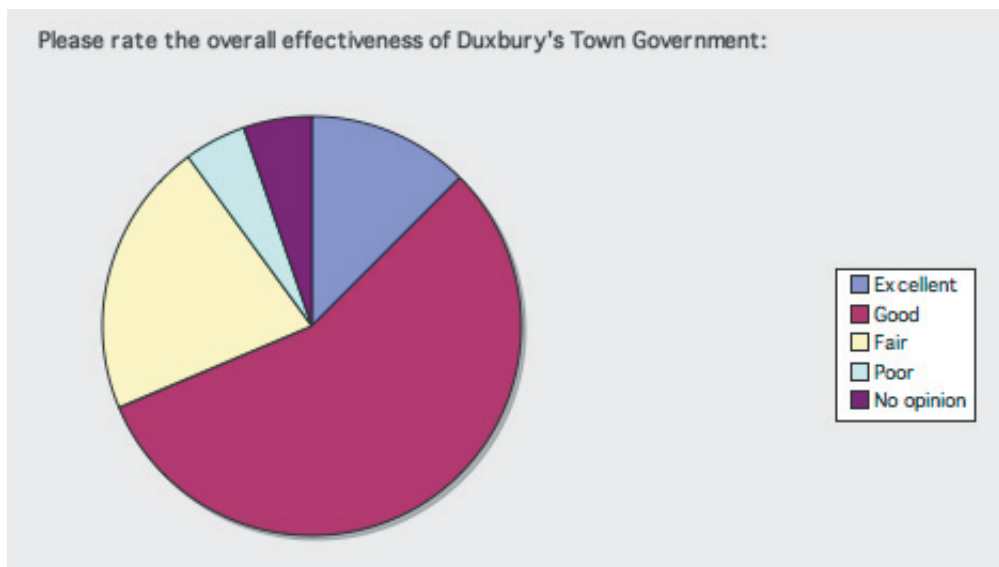
Answer Choices	Responses	
Board/Committee Meetings	20.55%	120
Duxbury Clipper	91.78%	536
Elected Officials	9.76%	57
E-mail Alerts	24.14%	141
PAC-TV	5.99%	35
Social Media (Facebook/Twitter)	29.11%	170
Town Staff	9.93%	58
Town Website	32.19%	188
Word-of-mouth	56.51%	330
Total Respondents: 584		

Q18 Please rate the overall effectiveness of Duxbury's Town Government:

Answered: 585 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Excellent	12.65%	74
Good	55.90%	327
Fair	21.54%	126
Poor	4.62%	27
No opinion	5.30%	31
Total		585



2016 Duxbury Town Government Study Committee

Q19 What topics or issues would you like the Town Government Study Committee to address?

Answered: 236 Skipped: 349

#	Responses	Date
1	Ridiculous Spenoing Assistant in selectman office other town offices dismissive not responsive police fire dismissive, poor attitude toward taxpaper	3/4/2016 11:12 AM
2	Inability of town to provide safe street. Huge personnel staffing high paid salaries for pbulic safety..... buildings but too lazy to provide streets to walk on	3/4/2016 11:08 AM
3	change demolition delay from 75 years to 100 years	3/4/2016 11:05 AM
4	? should be discontinued Harbormaster budget is too large	3/4/2016 10:29 AM
5	Taxes, Appraisal/Valuations/Sales price of prosperity should be considered as value	3/4/2016 10:21 AM
6	The Board of Appeals appears to make "gut" decision without discussing the facts and applying themm to the law and by-laws at issue. They need trainning. Procedures of the Selectman in makeing appointments. They never discuss the qualifications of appointees in public instead they nominate and vote without discussion.	3/4/2016 10:13 AM
7	Public employee committee which I have been appointed to but it never meets my request to hold a meeting has fallen on deaf ears. I am supposed to be representing retired employees with respect to healthcare policy and plans...as a retired teacher	3/4/2016 9:40 AM
8	Town finances for the schools sometimes this is a cause for our higher taxes. Their has to be comprimizing.	3/3/2016 3:14 PM
9	Reviw the requirement for the town meeting moderator is held to a one year term and needs to seek re-election every year. It should be a 3 year term the same as the town clerk. Change the requirement where the school budget porposed can be voted upon at the town hall meeting by department just as the town budget is handled. Now it is a all or nothing meoth of review.	3/3/2016 3:07 PM
10	Pedestrian safety. Pole should encourage walkers/runners to face the oncoming traffic ... cars are allowed to park withthe driver's side to the curb	3/3/2016 2:46 PM
11	Zoning bylaws need to be updated to preserve and improve aesthetics, and encourage businesses to locate in town.	2/27/2016 12:25 PM
12	Unfunded pension liability. Conflict of interest of town officials.	2/22/2016 5:27 PM
13	Why do certain committees have appointed people in them for decades..see CPC committee..this is a joke..the chair has been on the committee since inception...seriously?? Strengthen the Town Manager Act so the BOS, certain member (s) cannot try to be the day to day manager of the Town, that is y we pay the Town Manager. Town meeting should be handled diplomatically but...the moderator needs to have some guts and cut people off when the ramble past the 5 minute mark, it makes people not want to attend when they are exposed to the never ending windbags who like to hear themselves talk. Fiscal and Finance Committee too many duplication of oversight. Not in favor of representative Town meeting...it is fine now..you don't go..shame on you..but it should be in April	2/22/2016 11:14 AM
14	How a golf contract can be given to a company who is currently suing the town. Fewer people came to town meeting when it was held in nicer weather--that is why it was moved to March After town meeting, I'm sure I will think of a lot more thing!!!!	2/20/2016 2:30 PM
15	Sidewalks, walking & bike paths.	2/20/2016 1:50 PM
16	Working to ensure our town continues to have elected officials as this ensures accountability for our residents. I also hope town meeting is not moved or replaced by representative town meeting.	2/20/2016 9:02 AM
17	Making sure we are doing an appropriate amount of long range planning so that we better manage our schedule of capital requirements.	2/19/2016 12:30 PM
18	Either changing the date of Town Meeting to April/May or studying transition to Representative town govt. I feel town meeting has lost its effectiveness.	2/18/2016 8:55 AM
19	Better disclosure of towns financials(ie pension liability)	2/17/2016 9:45 PM
20	Planning	2/17/2016 9:41 PM

