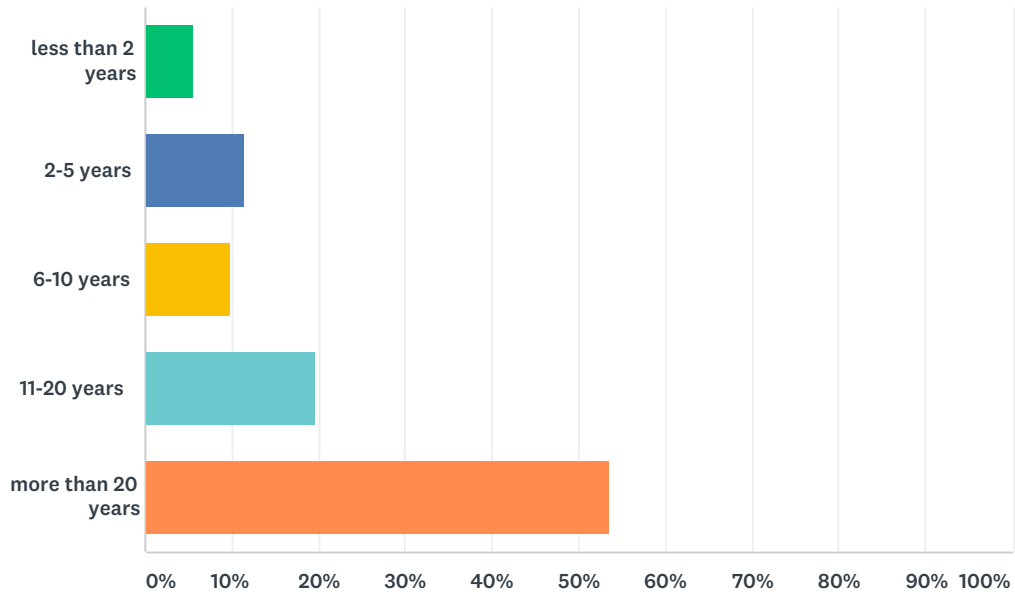


Q1. Please provide the age of the person completing this survey.

<b>Age range</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>% of responses</b>
20-29 years	8	1.52
30-39 years	52	9.90
40-49 years	85	16.19
50-59 years	135	25.71
60-69 years	156	29.71
70-79 years	78	14.85
80-89 years	11	2.09
Total	525	

## Q2. How long have you lived in Pepperell?

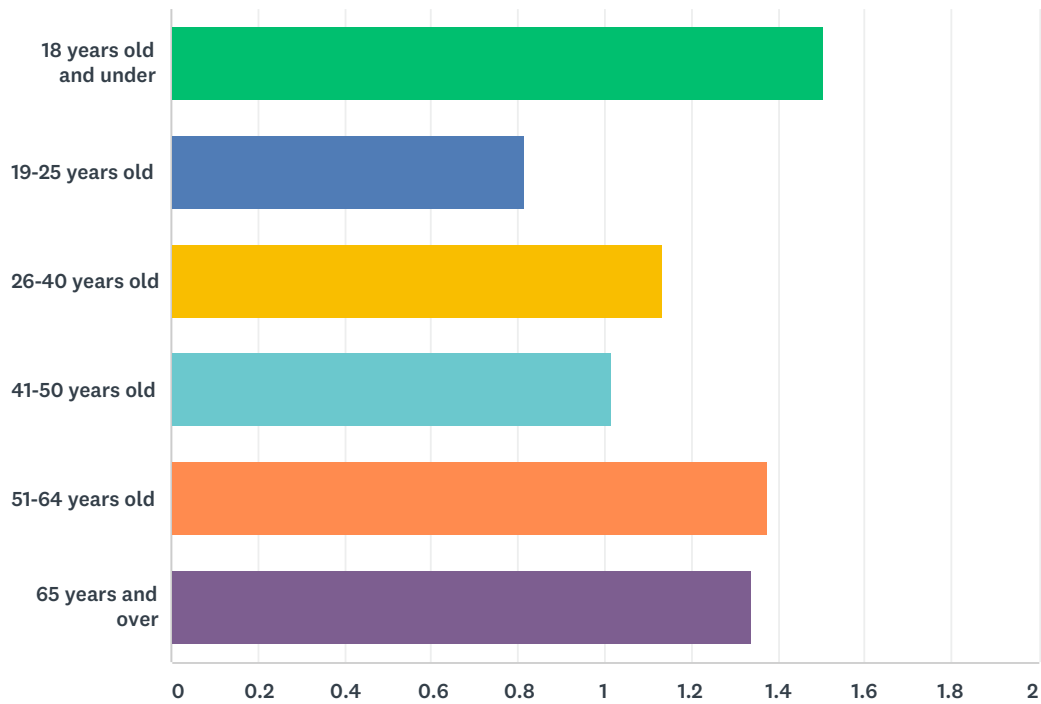
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
less than 2 years	5.65% 30
2-5 years	11.49% 61
6-10 years	9.79% 52
11-20 years	19.59% 104
more than 20 years	53.48% 284
TOTAL	531

### Q3. Please indicate how many individuals in each age category live in your household.

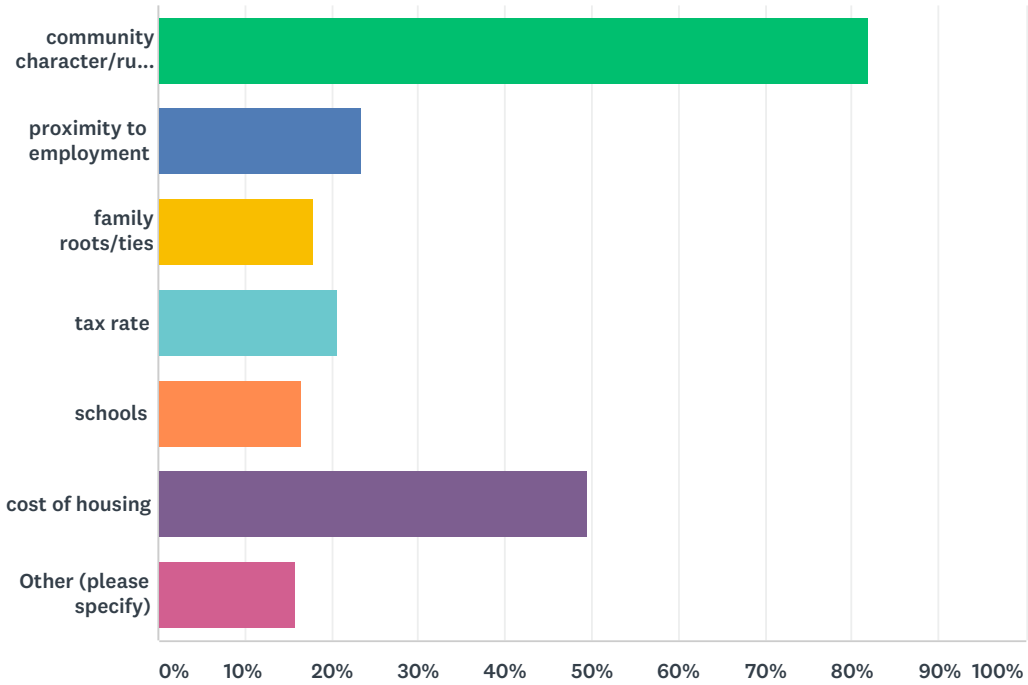
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ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
18 years old and under	2	331	220
19-25 years old	1	123	151
26-40 years old	1	202	178
41-50 years old	1	170	167
51-64 years old	1	390	283
65 years and over	1	309	231
Total Respondents: 530			