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21	How to improve participation in town government	2/17/2016 7:52 PM
22	1. Provide safe places to walk and bicycle in the town. 2. Construct sidewalks linking neighborhoods to shopping and churches. 3. Provide bicycle lanes which are separated from motor vehicular traveled streets. 4. The committee should study the internal function of Town government, including town department operations. Town department heads should report to one individual, the Town Manager, and not to an elected or appointed board. 5. Better enforce the beach parking lots, as some parked cars have not displayed current (valid) beach parking stickers. 6. My child is placed in a private school, because of special needs, by the public school district. So, for Question number 5 above " If you do have school age children, are your children in:", should have as a possible selection response: My child is placed in a private school by the public school district. 7. Question number 6 above, "Do you serve, or have you served, on any elected or appointed boards or committees?" should instead read, Do you serve, or have you served, on any elected or appointed boards or committees in Duxbury, or have you served on any elected or appointed boards or committees in another town or city prior to becoming a Duxbury resident?	2/15/2016 2:32 PM
23	Determine more aggressive means of recruiting other members of the population. The citizens who honorably volunteer for committees remain for periods of time that hinder the opportunity for new blood and fresher ideas. The budget cycle needs to be modified. This is already on the radar... just want to reinforce the need to study the current process and how it relates to the state budget cycle.	2/15/2016 9:59 AM
24	Remove strong town manager. Restore power back to selectmen	2/14/2016 9:29 PM
25	I don't believe the open town meeting adequately represents the citizens of Duxbury. I'd like to see the town go to a representative approach.	2/14/2016 12:38 PM
26	Reduction in spending, conservation of open space, school administration relationship with students	2/14/2016 9:15 AM
27	I am not a fan of the town meeting form of government. Discussion/voting process is too drawn out and if everyone participated would take forever. I would prefer that expenditures over a certain amount be summarized and be voted on at an annual town election.	2/12/2016 11:36 AM
28	town meeting structure -- i'd suggest a week-long series of open houses where all articles can be discussed followed by an all-weekend voting period where people can stop in whenever convenient to vote, perhaps even with a little tax incentive for those who do	2/11/2016 2:22 PM
29	Signs at Halls corner showing town parking . on Washington St girls scout house	2/11/2016 8:11 AM
30	Please make annual meeting more efficient with time by putting parameters on how long a presentation can be (i.e. every CPA article should not be a 20 minute presentation on the history of Duxbury). I would like to have normal GAAP historical financials for articles such as the Golf course prior to town meeting so you don't spend hours during the meeting trying to comprehend how much money has been made or lost over the last couple years.	2/10/2016 9:41 PM
31	How to stabilize taxes on property	2/10/2016 4:46 PM
32	The use of technology to streamline services and provide more online content to residents.	2/10/2016 11:49 AM
33	solar panels on gov. buildings have a flood plain comm. cut back on management type positions in the schools sell golf course	2/10/2016 10:20 AM
34	Dropping Johnson management of North Hill and not allowing builders to sneakily try to change wetlands maps.	2/8/2016 11:56 AM
35	More cost effective. More participatory-more items to vote. Improved operational methodologies.	2/7/2016 3:05 PM
36	The inequality of services throughout the town	2/7/2016 10:43 AM
37	I am complete novice when it comes to Town Meetings, who our elected officials are and how our processes work in town. That said, I know I am not alone. There are many young families in town who, like myself, might get involved if it were not so intimidating. I think it would be beneficial for the town to really promote attendance by the younger generations like me so we could better understand how our voices can be heard. It would be great if there were an open house or something where we could be introduced to whoever is on the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Board of Assessors and Library of Trustees and learn what those functions actually do. I am going to try to attend the Town Meeting this year to learn more for myself.	2/6/2016 6:30 PM
38	Continue to professionalize town government; land use/planning/permitting departments, boards and committees; look at pros and cons of council form of government.	2/6/2016 10:53 AM
39	The Town operates for the benefit of a few elected officials, who are not held accountable.	2/5/2016 7:48 PM
40	Too many of our town officials are corrupt. There are far too many personal agendas and conflicts of interest.	2/5/2016 6:10 PM
41	Water-removal of flouride	2/5/2016 2:10 PM

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42	Duxbury has gone from a simple summer town up until the early 70s to a full suburb of Boston. The town operates reactively, not proactively. They forced commercial businesses out of town, spend money uncontrollably and have people in important positions that have many conflicts of interest. There's little respect for the long-time residents that have supported this town over the years. The school vote several years ago was so disheartening as to how it was stacked by these young parents just for their vote. They came in for that vote and then left. We are on our third police station ... now a barrack ... and second high school. We all spend money to maintain our older homes, why doesn't the town properly maintain its older buildings. The benefits of education are in the people and the teachers, not fancy, over the top buildings. It's the teachers that impact young lives, not bricks and mortar. New people come to Duxbury because it's so charming, but they can't wait to take that away and build their mansions, to only turn around and sell them within 10 years. Too bad Duxbury doesn't have stricter building codes like Nantucket and too bad that if one uses one particular contractor, the sky is the limit and homeowners can do whatever they want as the rules will get bent. Too bad Duxbury is not the special town that it used to be with one of the top high schools in the country.	2/5/2016 1:05 PM
43	Side walks and safety. Drivers drive too fast because the roads are not shared with cyclists or pedestrians	2/5/2016 12:42 PM
44	Putting a hold on large scale capital infrastructure projects (while police, fire, schools have been attended to and were in need of attention, the resulting tax increases are challenging). Encouraging small business development in town. I would love to see a more vibrant/small business zoned section of town (similar to Scituate harbor). While there have been improvements, it would be great to see Duxbury flourishing with more restaurants and shops (while keeping to the conservative growth this town has always enjoyed).	2/5/2016 11:44 AM
45	School Budget, and the process if forming that. Also where costs could be saved by combining services under a single department, such as buildings, IT services or other areas where there are redundancies.	2/5/2016 11:37 AM
46	Underage drinking / driving- more enforcement Lack of sidewalks Speeding on bay rd	2/5/2016 11:14 AM
47	Commercial development to support tax base. Improvements to roadways.	2/5/2016 11:05 AM
48	Term limits	2/5/2016 11:03 AM
49	Too much hidden. Big splash about the new school, but it is NOT green at all, lights on all the time, let's see an energy assessment. Harbormaster - why soooo many personnel and vehicles and boats for such a small harbor? Bridge - big splash about coating all of the piers, then we find out that's failing, do we get our \$\$ back? How about a weekly forum online where citizens can ask the town manager and/or selectmen any of these questions and they are answered???	2/5/2016 10:43 AM
50	I would like to see town meeting replaced with a YouTube forum on the Articles followed by a paper ballot vote on them. It is very apparent that the tiny number of people attending town meeting is not representative. I doubt representative town meeting would be any better. the vast majority of the town cannot spend two days at town meeting.	2/4/2016 2:09 PM
51	get rid of loop hole at town meeting where a previously voted on article can be brought up later and revoked.	2/4/2016 1:44 PM
52	Traffic enforcement	2/4/2016 9:29 AM
53	I would like to see the Town Government Study Committee address the persistent problem of lack of attendance at Town Meeting. Also the lack of interest in running for town positions.	2/3/2016 8:52 PM
54	Tax reduction	2/3/2016 7:12 PM
55	Too many "things" happen in this town and in our schools that don't seem to be openly transparent and open to talk about. You should address ideas and changes which would keep most of the residents aware of town business activities. Also, how can more people in town get involved and be listened to, in order to affect some of the town's actions and decisions. One shouldn't have to attend all of the Selectmen meetings to "keep up" with what is going on in town.	2/3/2016 6:54 PM
56	Town contracting process; use of Town Counsel (why the Town ends up in and loses so much litigation); reconsideration process at Town Meeting; positive or negative impact of open meeting law on operation of Town committees and boards; propriety of Selectmen appointing ad hoc committees not covered by Open Meeting Law (e.g. Battelle committee)	2/3/2016 5:07 PM
57	Revision of zoning bylaws to prohibit dramatic lot elevations after knockdowns! Eliminate CPA - its usefulness has passed	2/3/2016 4:32 PM
58	Instead of Town Meeting, all town issues should be held in a town election during the week. In California, all town measures are voted on simultaneously with state and federal measures, ensuring a fair representation of town members. Town leaders need to realize deciding town issues in a town meeting format, on a weekend day, is entirely inefficient and unfair to families.	2/3/2016 4:10 PM
59	The need to continue to protect the Plovers. Limiting the number of out of town residents on the beach at one time to be fewer. Reducing town taxes.	2/3/2016 4:08 PM
60	Number of selectman(increase to 5) Reduction in staffing Moving town meeting to April or May	2/3/2016 2:39 PM

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61	disproportionate growth of Town Hall employees and town population Fin Com and Fiscal advisory should not be recommending votes on any town articles not related to finances (zoning, meeting dates,	2/3/2016 12:46 PM
62	taxes -- way too high,	2/3/2016 10:07 AM
63	property assessments exceed market values be sensitive to seniors and cost of living historic preservation a priority future of Batelle Lab impact of Pilgrim Nuclear Plant closing	2/1/2016 3:53 PM
64	Increasing the number of pedestrian and bike sidewalks or lanes throughout the town.	2/1/2016 9:29 AM
65	Council-Manager Form of Government	1/31/2016 10:29 PM
66	The intersection of Winter St & 53	1/31/2016 7:14 PM
67	Remove Fluoride from our public water supply	1/31/2016 5:05 PM
68	On the question of whether we should have an open or representative Town Meeting, I love going to Town Meeting and voting, without having to be elected or appointed to do so. However, I also think that not enough people from all of the precincts attend. So, I think the Town Government Study Committee should consider ways we could compromise between having a representative Town Meeting and keeping it open to the voting public.	1/31/2016 3:41 PM
69	building up flood zones	1/31/2016 3:20 PM
70	not sure what voting precinct we are on Island creek road, I may have marked the wrong one	1/31/2016 2:43 PM
71	Recreation space, affordable recreational activities, work with school officials more closely. plan for long range expenses.	1/31/2016 12:55 PM
72	1. Enforcement of speed limits. We live on a 30 MPH street (Church St) and cars frequently travel 45+ mph. 2. Add more signage indicating speed limits. 3. Add sidewalks/bike lanes.	1/31/2016 12:35 PM
73	improving the contract and award process improving the hiring process developing a strategic plan for the town with public revire	1/31/2016 9:30 AM
74	importance of school committee independence	1/30/2016 9:21 PM
75	cooperation between the school and the town to increase effectiveness and efficiency, as opposed to individual empire building, each have technology, each have human resources, each have accounting functions all of this could be shared to increase efficiency. This would apply across town departments as well, more collaboration and cooperation. I would also suggest that some functions could be regionalized or at least shared with other neighboring towns, the goal is to eliminate duplicative efforts, and achieve significant cost savings. This would include the structure of the government as well, what is the optimal most cost effective form of town government, that encourages cooperation and collaboration among town departments and with neighboring towns.	1/30/2016 2:13 PM
76	Town salaries are too high. Taxes are way too high for people with waterfront property We have Taj Mahal buildings for services that could be performed in temporary buildings.. Surely there is something in between.	1/30/2016 11:10 AM
77	climate change protection of natural resources and Town's heritage residential zoning increasing commercial tax base halls corner master plan	1/30/2016 10:11 AM
78	A study of "School Policies and procedures" interviewing parents, students and faculty. This may help address our climate in our schools.	1/30/2016 9:45 AM
79	Oversight of the elected officials by independent board of residents (1 from each district) to help prevent influential families pressuring "elected" and/or hand picked town employees hired to hold positions that turn a blind eye to misuse/abuse or "rule bending" for select few -exerting pressure on town employees from the building inspectors/board of health to ignore or lightly follow protocols when their financial interests outweigh the intent to provide unbiased evaluation and appropriate remedies for residents looking for guidance and transparent, consistent and reliable execution of protocols put in place to protect the health & well being of everyone. Also. In a small town. Elected or appointed is not very different unless there is an appointment committee that perhaps has a one member from each precinct on the committee that appoints those from pool of candidates interested/well qualified for the position.	1/30/2016 5:33 AM
80	Seriously talking about 5 selectman	1/29/2016 11:45 PM
81	The process of awarding the golf contrCt to someone who is suing us	1/29/2016 6:36 PM
82	Revise date of demolition delay from 75 yrs. to 100 yrs. for a structure, before review is required.	1/29/2016 4:35 PM
83	Tax breaks for families with no children in the school system.	1/29/2016 4:12 PM
84	attendance or participation at town meeting, encouraging more talent bank submissions	1/29/2016 3:59 PM
85	Staffing provided to volunteer boards to maximize there effectiveness in providing services to our residence's.	1/29/2016 3:07 PM