### Q4. Why do you choose to live in Pepperell? Check all that apply.

Answered: 528 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
community character/rural setting	82.01%	433
proximity to employment	23.48%	124
family roots/ties	17.99%	95
tax rate	20.64%	109
schools	16.48%	87
cost of housing	49.62%	262
Other (please specify)	15.91%	84
Total Respondents: 528		

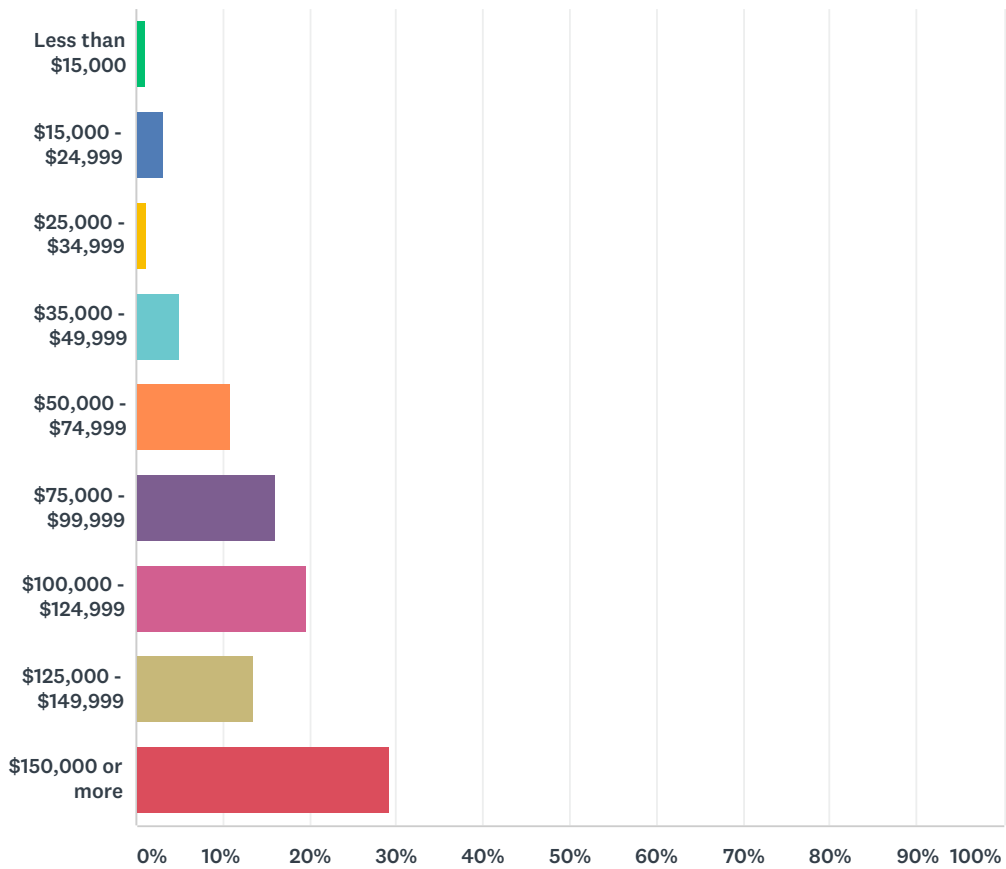
**Question 4 –additional written comments (other)**

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Number of responses</b>
Small town/rural town feel/community character	13
Conservation land/open space	9
Affordability	8
Historic resources	5
Proximity to Nashua	5
Quiet/no stress	4
Family	4
Beauty of the town/scenic	5
Limited commercial development	4
Proximity to employment/job	3
The people	3
Safe community	3
Close to highway	3
Large lots	2
Farms	2
No traffic lights	2
Town is well-run/managed	2
Proximity to Nashua River	2
Bought an antique barn with 8 acres/small farm	2
Schools	2
Geographic location/liked area	2
Access to rail trail	1

Senior Center is great	1
Clean drinking water	1
Recreation/youth sports	1
No real reason	1
Raised here	1
Horse property	1
Will be as nice as Groton eventually	1
Library	1
Quality of life	1
Proximity to Vermont	1
Trees/forests	1
Close to services	1
Retired	1
Call Fire Department	1
Friend's advice	1
Support of police	1
Availability of land	1
Proximity to rail service	1
Church	1
Personal investment	1
Own a business in Pepperell	1

## Q5. What is the total annual income of all persons residing in your household?

Answered: 492 Skipped: 44



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than \$15,000	1.02%	5
\$15,000 - \$24,999	3.05%	15
\$25,000 - \$34,999	1.22%	6
\$35,000 - \$49,999	5.08%	25
\$50,000 - \$74,999	10.98%	54
\$75,000 - \$99,999	16.06%	79
\$100,000 - \$124,999	19.72%	97
\$125,000 - \$149,999	13.62%	67
\$150,000 or more	29.27%	144
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>492</b>

**Q6. Please indicate whether you would rate the following services, facilities, and characteristics, as they relate to Pepperell, as excellent, good, fair or poor.6a. Municipal Services:**

Answered: 457 Skipped: 79

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNABLE TO SCORE / UNFAMILIAR	TOTAL
Services provided by Town Hall offices	17.04% 77	53.98% 244	17.04% 77	3.32% 15	8.63% 39	452
Schools	11.58% 52	46.99% 211	12.03% 54	2.00% 9	27.39% 123	449
Elder services	12.33% 55	28.70% 128	7.17% 32	0.90% 4	50.90% 227	446
Library	44.39% 198	37.89% 169	6.50% 29	1.35% 6	9.87% 44	446
Public safety and emergency services (police, fire and ambulance service)	46.56% 210	39.69% 179	6.21% 28	0.89% 4	6.65% 30	451
Code enforcement	5.16% 23	30.04% 134	13.00% 58	4.71% 21	47.09% 210	446
Veterans services	4.51% 20	15.80% 70	6.55% 29	4.06% 18	69.07% 306	443
Town website	10.14% 45	49.32% 219	25.00% 111	5.63% 25	9.91% 44	444
Road maintenance	9.73% 44	48.45% 219	34.07% 154	7.30% 33	0.44% 2	452
Transfer station and recycling center	19.11% 86	37.56% 169	7.78% 35	2.67% 12	32.89% 148	450
Animal control	6.03% 27	27.23% 122	8.26% 37	6.25% 28	52.23% 234	448
Recreation	10.31% 46	46.19% 206	21.52% 96	4.04% 18	17.94% 80	446
Water services	17.96% 81	49.00% 221	9.31% 42	2.44% 11	21.29% 96	451
Sewer services	10.44% 47	30.00% 135	6.67% 30	4.22% 19	48.67% 219	450
Green Community activities	5.87% 26	23.70% 105	16.03% 71	4.97% 22	49.44% 219	443
Utilization of vacant school properties	0.67% 3	13.33% 60	22.44% 101	30.22% 136	33.33% 150	450
Public health	3.12% 14	37.19% 167	14.48% 65	3.12% 14	42.09% 189	449