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86	What can be done about selectmen's arrogance and poor judgment repeatedly gets the town sued, costing taxpayers millions. Would expanding the board be enough, or would they simply pack the board with their cronies and continue their nod-and-whisper form of government.	1/29/2016 3:04 PM
87	Flouride in water	1/29/2016 2:57 PM
88	adopting Pilgrim Rd between Pricilla and Mullins Rds as a town road, having it paved and maintained	1/29/2016 2:16 PM
89	Regionalization of fire and police. Battelle More alternative energy	1/29/2016 1:10 PM
90	Better communication around Town Meeting. The Warrant used to be mailed and is no longer. It should be emailed to those on the email list but when I've asked multiple times I'm told not everyone may want it. However, we freely communicate road races & the traffic they will cause.	1/29/2016 1:07 PM
91	is the growth of paid government positions necessary? do we plan well for large expenditures?	1/29/2016 12:55 PM
92	taxes and spending. our taxes have tripled since 1998. We should encourage students to select charter schools, private schools or home schooling by allowing parents to voucher 50 percent of the cost of a child's education. Would reduce Duxbury's school costs while giving parents more options.	1/29/2016 12:46 PM
93	Cost and size of town government with a bias to reducing both. Duxbury school costs and the role of state and federal mandates in those costs.	1/29/2016 12:40 PM
94	Electronic voting for town meetings with web cam so you do not have to be at meeting but can listen and watch at home, and vote via computer	1/29/2016 8:47 AM
95	More efforts to preserve the town's historic and semi-rural character.	1/28/2016 5:16 PM
96	The more decision making given to the people the better. The superintendent of the high school was not a good choice. While strictness regarding some issues is important, they have gone overboard. The attendance policies that the high school are ridiculous. A parent's note should suffice since the doctor's office is only following what a parent says when the child is out with a non-doctor's visit issue such as the flu or a cold. I talked to a person in the state education agency and he said that a parent's note is fine. There is no state law that says a doctor's note is necessary for an excused absence. This has been the biggest annoyance for me since none of my children have ever skipped school and are only absent when they are sick or on a college visit. There needs to more flexibility. It also put a burden on the doctors' office to have to produce note all the time. And in general, when red tape can be eliminated it's a good thing! The town should keep up the good work on sustainability, recycling, solar arrays, etc. but needs to address water. Too many people have sprinkler systems that are on when it's raining and that just waste clean water that often runs down the street rather than watering lawns. There should be stricter bylaws about water conservation.	1/28/2016 2:38 PM
97	Sidewalks!	1/28/2016 10:15 AM
98	Town meeting voting is old fashioned and lends to inaccuracies.	1/28/2016 9:30 AM
99	School officials. The school officials and board need to be addressed. I know several families that have chosen not to move to Duxbury due to the politics in this town. We are also withdrawing our child from Public schools and going to private due to the way the school run. There have been so many complaints and none of them have been addressed.	1/28/2016 8:54 AM
100	Alarming substance abuse issues in the high school.	1/28/2016 8:34 AM
101	Budget spending	1/28/2016 2:54 AM
102	I do not believe that the current planning board members adequately take into consideration the concerns of local residents, do not adequately take into consideration the historical and environmental impact of new construction in this town, and are not adequately working to preserve the overall uniqueness of our town.	1/27/2016 9:39 PM
103	I would like the Town to address buying back the beach property from Duxbury Beach Reservation. As a taxpayer I feel the value I have by living in Duxbury is the beach and the coast. I feel that the Town should own the coast and manage it. Can you please look into this?	1/27/2016 9:31 PM
104	I feel that the open town meeting form of government acts to exclude many voters, especially younger adults who have children and often heavy time commitments on weekends. Does the town track demographic data relating to town meeting, i.e., which groups of residents participate and which don't? That would be interesting information!	1/27/2016 8:38 PM
105	Changing from Open Town Meeting, changing time of town meeting, making Town Clerk's position appointed, developing a Town Charter.	1/27/2016 2:30 PM
106	stop over paying town officials	1/27/2016 1:45 PM
107	the deer and black tick problem. People are getting very sick.	1/27/2016 12:50 PM
108	I think our town government does a great job. I feel very lucky to live in Duxbury.	1/27/2016 12:00 PM
109	Halls Corner and Stoplight on 3A	1/27/2016 10:41 AM

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110	A more democratic process and diverse group in the FinCom. It would appear at this time that one person is running the show, and most other members are out of town for the winter.	1/27/2016 8:05 AM
111	Promote a more disciplined approach to managing financial and natural assets.	1/27/2016 7:50 AM
112	1. Spending as it relates to things like signage/maintenance for the historical neighborhoods, more than necessary street sweeping, etc. If we have a tight budget, some stuff can go without affecting services. 2. Taxes by neighborhood. We live in a family home and we will have to leave it. We live on Powder Point Avenue, with a higher rate for what is arguably no better a neighborhood than Washington Street or Bay Road, Standish Shores, etc. In fact, we get more traffic, more noise, litter, etc. because of it being the main thoroughfare to the beach yet pay more than similar properties in terms of distance to water, privacy, etc.	1/27/2016 7:36 AM
113	I would rather do away with the Town Meeting style of government. I would rather have discussion evening meetings and then vote on line.	1/27/2016 7:25 AM
114	*development- particularly with regard to knock downs, land use and maintaining the integrity of the town *changing out of town access to oversand beach- move it off of Saint George Street and have those cars travel through Public Beach side in Marshfield; restrict out of town parking at the high school during the "beach" months *Examine library hours- perhaps flexing hours more during the week and maintaining full access on Sundays throughout the year	1/27/2016 7:03 AM
115	Why are building permits continually given out to known offenders of public interests [REDACTED]	1/27/2016 12:17 AM
116	High taxes. Lack of street lights and lack of sidewalks	1/26/2016 11:18 PM
117	Legalize marijuana.	1/26/2016 10:47 PM
118	Whatever topics town members decide need attention.	1/26/2016 10:05 PM
119	Require leashes on dogs in town forest. I have been chased by too many dogs to count.	1/26/2016 9:52 PM
120	the corner of rt 53 and winter street, the auto back ups at the alden, middle and high school at different times during the day. people parking at the library to pick up children and having trouble getting to the library!	1/26/2016 9:18 PM
121	homework	1/26/2016 7:12 PM
122	More town elderly housing.	1/26/2016 5:12 PM
123	I would like the TGSC to look at the overall town budget and how it has increased over the past 20 years. I would also like the TGSC to look at the # of employees the town now employs, relative to the towns population over the last 20 years and see how those numbers correlate. I would think the # of employees would decrease with the increased use of technology. Please also review the budgets for the police and fire, and how many service calls those departments are needed on an annual basis, and how that relates to their respective annual budgets.	1/26/2016 4:39 PM
124	Howland's Landing becoming private again.	1/26/2016 4:25 PM
125	Beach, schools, recycling, dump	1/26/2016 4:18 PM
126	Thank you for all the hard work you do to keep Duxbury running so well. I have lived in Marshfield, Kingston, Newton, South End, Winchester and Jamaica Plain and Duxbury is better managed. Keep up the good work!	1/26/2016 3:43 PM
127	Ensure illegal alien invaders get no taxpayer funded benefits.	1/26/2016 3:40 PM
128	Improving attendance at Town Meetings. Remote participation at Town Meetings.	1/26/2016 2:40 PM
129	How to take the tax burden off just residents property taxes.	1/26/2016 2:19 PM
130	Create a new rule where the citizens of Duxbury can vote to override decisions by the School Committee	1/26/2016 2:15 PM
131	School culture. There is no school spirit. Kids are afraid to be kids and have fun. Parents have tried a bit to help change it but seems administration doesn't care. May need government to step in.	1/26/2016 1:36 PM
132	Duxbury should have a five member Board of Selectmen.	1/26/2016 1:31 PM
133	SIDEWALKS!!! Especially for families who have to pay for the school bus... if we are forced to pay then there should be an option to WALK.	1/26/2016 1:27 PM
134	School discipline process. Specifically the witch hunt to implicate/discipline students in non School sponsored activity. The school should stick to issues on school property or at school events and leave parents to parent outside school time. In addition, [REDACTED] should be in another line of work. He is hated not trusted by Parents, Students (male and female), even other teachers have commented to me that his behavior is out of line. Worse he has zero respect from any group of students or parents. His tactics are overly aggressive, he rules by fear/intimidation, he should not be allowed to speak to female or even male students 1:1 in his office, and he has made zero effort to build any bridge to the student population. Frankly I think he may hate his job more than he hates the students and it shows. Town Government should get involved.	1/26/2016 1:07 PM

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135	I don't know if this is possible, but it would be nice if articles could not be "revisited" after a vote has taken place. It is a dirty tactic that groups use to undo majority votes. It usually happens at the Monday night town meeting continuation, when most voters have to be home with children or are commuting home from work and can't make it to every hour of this long process. It's very unfair and gives too much power to a small group of retired or commitment-free individuals.	1/26/2016 12:42 PM
136	Increasing the fee for out of town beach stickers. We pay taxes in this town, and I understand we lease the land. The town should charge 2-3x for out of town stickers. There should be some benefit cost wise to live here. Even if we sold half the stickers the revenue would be there and beach experience would be better for all.	1/26/2016 12:40 PM
137	attracting more business to town to help with taxes. solving our beach fiasco	1/26/2016 12:39 PM
138	Study how bringing more businesses to town will help.	1/26/2016 12:35 PM
139	trash pick up, commercialization of the harbor area	1/26/2016 12:09 PM
140	North Hill Golf Course The town has not satisfactorily explained how it made yet another mistake in awarding North Hill to another golf management company, then had to reverse its decision and award to Johnson Golf Management. Since the original mistake with Johnson resulted in the town losing a lawsuit, one would think the decision makers would have been more careful.	1/26/2016 11:59 AM
141	The amount of historical homes that are being torn down.	1/26/2016 11:51 AM
142	Sidewalks. It's baffling to me that we don't have a more walkable town with the number of children around and the number of fast driving SUV drivers.	1/26/2016 11:42 AM
143	n/a	1/26/2016 11:37 AM
144	taxes	1/26/2016 11:35 AM
145	40Bs and affordable housing. How can we get what we need without being forced by the State and developers to build unwanted and out of context structures adjacent to our historic houses. Also - how do we handle RFPs? The North Hill situation is a mess.	1/26/2016 11:20 AM
146	I am not sure if School Committee can be included; however, I feel that the members of our School Committee should have their children attend Duxbury Public Schools and not private schools. Thank you	1/26/2016 11:18 AM
147	I'd like the Town to consider allowing voters to vote on Town Warrant articles without having Town Meeting. Instead of having TM, offer forums and written info about articles then vote. Not enough people attend TM.	1/26/2016 11:16 AM
148	Making Duxbury as one. There is a line drawn in the sand due to RT 3 dividing Duxbury. West Duxbury is under Marshfield agreements with phone, Cable and other utilities. Most of the issues that are addressed with Town Government view West Duxbury as the ugly step child. I used to attend Town meeting years ago and they always tried to push anything they didn't want in South Duxbury to West Duxbury. Cell towers, federal housing, etc. I believe Town Government works best when every part of Duxbury is represented and it is viewed as one instead of 2 parts.	1/26/2016 11:15 AM
149	heroin epidemic on our area , drug abusers need healthcare not jail providing safe haven for abused women	1/26/2016 11:03 AM
150	Effective substance abuse education and intervention.	1/26/2016 11:01 AM
151	Continue to study the development of Halls Corner, as the area and the businesses there are very important to Duxbury as a whole and especially to us who shop there primarily. Also I would like the committee to address how new houses being built around Duxbury affect neighborhoods.	1/26/2016 11:01 AM
152	The way piers are reviewed and approved	1/26/2016 10:43 AM
153	I respect the people who want to continue town meeting as it is, however, as a tax payer, my opinion counts as well. People with little children and elderly parents to care for don't have the time to sit for a day and half at town meeting. I work in the medical field and I have to be at the hospital on Saturday. It's past due to bring the process to a modern format. Stop marginalizing the people who want to speak but are working or infirm. Don't tell me to take my mother with dementia to town meeting because it's the "right thing to do" and my civic duty. Things to address: sidewalks - too many people sharing the road - give the walkers a safe place to walk - temple street is terrible. I'd like opportunities for the community to serve the police and fire departments - specifically teenagers - to develop a positive rapport with them and support the town as well. The blairhaven debacle made town govt look bad. It was legal, but you were played. Don't let that happen again, hurts the town reputation. The North Hill situation as well. A black eye on the town govt. What the heck, now we are going to pay millions to settle a law suit and give them more business. I'm offended that you spent my tax dollars settling a law suit that was very possibly avoidable. We don't have money to piss away. Stop doing that. Please, please make the beach a resident only drive on, charge a lot more for the stickers to residents and maybe sell a day pass to non residents. It's so crowded out there, I don't even bother going.	1/26/2016 10:31 AM
154	More sidewalks and more traffic lights	1/26/2016 10:04 AM