## Q6b. Open Space and Recreation:

Answered: 452 Skipped: 84

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNABLE TO SCORE / UNFAMILIAR	TOTAL
Number of recreational facilities/opportunities	9.76% 44	44.57% 201	25.94% 117	6.21% 28	13.53% 61	451
Mix/type of recreational facilities and programs	8.20% 37	41.24% 186	27.05% 122	6.87% 31	16.63% 75	451
Amount of open space protected	18.67% 84	49.78% 224	18.67% 84	2.67% 12	10.22% 46	450

## Q6c. Housing:

Answered: 451 Skipped: 85

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNABLE TO SCORE / UNFAMILIAR	TOTAL
Diversity of housing types	8.87% 40	56.76% 256	18.18% 82	4.66% 21	11.53% 52	451
Housing affordability	8.93% 40	56.92% 255	21.21% 95	6.03% 27	6.92% 31	448
Available housing options for seniors	2.23% 10	11.58% 52	15.81% 71	16.26% 73	54.12% 243	449

## Q6d. Transportation:

Answered: 455 Skipped: 81

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNABLE TO SCORE / UNFAMILIAR	TOTAL
Traffic flow	13.25% 60	61.59% 279	20.97% 95	3.75% 17	0.44% 2	453
Speeding enforcement	13.97% 63	58.76% 265	15.74% 71	7.32% 33	4.21% 19	451
Pedestrian accommodations, such as pathways and sidewalks	11.43% 52	46.15% 210	28.79% 131	11.43% 52	2.20% 10	455
Bicycle facilities/accommodations	18.81% 85	43.58% 197	21.46% 97	5.53% 25	10.62% 48	452
Transportation for seniors and those with disabilities	2.43% 11	15.04% 68	10.84% 49	4.20% 19	67.48% 305	452

## Q6e. Economic Development:

Answered: 450 Skipped: 86

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNABLE TO SCORE / UNFAMILIAR	TOTAL
Access to employment	4.78% 21	30.30% 133	25.97% 114	12.53% 55	26.42% 116	439
Availability and access to goods and services	7.80% 35	50.56% 227	26.73% 120	8.69% 39	6.24% 28	449

## Q6f. Natural and Cultural Resources:

Answered: 450 Skipped: 86

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNABLE TO SCORE / UNFAMILIAR	TOTAL
Protection of wetland and water resources	20.44% 92	51.78% 233	13.11% 59	2.89% 13	11.78% 53	450
Ground water and aquifers	15.14% 68	48.78% 219	10.69% 48	2.00% 9	23.39% 105	449
Protection of wildlife habitat	17.67% 79	48.32% 216	16.55% 74	3.58% 16	13.87% 62	447
Historic preservation	13.59% 61	49.44% 222	16.70% 75	4.68% 21	15.59% 70	449
Agricultural preservation	14.29% 64	45.98% 206	13.39% 60	3.57% 16	22.77% 102	448
Forestry	13.03% 58	46.74% 208	13.48% 60	2.47% 11	24.27% 108	445
Cultural and community events	12.05% 54	52.23% 234	20.09% 90	4.69% 21	10.94% 49	448

Q7. In your opinion, list three of the most critical issues facing Pepperell over the next ten years:

**First responses:**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>
161 Nashua Road/toxic dirt	47
Taxes/tax rate	35
Attracting and maintaining businesses/economic development	33
Overdevelopment/population growth	30
Senior housing	25
Affordable housing	22
Traffic	18
Improving the quality of schools/education	15
Clean water/pollution prevention/natural resource protection	14
Open space preservation	12
Maintaining rural character/small town feel	11
Road maintenance	10
Downtown revitalization/economic development	8
Financing high school/school costs	7
Growth management	6
Emergency services/public safety	6
Better town management/leadership	5
Reusing the mill site	5
Balancing the town budget	5
Loss of farmland/agricultural preservation	4
Maintaining affordability	4
Senior services	4
Lack of employment options	3
Expansion of sewer and water services needed	3
Empty commercial space	3
Zoning	3
Reuse of the Peter Fitzpatrick School	3
Opioids/drugs	3
New public buildings (police state, town hall)	3
Climate change	2
Preserving historic resources	2
Cost of public pensions/retirement benefits	2
Lack of adequate revenues	2
Better WiFi/cable options	2
Attracting young families and young adults	2
Aging infrastructure and utilities	2
Unregulated commercial development	1
Loss of students to other towns	1
Paving dirt roads	1
Population decline	1

Housing for those with disabilities	1
Do not regionalize emergency services	1
Urbanization	1
1A Auto traffic congesting center	1
Housing	1
Recreation	1
Increasing housing density	1
Influx of high income families wanting services	1
Growth demands on infrastructure	1
Overdeveloping the downtown	1
Adequate use of land	1
Ladder truck	1
Maintaining the DPW	1
Income inequality	1
Protecting the Nashua River	1
Gangs	1
Lack of public transportation	1
Airplane noise	1
Financing new town equipment	1
Outdated wastewater plant	1
Extreme weather conditions	1
Spread of commercial development beyond the rotary	1
Lack of services	1
Give pay increases to teachers only—not to administrators	1
Truck traffic	1
Loss of freedoms/expanding socialism	1
Lack of an affordable supermarket	1
New Dunkins is ugly	1
Need a five-person Board of Selectmen	1
Increasing pressure from developers	1
Aging population	1
School safety	1
Controversial and inappropriate large tract land use	1
Acrimony in town government	1
Accommodating growth	1
Waste management	1

**Second responses:**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>
Attracting businesses/economic development	23
Taxes	19
Open space/natural resource protection	18
Improve schools	18
Overdevelopment/population growth	18

Traffic	16
Upgrade public safety buildings/invest in public safety	14
161 Nashua Road/toxic dirt	14
Senior housing	13
Preserving rural character	13
Emergency services/public safety	12
Affordable housing (ownership and rental)	11
Town debt/fiscal responsibility/balancing budget/rising costs	9
Infrastructure maintenance	9
Revitalization of downtown	8
Town debt/fiscal responsibility/balancing budget/rising costs	9
Lack of Town Hall leadership/town government transparency	7
Maintaining/expanding town services	7
Opioids/Drugs	7
Road/sidewalk maintenance	7
Increase tax base	7
Need more restaurants	6
Improve zoning/development regulations/enforce zoning	6
Senior services	6
Improving/maintaining town buildings	6
School costs	5
Growth management/balancing environmental protection and growth	5
Lack of public transportation	5
Loss of farmland/agricultural preservation	5
Employment opportunities	5
Drinking water protection/clean water	5
Recreational opportunities/programs/facilities	5
Reuse of Peter Fitzpatrick School	4
Aging population	3
Housing	3
Noise	2
Not updating "green" issue in a timely manner/dealing with the need to go green	2
Better internet/cable provider	2
Improve highly visible dilapidated areas such as the Route 119 auto strip and the mill site/keep up neighborhoods and prevent rundown properties	2
Retaining businesses	2
Attract environmentally clean businesses only	2
40Bs	2
Limit subdivision of property	2
Overcrowded schools	1
Attracting young professionals	2
Resistance to change	2
Planning for climate change/global warming	2
Create a 5-member Board of Selectmen	2
Waste management	1