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155	More sidewalks in town. I would like to see a more diverse mix of business in the town. If you look at the current mix there are a lot of opportunities for residents to leave town to spend their money in Plymouth. Example, Dining, Outdoor Dining for Summer time. I also believe this could impact Halls Corner to have it be a place to spend more time in rather than shop and leave.	1/26/2016 10:00 AM
156	How to rework the mess that the new school has made of the budget, lack of parking, lack of gym space, complete bad planning. Better bathrooms and trash removal at the beach. Better management of the town forests, need to be cleared of so much dead wood.	1/26/2016 9:54 AM
157	I believe that it's important to keep ATM in March. There are too many conflicts later in the spring - sports, graduations, social events, and even the weather. If it's a nice sunny day in May, the chances of increasing attendance are less likely.	1/26/2016 9:51 AM
158	term limits for selectmen. some selectmen have been in office too long and have too much influence in their own favor. new selectmen, new ideas, opportunity for shared ideas.	1/26/2016 9:47 AM
159	Duxbury public school administration is deplorable. Please study how they should best be fired. I vote via a new "firing" float at the 4th of July parade.	1/26/2016 9:47 AM
160	I think either town meeting should be moved to later in the spring or the town should move toward ballot decision making by citizens . Too many big decisions are being made by a tiny minority of residents . Older residents who have a second home in the south are not allowed a voice in decisions . Thank you.	1/26/2016 9:39 AM
161	Utilization of tax revenue. Effectiveness of revenue expenses. For example, the cost to fix the bridge compared to the effectiveness of the repair. The additional cost to hire outside council and inspectors.	1/26/2016 9:38 AM
162	Infrastructure improvements (roads, overpasses, traffic signalization, storm water) and general improvements to the mix of uses and aesthetic of the town. Halls Corner is an absolute embarrassment in terms of its functioning (traffic), design, and retail mix... There is no "there" there - the town should be focused on place making and try to establish something that more closely resembles a core / downtown. Halls Corner (more than Snug Harbor) is the best candidate and should be 2-3 stories around the circle with better traffic signals, a more vibrant mix of retail, and upper story apartment / condo options. The aversion to retail / commercial uses reflects a lack of understanding - if designed thoughtfully, it can work very well, but the town needs experienced planners who know what they're doing so it doesn't become another Marshfield or worse. The Foodies strip center and the "Duxbury Market Place" on Depot are eyesores with heaps of deferred maintenance and blatant apathy - if redeveloped well, the entire Halls Corner area could create a real center of gravity and an actual, quaint downtown - not the worst of suburban strip retail / office in what is otherwise a charming town with the resources to do much better.	1/26/2016 9:38 AM
163	Professionalizing the bidding processes. The North Hill golf contract is a prime example of ineptness when it comes to considering significant financial contracts.	1/26/2016 9:35 AM
164	Improved access for all teams/programs to town fields for youth recreational sports.	1/26/2016 9:32 AM
165	It is an honor to live in a town with an Open Town Meeting each year. Don't take that away. I don't care if attendance is often low because the people who take the time to be informed and truly care about the issues do show up and participate in the process. Low attendance is not necessarily a bad thing.	1/26/2016 9:28 AM
166	A town wide Internet service - could provide the same or better service but at lower cost. Other towns have done this.	1/26/2016 9:25 AM
167	affordable housing, sidewalks, street lighting and traffic lights and a boys and girls club for after school and teen activities and dances	1/26/2016 9:25 AM
168	High Taxes. Unnecessary regulations by the conservation commission. Any regulation that could potentially interfere with a homeowner's ability to sell their property is wrong.	1/26/2016 9:17 AM
169	All male selectmen	1/26/2016 9:10 AM
170	mosquito control, keeping beach open during plover season	1/26/2016 9:10 AM
171	Plover Population should be moved off beach, 4th of July Celebration Activities should be moved to Labor day weekend. More co-taught classrooms Pre-k -12	1/26/2016 9:10 AM
172	Legalize cannabis	1/26/2016 9:06 AM
173	education. i would like to see our town be involved in creating more opportunities for our children to participate in experiential learning. our public schools are failing so many of our children and are not engaging the minds of so many learners who need to get involved. i think this is an issue our town needs to address. involvement could be civic, local businesses, community learning.	1/26/2016 9:04 AM