Speed limit enforcement	1
Providing solar lighting on access roads	1
Add sidewalks on Route 111 from the airport to town	1
Add sidewalks	1
Add more bicycle facilities	1
Lack of growth	1
Upgrade elementary school	1
Availability of good doctors	1
State mandates	1
Attracting homebuyers	1
Pave dirt roads (Jewett Street)	1
Make town more family friendly	1
Dump site	1
Sewer costs	1
Water costs	1
More funding for the library to expand hours and improve facility	1
Expand natural gas to secondary roads	1
Public library advertises a liberal agenda-not safe for children	1
Veteran services	1
Too much development on River Road	1
Repair rail trail	1
Retain town land/don't sell	1
Housing for young families	1
Improve overall appearance of the town	1
Address bicycle safety	1
More funding for the Senior Center	1
Historic preservation	1
Lack of forward thinking in terms of community services and programs	1
Land use	1
Promoting health and well-being of residents	1
Prohibit commercial and industrial development	1
Lack of town spending on needed items	1
Lack of diversity	1
20-year tax giveaways to new businesses—worst idea ever	1
Need better park like the one in Townsend	1
Oversight of town service organizations	1
Lack of plan to deal with drought, flooding and other long-term environmental issues	1
Cutting down hundreds of trees on private property	1
Trump causing an economic crash	1
Illegal immigration	1
Build smaller homes	1
Expand the town water system	1
Federal nonsense	1
Bridges	1
Industry	1

Addressing town-wide issues through social media so rumors and assumptions do not take over	1
Move toward a sustainable economy and sustainable energy	1
Expand recycling to include additional plastics	1
Provide recycling receptacles at public spaces	1
Town Hall technology	1
Peak oil	1
Estate taxes	1
Lower taxes for seniors	1

### Third Responses

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>
Attracting businesses/economic development/more commercial development	32
Environmental/Natural Resource protection	17
161 Nashua Road	13
Improve town government/local politics/transparency	12
Taxes	12
Improve quality of schools	11
Maintaining rural character	11
Traffic	11
Growth management/balancing growth and rural character	10
Emergency services/public safety	10
Preserve open space	9
Road maintenance	9
Overdevelopment/population	8
Infrastructure maintenance	7
Affordable Housing/Housing costs	7
Strengthen zoning/development regulations	7
New cable/internet provider	8
Drinking water quality/water supply protection	5
Revitalization of downtown	5
Control spending/balance budget	5
Reuse of mill site	5
Improve town buildings	4
Drugs/opioids	3
Senior Services	3
Need more restaurants	3
Supporting farmers/agricultural preservation	3
Better recreation programs and facilities	3
Need a secure power grid/clear trees from power lines	3
Controlling school costs	3
Transportation for seniors	2
Senior housing	2

Underfunding town services	2
Expand tax base	2
Lack of public transportation	2
Maintaining services	2
Climate change	2
Water quality/resources	2
Pay teachers well/retain good teachers	2
Reuse of Peter Fitzpatrick School	2
More activities for children	2
Reduce costs of water and sewer	2
Build a new safety complex	1
Noise	1
Fair distribution of resources	1
More activities for teens	1
Communication/website	1
Diversify housing choices	1
Giving in to the demands of city folks	1
Make Town Hall employees time accountable	1
Long range planning for schools	1
Don't ruin downtown with car lots	1
Repairing the reputation of the library	1
Pave dirt roads	1
Develop town identity	1
Commercial sprawl into residential areas	1
Utility maintenance	1
Encouraging younger residents to locate and stay in town	1
Expand natural gas service	1
Energy use/renewables	1
Town support services	1
Need a building moratorium	1
Need housing for aging in place	1
Don't sell town properties for short-term gain	1
Public health	1
Aging population	1
Expand cultural events	1
Fund library	1
Poverty	1
Limit transient residency	1
Shift in demographics prevent broadening of town offerings	1
People who want to turn Pepperell into Concord	1
Getting our own town nurse-no sharing	1
Loss of trees to development	1
Declining student enrollment	1
Fire chief	1
Constant 2 ½ overrides	1
Tear down new and old Dunkins	1

Lack of civic engagement	1
Lack of revenue	1
Make downtown bicycle and pedestrian friendly	1
Expand water and sewer service	1
Avoid any development that pollutes, increases traffic and decreases safety	1
Undertake long term financial planning	1
Foster/maintain a sense of community	1
School maintenance	1
Stop tax breaks for new businesses	1
Lack of healthcare facilities	1
Abuse of open space by ATVs and dirt bikes	1
Give retailers and restaurants a tax break so they can compete with Nashua	1
Need to integrate new residents into town	1
Safety	1
Need more non-profit organizations	1
Don't try to become ritzy	1
Lack of diversity	1
Town Hall is understaffed	1
Need a maintenance plan for town assets	1
Local food security	1
Nursing home/assisted living for seniors	1
Local grocery store	1

<b>Combined Top Responses to Question 7</b>				
<b>Response</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> responses</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> responses</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> responses</b>	<b>Total</b>
Attracting and maintaining businesses/economic development	33	23	32	88
161 Nashua Road/toxic dirt	47	14	13	74
Taxes/tax rate	35	19	12	66
Overdevelopment/population growth	30	18	8	56
Open space preservation/natural resources/environmental protection	12	18	17	47
Traffic	18	16	11	45
Improving the quality of schools/education	15	18	11	44
Senior housing	25	13	2	40
Affordable housing	22	11	7	40
Maintaining rural character/small town feel	11	13	11	35
Upgrade public safety buildings/invest in public safety	6	12	10	28
Road maintenance	10	7	9	26
Improve town government/local politics/transparency	6	7	12	25
Growth management/balancing growth and rural character	5	10	10	25
Clean water/pollution prevention	14	5	5	24

## Q8. On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is it for the Town to establish any of the following as priorities?

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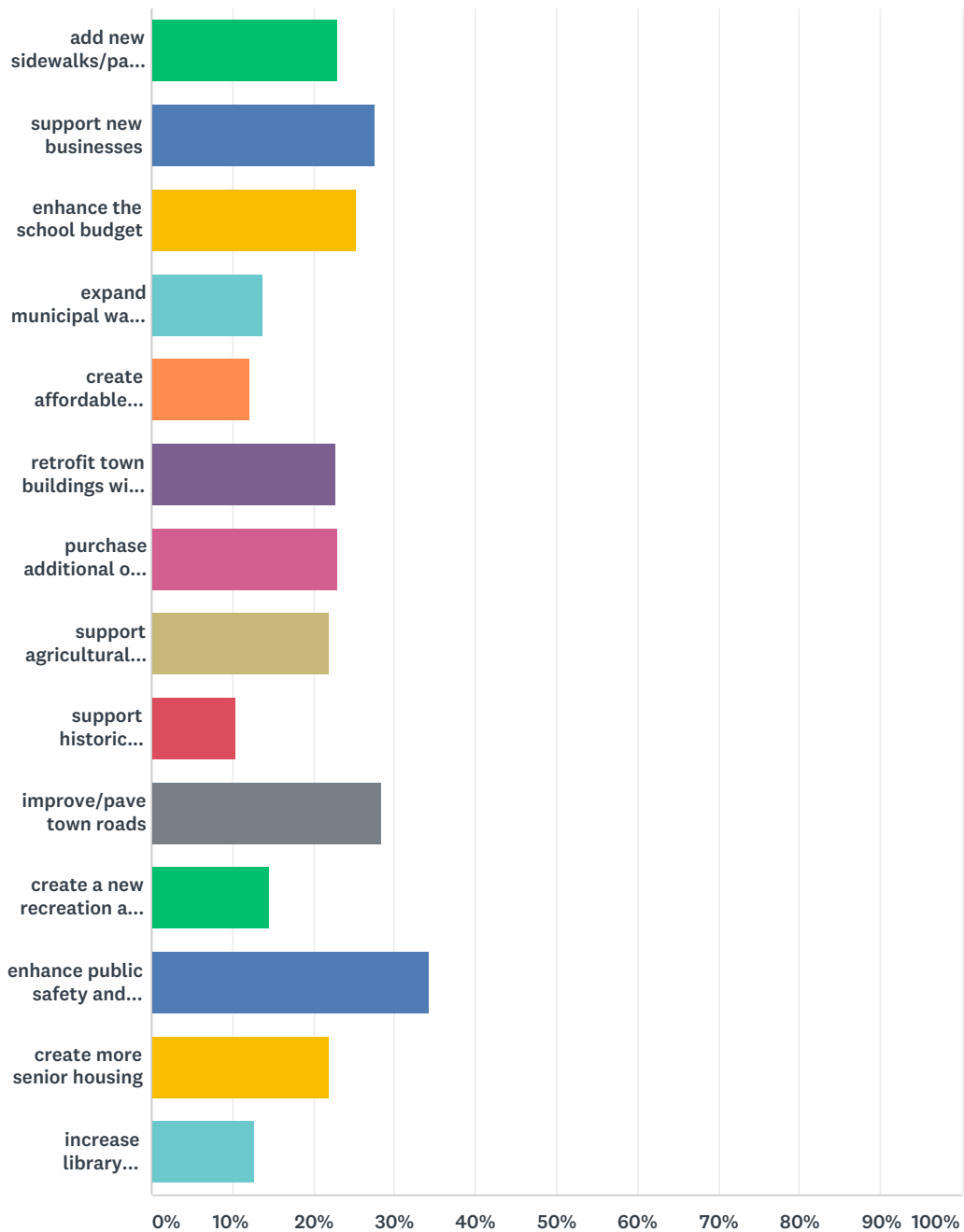
	1 - NOT IMPORTANT	2 - SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	3 - MODERATELY IMPORTANT	4 - VERY IMPORTANT	5 - EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Creating affordable housing	17.19% 77	20.09% 90	29.46% 132	20.31% 91	12.95% 58	448
Creating housing for seniors	6.73% 30	16.37% 73	30.49% 136	28.70% 128	17.94% 80	446
Adding sidewalks/pathways	12.19% 54	20.54% 91	28.67% 127	26.86% 119	11.96% 53	443
Improving the public water infrastructure	4.38% 19	9.91% 43	30.65% 133	36.18% 157	19.59% 85	434
Restricting or prohibiting business/commercial development	28.89% 128	21.44% 95	21.44% 95	16.93% 75	11.74% 52	443
Creating additional opportunities for small scale/neighborhood-style business establishments	6.05% 27	9.42% 42	24.22% 108	34.08% 152	26.68% 119	446
Encouraging more intense economic development in strategic locations	12.24% 54	11.34% 50	26.08% 115	29.25% 129	21.54% 95	441
Encouraging tourism based on agricultural, open space, and recreational assets and attractions	12.22% 54	21.49% 95	29.86% 132	20.59% 91	16.06% 71	442
Revising the zoning regulations to allow single-family homes on smaller lots in certain areas	39.04% 171	18.95% 83	25.34% 111	10.27% 45	7.08% 31	438
Creating design guidelines for new development	7.71% 34	11.34% 50	31.52% 139	27.66% 122	22.22% 98	441
Adopting additional energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives, such as solar	6.07% 27	11.24% 50	23.82% 106	30.11% 134	29.21% 130	445
Increasing available accommodations for non-motorized transportation (pedestrians and bicycles)	10.27% 46	15.18% 68	35.04% 157	27.01% 121	13.62% 61	448
Acquiring additional open space	9.01% 40	17.34% 77	28.83% 128	26.13% 116	19.37% 86	444
Protecting additional agricultural lands	3.81% 17	13.68% 61	24.22% 108	28.03% 125	30.49% 136	446
Historic preservation	3.60% 16	13.93% 62	30.56% 136	28.99% 129	23.60% 105	445
Providing public transportation	19.36% 85	25.06% 110	24.60% 108	20.27% 89	10.93% 48	439
Improving utilities, such as electric service and telecommunications	3.84% 17	9.93% 44	23.93% 106	35.44% 157	27.31% 121	443

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Adding new recreation facilities or programs	6.97% 31	17.30% 77	40.67% 181	23.15% 103	12.13% 54	445
Taking steps to address the impacts of climate change	16.67% 74	13.29% 59	20.72% 92	23.20% 103	26.58% 118	444

### Q14 9. If every Pepperell resident were given \$100 in town funds, which three projects or initiatives would you fund with your share?

Answered: 452 Skipped: 84



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
add new sidewalks/pathways	23.01%	104
support new businesses	27.65%	125
enhance the school budget	25.22%	114
expand municipal water infrastructure	13.72%	62



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create affordable housing	12.17%	55
retrofit town buildings with energy efficiency improvements or renewable energy	22.79%	103
purchase additional open space	23.01%	104
support agricultural preservation	21.90%	99
support historic preservation	10.40%	47
improve/pave town roads	28.54%	129
create a new recreation area or program	14.60%	66
enhance public safety and emergency response services (police, fire, ambulance)	34.29%	155
create more senior housing	21.90%	99
increase library operating hours	12.83%	58
Total Respondents: 452		

## Q15 10. Please provide any additional comments or thoughts that you may have about the Master Plan document or process below.