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174	People cannot be expected to focus on all the towns issues in enough detail to make informed decisions at all times and cannot find the time to be involved as much as is needed. This is the only issue you need to "study". How does a smart, forward thinking town, change it's town government to represent the period of history it is living in and best serve the people? People get annoyed and feel disconnected from the government because they cannot possibly create enough time in their lives to stay focused enough on what the government is doing. Being semi or full time retired gives some people a disproportionate amount of time to be involved in town government. Most of these people do little to represent what the towns interests and needs must be going forward. The town is 350 years old? Is it not understood by all logical thinking people that it has dramatically changed many times within those 350 years?	1/26/2016 8:53 AM
175	More sidewalks on major roads (Rt 53 in particular)	1/26/2016 8:50 AM
176	More sidewalks! Especially on Bay Road near Halls Corner	1/26/2016 8:50 AM
177	online voting, sidewalks/walkways, fair assessments	1/26/2016 8:47 AM
178	Bike paths in town	1/26/2016 8:39 AM
179	Property expansion and redevelopment. The character of the town is going down. I lived here as a child and it has changed considerably for the worse. The planning board needs to be more strict in what it allows to be built.	1/26/2016 8:37 AM
180	Term limits on elected positions	1/26/2016 8:37 AM
181	Too many individuals that have a vested interest in outcomes have roles in government in DUX. There should be no one who is a developer in town that is on the planning board, just for example. How does the town ensure conflicts of interest are handled properly?	1/26/2016 8:34 AM
182	subdividing rules should be evenly implemented, i.e. friends of town officials get waivers for building requirements, people who aren't friends are subjected to the most extreme requirements.	1/26/2016 8:32 AM
183	The school being over involved in disciplining our children. It's too much, other towns are not similar, there is too much power and a lot of overt confidence. The line has been crossed in the high school often- refusing parents to be present during interrogations, going through phones owned by parents.	1/26/2016 8:31 AM
184	Curb spending. Unnecessary new Police and Fire station updates. Ugly new Middle/High School. Abusive Middle/High School Administrators.	1/26/2016 8:30 AM
185	review and revise the lot size/subdividing, from 1 acre to 3/4 acre. There are so many homes being built on .25 acres (grandfathered in) where other "very" nice homes could be built on larger lots.	1/26/2016 8:29 AM
186	Drug use in town, the need for more sidewalks, easier access/path to starting a new business in town	1/26/2016 8:27 AM
187	Our sports fields and management needs to be addressed. There is a disparity based on the sport. I feel that certain sports are given more attention, even though they do not have the most kids participating	1/26/2016 8:27 AM
188	PAC TV could be a valuable resource. In its current format it is useless. Recorded meetings are broadcast too infrequently. Other local cable channels appear to replay their town's public meetings constantly, why not Duxbury? How about a 180 degree course alteration: Play selectmen, school committee, and other board meetings on near infinite loops. Every three days or so, play the PC infomercials containing zero locally pertinent information for 30 seconds. If our tax dollars are paying for this service, it is a complete waste.	1/26/2016 8:26 AM
189	Zoning, police becoming more a part of the community/being more visible to all citizens esp youth	1/26/2016 8:19 AM
190	The significant increase in usage of town parking and the bay by DBMS and the Yacht Club (and other user groups).	1/26/2016 8:17 AM
191	Stop lights coming off of highways.	1/26/2016 8:15 AM
192	Trash Pick up - one time yearly fee	1/26/2016 8:13 AM
193	I want the toxic fluoride removed from my water NOW. I do not want it in my water and it is next to impossible to remove and extremely costly to do so. I see this as a failure of my town government do continue with ill-advised medical advice from another century. Two out of three people on the water board get to make this decision? We are ingesting a neurotoxin without our consent. What other medical therapy is delivered via the public water supply?	1/26/2016 8:08 AM
194	Tremendous waste and inefficiencies in managing the town's resources. Genuine consideration of citizen input is lacking	1/26/2016 8:05 AM
195	The intersection at 53 and Winter St.	1/26/2016 8:04 AM

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196	The safety of our schools - I believe we should have a school resource officer in EVERY school. Currently we only have one whereas a town like Hingham as 5-6. If there was a true emergency in the schools, it would be detrimental if the we only had one officer trying to get there. Also, currently the way people enter Alden School, there is the opportunity for someone to enter the front doors and turn immediately right and cause a problem in the cafeteria or PAC, because the office wouldn't see them enter and turn right. Someone should be at the ENTRANCE of Alden like they are at the HS and Chandler.	1/26/2016 8:04 AM
197	Town works for the few who have been there the longest and panders to the rest.	1/26/2016 8:04 AM
198	Good Lights on every single cross roads. Side walks for children, elderly people and runners.	1/26/2016 8:03 AM
199	Making the public more aware of opportunities to learn about current topics such as the school handbook, and mooring rights.	1/26/2016 8:02 AM
200	Streaming town meeting. Online voting	1/26/2016 8:01 AM
201	Pension and health liability Asset management	1/26/2016 8:00 AM
202	Continue to oppose FIRM maps and fight for more clarification from FEMA.	1/26/2016 7:59 AM
203	Historic preservation of homes; historic districts	1/26/2016 7:59 AM
204	Voting for town meeting should be online	1/26/2016 7:55 AM
205	TAXES!!! Budget for Town-avoid over spending	1/26/2016 7:55 AM
206	Better representation.	1/26/2016 7:55 AM
207	More business in town to expand our tax base.	1/26/2016 7:55 AM
208	We need sidewalks, not just on Alden but all over town. I'd hate for a tragedy to occur to make the town officials pay more attention to this. I think this should be led by the town leaders, not by a committee.	1/26/2016 7:53 AM
209	Town meeting spilt up on weekday nights- specific article on a specific night . Bet more people would attend. Do not make later in year people too busy in late spring, weather too nice people will not attend. Vote on ballot more major issues	1/26/2016 7:52 AM
210	Increase use of Social Media at town level. Fire, Police and schools utilize this tool very well, however the town govt. does not. Time to get with the times and use social media to keep the citizens informed. Get out of that comfort zone!	1/26/2016 7:52 AM
211	You've covered them all; same old - same old. Been around long enough to have participated in more than one of these/by-law/charter debates and studies.	1/25/2016 8:43 PM
212	Sea wall	1/25/2016 7:10 PM
213	Attendance records of members of town committees; way to announce topics to be covered; more rigorous conflict of interest laws. Ways to reduce taxes. Hiring freeze: we have too many managers and supervisors per capita.	1/25/2016 4:41 PM
214	Unfair taxation to drive residents i.e.: retired out of town	1/25/2016 2:13 PM
215	1. The cost of running the town, do we really need all of the services being provided? 2. There appears to be a lack of a long term strategic vision for the town, town management appears to tactical in approach, working from year to year.	1/25/2016 1:17 PM
216	The Beach parking issue	1/25/2016 1:04 PM
217	Sidewalks in town	1/25/2016 12:16 PM
218	I am not sure at the moment.	1/25/2016 11:56 AM
219	Property taxes where behemoth new house prices are affecting the taxes of modest houses that have been around for decades or centuries in some cases... also how can we as a town profit from the emerging oyster industry, especially from non resident owned oyster companies profiting from our waters	1/25/2016 11:51 AM
220	Discontinuation of fluoridation	1/25/2016 10:40 AM
221	I am very concerned about the fact that such a few people make the decisions at town meeting about how these large amounts of money should be spent. I think the big capital improvements should be voted - so many of the older folks and busy young parents aren't able to make the meetings - it is no longer a good way to make the decisions	1/25/2016 10:36 AM
222	We have too many insiders on committes. Like builders and contractors on planning board. There is too much inside dealings We need a clear code of conduct, ethics policy, and conflict of interest where officials recuse themselves as appropriate. The is at the selectman level as well as on the various planning, building, and conservation commissions	1/25/2016 10:24 AM
223	expanding sidewalks, preserving open space, preserving our town heritage	1/25/2016 10:22 AM