Answered: 185 Skipped: 351

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Work with School district to recover underutilized school property (i.e. Peter Fitzpatrick school for mixed use town offices), open space between Varnum Brook and NMS (possible sports/aquatic complex?). Town hall is embarrassing, antiquated, and not efficient work space for serving customers (i.e. taxpayers). MOST IMPORTANTLY: PROTECT OUR WATER SUPPLY(S)	1/3/2019 7:18 PM
2	We would LOVE for the library to be open for more hours, we frequently want to take the kids but the library is closed and it is very disappointing. It would encourage my kids to read even more than they do now. Making the whole town more walkable/bikeable would be a huge appeal as it would be nice to be able to walk or bike places rather than driving. Would also make neighborhood walks much safer and I would feel better about letting my older kids go to a nearby neighborhood by themselves. We live here because we love the outdoors and nature and so this would make the town even better.	12/12/2018 9:28 AM
3	I would want the town to exercise strong/strict controls regarding the 2 circled issues on page 5 (Creating additional opportunities for small scale/neighborhood-style business establishments, and Revising the zoning regulations to allow single-family homes on smaller lots in certain areas). Zoning: I would not want developers to have a "field day" in Pepperell and start building cheap residential developments that do not serve the town or its character. Small Businesses: Town to exercise strict controls on this issue to preserve the character of our neighborhoods.	12/11/2018 11:01 AM
4	Thank you to all of our community members who have volunteered their time on the MPC. This survey feels "canned" - I wish it had more specific references to Pepperell (as noted on #8 RE: zoning.) I understand (?) the MPC will be directly soliciting input from the PBA. Is it possible/will you be presenting to seniors at the Senior Center? Could there be MPC surveys at the polling stations on November 6th? Thank you again!	12/11/2018 10:55 AM
5	I would like to see Town boards (including ZBA) working harder to protect residents, town resources and the community in general. Much later, or earlier hours for community activities from Recreation programs ( such as classes). As a working individual, classes/events have to be 7 p.m. or later	12/7/2018 8:00 PM
6	There is not a lot local places to eat near by	12/7/2018 4:14 PM
7	Since so many people bike for recreation, and since the area is perfect for this (scenery, hills), it would be nice to have bike paths along rts 111, 119, 113. Or perhaps wider shoulders. The Pepperell area is becoming increasingly known as a great sports area for biking, in addition to the fishing that it's already known for. I also wonder if something can be done once and for all with the 161 Nashua Rd space that would be more suitable for the town other than projects that have been proposed over the years. Could the town consider buying/leasing this open space for recreational facilities that are brought up in the survey? Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on the direction of the town!	12/7/2018 4:08 PM
8	Frivolous requests involving tax payers in higher taxes on property is not appreciated. Many people move here because they like the rural aspects and don't want to live in a mini-city. Higher taxes will drive people out - not attract them to the town. Even though we are not providing names - asking for household income is not appropriate and is not being provided!	12/7/2018 3:54 PM
9	Adaptive reuse of existing structures and implementing energy efficient and renewable building methods. Safe, affordable, recreation opportunities and a full service library will make our town attractive to families considering moving to the area and will retain those who already do. The town gives away waivers. We need to demand higher standards.	12/7/2018 3:52 PM
10	Thomas Nephew at the Dept. of Public works is doing a great job.	12/7/2018 3:49 PM
11	Preserving the charm of the town while balancing the needs of the citizens and community.	12/7/2018 3:30 PM

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12	STOP SPENDING RAINY DAY MONEY GET A STRONG ADMINISTRATOR STOP THE TOWN HALL INFIGHTING TEACH STEWARDSHIP TO TOWN OFFICES BE FAIR WITH BUDGET DECISIONS Get another cable company to give us choice \$100 per household savings per month!	12/7/2018 3:26 PM
13	Thank you for conducting this survey!	12/6/2018 9:37 PM
14	please do what you can to protect more open space in Pepperell!	12/6/2018 3:23 PM
15	Improve lightening the roadways at night. Difficult to see streets.	12/5/2018 4:16 PM
16	Seniors need services: - Housing #1 - Safe walking sidewalks and paths - Public transportation We have a fantastic Senior Center. Thank you.	12/5/2018 3:28 PM
17	Seniors need services Housing #1 Safe walking sidewalks Public transportation Beautiful senior center	12/5/2018 3:08 PM
18	Public transportation Seniors need more services Safer sidewalks	12/5/2018 3:04 PM
19	Building and real estate are disrupting all wildlife. Too much building houses! We came here for "small town" and now there are houses being built too much. Pepperell is turning into a busy town! People drive very fast down our road, even with the "thickly settled" signs - drivers could care less! Even when little children are MANY and playing outside. These things are already happening now. What will it be like in 10 years?! Also - the intersection of 113 and Park Street is so unsafe!! cars traveling from 113 toward Park (unless there's a policeman) are speeding so fast! One takes their life in their hands to try to cross the intersection. The town needs a traffic light (stop, caution, green go). Over time, traffic is worse than ever. No one adheres to a flashing light - and our good, busy policemen can't be there all the time. Why can't there be a traffic mirror to see oncoming cars? Such a simple thing. And the policemen could park out of site of the mirror. If the town (or one of the less occupied schools) would have a swimming pool for summer and/or an ice skating rink for winter, it would give them something to do besides being bored and drugs. I have offered these 2 suggestions for 10 and more years and no change has been made - so the survey didn't help matters. Thank you.	12/5/2018 2:59 PM
20	Our Town Field has concerts and summer programs - 1) They need trees for town field to shade areas 2) Shelter such as pavilion 3) Fix the bathrooms on town field (disgusting) 4) fix the shed area 5) get rid of the Bike Park and use those trees for town field 6) walking path around town field 7) less playing fields 8) fix the tennis courts! 9) better maintenance of gazebo area and flag area, gardens 10) fix granite benches all are tipping - liability for town! have a professional monument company fix benches! 11) Ask for a community cleanup day on Earth Day and fall cleanup. get community help! Good luck!	12/5/2018 2:44 PM
21	Pepperell is an awesome town. Moving forward with growth management, a place for seniors to live and young families to thrive with fantastic schools without excessive taxes is the ideal scenario.	12/5/2018 2:17 PM
22	The population is aging. This needs to be taken into account. More thoughtful development would be nice. Downtown needs a facelift. There are no support resources for job seekers. Many seniors have lost their careers due to layoffs and age. There are no groups or resources to help them. Charter/Spectrum is terrible. We need competitive options. There is no help for those of us interested in solar, no organized community efforts. Restrict/control unscrupulous developers like VCR Realty Trust who historically have taken advantage of the system.	12/5/2018 2:12 PM
23	Senior housing: one floor living.	12/5/2018 1:53 PM
24	When does the town plan on fixing the fence/yard on corner of Willow/113? I feel terrible for the homeowner that it's taking this long and it does not reflect well on the town's responsiveness. I am sure there are reasons - perhaps something could be posted on website with explanation.	12/5/2018 1:48 PM
25	The most important thing the Master Plan document can do is create an independent oversight committee, answerable to the Board Of Selectpersons to encourage, urge, whatever it takes to keep the recommendations of the plan on track and completed in a timely manner. The second most important thing is to recommend well thought out improvements to most of the zoning regulations, and use the oversight committee to help bring those improvements to fruition. Rob Rand	12/5/2018 1:41 PM
26	With all the "development" here since 1979, I'm seriously considering selling the house and relocating to a more rural area (like Pepperell was in 1979)!	12/5/2018 1:37 PM

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27	The Pepperell Master Plan should focus on the needs of the community - affordable housing (use Peter Fitz) Affordable building guidelines (reduce cost to hookup to town sewer). Increase commercial property so business owners can create jobs in Pepperell - create commercial space similar to Lomar Park. Change zoning so more homeowners can offer housing in their homes - example Inns - Senior housing, nursing home, etc. Change zoning in state roads in Pepperell to allow for commercial business properties.	12/5/2018 1:18 PM
28	ANYTIME I SEE QUESTIONS ABOUT CHANGING ZONING REG. I SMELL A RAT! WHAT REAL ESTATE/BUILDERS ARE LOOKING TO PUT "SMALL" HOUSING ON SMALLER LOTS?!? AND CLEVER WORDING "STRATEGIC" LOCATIONS. SEE ABOVE COMMENT.	12/5/2018 1:11 PM
29	Pepperell doesn't have adequate Senior Housing on River Rd. I'm 20th on the list for a 1st floor apartment. I haven't applied to Foster St. because the apartments are too small. I need a bright apartment, well lit, Folks shouldn't need to wait 2-3 years for a senior apartment, 1st floor like on River Rd. I don't know the wait times for Foster St. I'll check into that. Thank you.	12/5/2018 1:06 PM
30	We need more wildlife protection and conservation land.	12/5/2018 12:50 PM
31	I would love to see the Fitzpatrick school used as community center. More programs for youth especially teens. More restaurants, local not chains. Bring back summer playground, add more summer programs. Would love town pool. Increase after school programs. Quality programs, not daycare.	12/5/2018 12:45 PM
32	Creating a plan is great. Following through, or even using it (vs sitting on a shelf) is another thing. We need to develop a mechanism for oversight of implementation after the plan is complete. Each board/committee should embed approved recommendations in their approval or process documents so all actions are considered under the lens or recommendations of the master plan. A standing MP oversight committee, to include one BOS member, one planning board member, one ConComm member, one DPW rep, and several at large citizens could function in this capacity. The planning board admin person or Town Planner should create a spreadsheet of database to track success and town employees should be held accountable to complete any projects specifically assigned to them. "A goal without a plan is just a wish" - Antoine de Saint-Exupery "Just because you make a good plan, doesn't mean that's what's gonna happen." - Taylor Swift	12/5/2018 12:37 PM
33	* Utilization of the Peter Fitzpatrick School - so it at least will pay for itself. Including a possible zoning change so a mix of Town Services as well as small businesses/offices might be the best mix to take advantage of all possible revenue options. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS 1) PERFORMING ARTS 2) FINE ARTS 3) CRAFTS/BOTH ARTISAN AS WELL CONSTRUCTIVE 4) LIFE SKILLS CLASSES: BUDGETING, FOOD PREP, COOKING, ETC. All of the above might also be offered to Seniors in town * Establishing Zoning Guidelines so another 161 Nashua Rd doesn't happen again. (Board of Health Guidelines also to be established toward that same end.) * Serious look at Hydro and Solar Electric options and install Dunstable has a town Solar Array/Farm why can't we?	12/5/2018 12:24 PM
34	Outside of the factual (hopefully) information, of those taking this survey, I believe the perceptions and opinions section provide little, if any, help in the updating of the master plan. What is gained? Perceptions and opinions are just that without the respondents ability to qualify their answers. I see it difficult to analyze why, given your scale, a choice is made without an understanding or interpretation of the choice made. Perhaps a comment area or partial questionnaire to certain subjects would have been more suitable. In conclusion, many categories will lead to a false narrative without explanation. I cannot conclude how one can share a thought, opinion, or idea for the future of this town with a check mark in a box or on a line.	12/5/2018 11:52 AM
35	I have found that attending town meetings is a waste of time. The town leaders have their minds made up and their positions already made. Then they make it look like taxpayers have a say!! If you volunteer to serve on an advisory board or commission, the town does not even respond to your wish to volunteer to serve. That tells me that all "outside" volunteers are not wanted! Only insiders are allowed on any departments or boards. No wonder taxes keep going up. You are limiting competition for spectrum. They must be paying you to keep out competition. That is not right or fair or proper.	12/5/2018 11:45 AM
36	I believe we need more commercial businesses but impacts to our rivers and wetlands should be considered when determining the locations and the Use Chart should reflect these considerations.	12/5/2018 11:41 AM
37	- Examine recycling at transfer station - can we increase what we can recycle? Is there really any value in what we are doing? Does anyone buy it since China, Indonesia don't buy it? - What about PF School?	12/5/2018 11:19 AM

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38	I believe the biggest impact to the town of Pepperell would be the reclamation project on Nashua rd. It would have a negative impact on our town. It would be nice to see some new development of the main st businesses. Telecommunications need to be improved. Overall the town is wonderful and we should try to preserve it with obtaining open space.	12/3/2018 8:44 PM
39	We need a DOG PARK. so easy to build. Fence off a small area near the skate park or clear out some brush near the playground and we could have a great dog park and get people out into the community	12/3/2018 6:39 PM
40	Excuse my ignorance, but compared to the rest of Eastern Mass, Pepperell has affordable living. The last thing we need is more houses on smaller spaces, creating more traffic and ruining the landscape. I love the idea of creating additional opportunities for small scale/neighborhood-style business establishments - businesses pay taxes! :) Thanks!	12/3/2018 3:12 PM
41	I plan to spend my remaining years in Pepperell. At some point, initiatives relevant to seniors will become more important to me. Also, keeping taxes low is very important to me.	12/2/2018 5:57 PM
42	We have been disturbed by some of the displays at the public library geared towards children that seem to be an effort to indoctrinate them into LGBT issues/lifestyles. Not appropriate for children in the library! Please keep the library a wholesome place where families can visit without embarrassment.	11/30/2018 5:50 PM
43	Move to LED lights for street lights and all town buildings would make a difference and is relatively easy. We need to protect our rural lifestyle and area or the benefits of living here will be lost.	11/29/2018 9:04 AM
44	The library is not appropriate for my children due to signs addressing transgender meetings for young children. Signs for meetings with adult or teen topics should not be posted for the younger children to see.	11/27/2018 4:27 PM
45	One reason I was attracted to this town was the beautiful library building. Unfortunately, the library is no longer a welcoming space to many Pepperell residents. I have recently learned that many Pepperell residents have completely given up on this towns library and travel to Townsend instead. I often wondered why Townsend library events are packed, while attendance at the Pepperell offerings can be so low even though we have a bigger population. I understand that the library staff have their own political and social beliefs, that is no different than any other library. However, most of the current staff continually insist on pushing their own political agenda while ignoring that this town leans conservative. Many patrons of the library have had enough and moved on. I have thought of expressing my views in person but I was concerned that I would also end up with a "no trespass" warrant and an op ed piece about me in the paper or that I would be purposely doxed. Can you imagine that a library would make a patron feel this way? It is so unfortunate and avoidable. Things can be done with balance so that all parties feel safe at the library.	11/27/2018 4:00 PM
46	The Lawrence Library is the heart of this town.	11/23/2018 7:40 PM
47	Pepperell is becoming less family-friendly as time goes on. Other than the one school, there are no real playgrounds. The recreation department has dwindled down to almost nothing over the past few years. There are minimal programs for children, no summer camps, no town-run before/after school programs (which are profitable when run well). Comparing what Pepperell does to what surrounding towns do is eye opening. This is an amazing small town that isn't living up to its potential. The schools are not great, and further dragged down by the rest of the regional district. Pepperell is being defined by the towns around it and not standing on its own.	11/22/2018 7:34 AM
48	I'm an "elder millennial" with a young family. While we love being in a more rural setting for our kids, I believe. it's going to be more and more important to the future generations that they are proud of what their town looks like in terms of a charming downtown (like Groton, for example), walk-ability and a sense of community for the town. Thanks for all your hard work!	11/21/2018 8:12 PM
49	Please raise the awareness of this survey! The only reason I know about it is because I went to town meeting.	11/21/2018 2:37 PM