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224	Our Town government is over bloated with staff and spending. I would like the Town to take a hard look at the Town structure and cut back on excessive spending and the amount of staffing that did not exist 15 years ago. Time to tighten our belts.	1/25/2016 10:17 AM
225	Powder Point bridge, running water sinks and flushing toilets (or composting toilets) at beach, walking/biking paths (Tremont, Washington, Powder Point and King Caesar, St. George), town sewer and underground utilities throughout, improved softer water.	1/25/2016 9:51 AM
226	a) Improved communications and dialog with the residents. b) better access to town operations data: assessors, conservation commission, budget and finance. c)	1/25/2016 9:47 AM
227	Housing, overall town growth, management of resources, road improvements, bridge repair, funding for all branches of town (schools, senior center, etc)	1/25/2016 9:45 AM
228	Fix the mooring problem. Duxbury makes more on moorings than Bourne and Boston with half the moorings. Don't turn it into a who ya know type of thing. How about the battelle labs is a commercial (tax paying) business or businesses or restaurants etc.	1/25/2016 9:23 AM
229	The need to increase open space.	1/25/2016 9:20 AM
230	Increase communication. Reduce amount of " executive session" meetings	1/25/2016 9:13 AM
231	Reducing town spending	1/25/2016 8:59 AM
232	Campaign finance reform. :)	1/25/2016 8:56 AM
233	Side walks,	1/25/2016 8:47 AM
234	Traffic patterns / flow. Moorings and shorter lists. Historical homes and ways to keep our historical homes in tact.	1/25/2016 8:43 AM
235	Night lighting on back roads and caution lights	1/25/2016 8:35 AM
236	The perpetual increases in property taxes and the lack of fiscal responsibility causing these increases.	1/25/2016 8:34 AM

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Resident Survey Comments from Paper Surveys

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Very Good	2/20/2016 2:30 PM
2	Finances of the town are out of control.	2/5/2016 1:05 PM
3	for the huge amount of taxes we pay services light trash pick up and side walks should exist. The walkability level of this town is too low.	2/5/2016 12:42 PM
4	Just wish drunk driving and underage drinking would be taken seriously and hold individuals accountable .	2/5/2016 11:14 AM
5	No transparency. Too close to the vest. Need a blog or newsletter or something weekly so citizens can ask questions and they are answered.	2/5/2016 10:43 AM
6	Town services are excellent.	2/3/2016 7:29 PM
7	with less elected boards and Town Clerk; all should be appointed	1/31/2016 10:29 PM
8	residents should be able to vote on town meeting issues by ballot/survey. it is too difficult to spend an entire day at a town meeting - just not feasible in this day and age to attend a day long (plus) meeting to hear the issues and vote. must be able to vote remotely. presentations on the issues can be made available via video.	1/31/2016 12:55 PM
9	Good to xcellent	1/30/2016 9:21 PM
10	Fair to good	1/30/2016 10:11 AM
11	need more fiscal conservatism. we routinely approve budgets that are above the rate of inflation. taxes have tripled in Duxbury since 1998. Taxes too high.	1/29/2016 12:46 PM
12	As a member of several town committees, I have had a positive experience dealing with town officials at all levels.	1/28/2016 10:41 AM
13	A town of 16,000 has outgrown the open town meeting form of government,	1/27/2016 2:30 PM
14	We do not seem to look very far into the future. Uneven enforcement of bylaws or regulations.	1/27/2016 7:50 AM
15	one always worries in a small town that people are doing stuff to help their friends would rather help the town. if you get someone difficult they don't help you and they are stuck there.	1/26/2016 10:41 PM
16	cable TV - no sound issue with Verizon.	1/26/2016 5:12 PM
17	The lack of commercial tax revenue generated by the town is very frustrating.	1/26/2016 2:19 PM
18	Overall I think the town government does a good job.	1/26/2016 11:01 AM
19	North Hill management situations has been handled terribly. McLaughlin family pier rejection has been an embarrassment for the town	1/26/2016 10:43 AM
20	Planning is poor in residential areas.	1/26/2016 8:37 AM
21	tree department should honor their word and commitments. police department should remove officers who solicit work from local businesses but have no intention of paying, other than providing "more justice".	1/26/2016 8:32 AM
22	We're too new to town to comment, other than we are very happy with the schools and recreation management.	1/26/2016 8:20 AM
23	Needs to be more transparent.	1/26/2016 7:59 AM
24	Better representation is needed for town meeting votes.	1/26/2016 7:55 AM
25	have the town meeting telecast so that people are not committed to go to the PAC also allow voting via telephone. No one has time to spend their entire day at a town meeting with the advancements of technology we should be able to attend and vote on line or via phone line lets bring town government into the modern age	1/26/2016 7:52 AM
26	Better explanation is needed on North Hill selection. How can you select a firm that is suing the town?	1/26/2016 7:48 AM
27	Too much conflict of interest.	1/25/2016 4:41 PM
28	Very poor	1/25/2016 10:26 AM
29	Full disclosure of all lawsuits. More detailed background	1/25/2016 9:13 AM
30	effective	1/25/2016 8:59 AM