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50	Open space, scenic areas and good school and recreation programs are great benefits for current residents and help attract new families to town. We need to be proactive in preservation of open space and agricultural land. More support of local sports and recreation facilities would be great. I get offended at attempts to try to water down zoning regulations in residential areas to allow denser housing or more irregular lot shapes. We have a good mix of smaller lots in the downtown area and larger lots in the more rural areas which allow a little more space between neighbors. We should focus on efforts that drive vehicle and foot-traffic to the downtown area to support those business, rather than constantly trying to promote commercial development in residential areas. The Peterfitz property should be maintained for future town use. We need to plan not just or 10 years down the road, but 50 or 100. Trying to sell the Peterfitz property for commercial to make a quick buck would be a bad long term strategy.	11/21/2018 2:15 PM
51	Plans have to be developed in a no-nonsense/common-sense clear directive type way. It also has to remember to constrain itself as to not over burden residents with more taxes.	11/19/2018 5:06 PM
52	We're visiting our kids and the town they live in here gives tax incentives for local businesses to improve their storefronts and tax breaks to expand local small businesses so that they dont get squeezed out of the town and replaced by something else. We should do that. Also the police and fire department do great work and they should get the space modernized but no new buildings please.	11/17/2018 9:19 AM
53	Economically, we can't compete with NH in many ways based on their tax-free status, but we could compete in terms of education. We may be well situated to house an educational facility for students in need of precise support, like a school for blind or deaf persons. Environmentally, we include the confluence of 3 rivers and could consider making use of these natural resources for some sustainable-energy purposes. Culturally, we offer the quaint New England small-town backdrop that could be appropriate for the development of an artist's retreat, encouraging an influx of musical and visual arts. There are a number of horse farms and seemingly an active equestrian population. Maybe that is something that can be built upon. Our Main Street lacks cohesion and appeal. It could certainly benefit from top-view planning. Thank you.	11/16/2018 12:08 PM
54	I should be allowed to submit 5 options above. \$20 each instead of \$33.33. That being said, I don't have children, but I still think the school budget should be increased. Also, I shouldn't have to decide between public safety and supporting new businesses. Assuming public safety is getting enough money to do their job, I support new businesses!	11/12/2018 12:01 PM
55	The town needs to stop chasing the will-o-the-wisp of expanding the commercial zone with the intention of increasing tax revenues. It won't happen, not with the steady growth of online retail at a time when the country already has too much commercial property in suburbia (1/4 of all malls are slated to close). Let's encourage neighborhood-level commercial development (i.e., no drive thru windows) in areas that already have existing nonconforming commercial uses (say, the town center near the Community Church). We need to have more than just one commercial zone where anything goes. We need more efforts toward historical preservation as well as preserving our remaining farmlands (especially the Blood farm on Mason St. and the Duke property on Jewett St.). We need more efforts to preserve our rapidly dwindling supply of pre-Civil War era houses. And finally, at 70 years old, my primary form of exercise is walking. We need a lot more sidewalks!	11/10/2018 12:58 PM
56	developments with tightly packed houses will ruin rural appeal of town	11/8/2018 12:09 PM
57	I would love to see a light put at the intersection at Elm and Main. Cars are constantly speeding into town and when you emerge from Elm st. It is a blind curve. There have been numerous accidents and it is unsafe. I tend to avoid that intersection and I live on Elm st.	11/6/2018 5:33 PM
58	I have been wanting to comment on our Public Library for quite some time. I haven't felt it is a safe place to bring my children for the past 2 or 3 years. There are LGBTQ signs and books promoting inappropriate relationships all over the library, inside and out, including the Children's Room. Our taxpayer funded Public Library should be free from political and controversial advertising, so all residents feel safe there. It is not currently a safe place to bring my children. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Otherwise, we love living in Pepperell.	11/6/2018 4:51 PM
59	I welcome large scale commercial development and establishments, but we should be careful to keep current town character of Pepperell. That is why I think it is more important to focus on the guidelines to keep growth in check.	11/5/2018 2:00 PM
60	Pepperell is fairlyconservative, but does very well within the budget restraints. Good community, good value, generally pleased!	11/4/2018 4:27 PM
61	Thank you for undertaking this survey! The fact that this survey is being done makes me feel good about Pepperell.	10/31/2018 8:29 AM

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62	Focus on the business development in town to reduce the financial tax burden on the residential homeowners, and create a flourishing business district. Also create job interest for police, fire, and emergency personnel. In addition, address the contaminated drinking water issue.	10/30/2018 9:39 PM
63	I would like the town to be designated as a "right to farm" community.	10/30/2018 2:13 PM
64	I am unable to answer a lot of the questions due to the fact I have only lived here a few months.	10/30/2018 8:37 AM
65	For such an agricultural town, it's odd that there is not composting or chipping available, where people can bring their leaves, branches and other vegetation so that it can be mulched and turned into compost for later use. There is a great program for that in Holden where people can bring these items to be broken down, and locals as well as the DPW can collect wood chips and soil for their own use. It may help solve the "No Toxic Dirt" issue in town. Please don't allow a "pot store" or farm in town. It is a growing issue that so many make light of. When you see what it does on a small scale already, it is concerning what will happen if it becomes more wide spread.	10/28/2018 9:00 AM
66	Need additional professional staff to assist with implementing goals.	10/27/2018 5:56 PM
67	Would be great to have more choice of cable/internet providers.	10/26/2018 10:49 AM
68	I am new to Pepperell and rural life. I live on East Street north of 113. Its a cut thru and cars -trucks speed along.. more control would be appreciated. Trucks come at 6-7 am to pick up trash and recycling - quite noisy at that hour - need enforceable restrictions. I do not have town water or sewerage. Would like both. Only one choice for cable. Need more choices (telecommunications infrastructure) I would like to keep Pepperell the way it is and not grow bigger or become commercialized by big businesses. Encourage entrepreneurship - more goods and services but on a local small business level. keep the population small and the town intimate - small town feel...- no big housing development projects limit new housing- creating a higher real estate values	10/26/2018 2:25 AM
69	The town needs to provide discounts for seniors. The tax rate and betteremnt fees are exorbitant for seniors. Sewer lines and othe infrastructure expenses need to be incorporated in the overall tax rate and not burden residences which happen to be adjacent to the pipe line.	10/22/2018 11:50 AM
70	I find certain questions in this survey to be leading in nature. For example, the question about utilizing vacant school buildings... as of the date this survey was put together, we have no vacant school buildings in Pepperell. In terms of a master plan - this town needs to be forward-looking and work to positions ourselves for future success. We need to attract young families to our town. We need to increase our tax revenues so we can implement programs that will allow us to reduce the tax burden of our seniors - while still growing and maintaining our existing services. With the continued negativity towards businesses in town, we need programs that will attract people to our town, such as more robust recreational and educational programs that draw in people from surrounding communities. What happened to that group that wanted to use the school at the rotary? Get those types of ideas out there and get programs running that will serve as an additional source of revenue for the town. We also need to be more friendly to small businesses... attract them away from New Hampshire... we'll never have retail that can compete with tax-free Nashua, so let's go after other types of businesses that will draw people, generate revenue, and solidify our position as one of the best rural communities around!!	10/22/2018 6:43 AM
71	Review existing bylaws and add what is necessary to ensure the residents and town are protected from commerical/industrial use that would have a negative impact on the town/residents.	10/21/2018 10:39 AM
72	N/A	10/21/2018 10:31 AM
73	Can we use the school at the circle again? I heard some want to tear it down but it should be used for something good its a nice location and it looks nice and it woujld be a shame to lose it to something else. Or if it gets torn down can you make a park so that we could walk there its so nice on that whole road down to the farm and it would be nice. Also the mall needs to be fixed because its wasted space but my mom and I worry what would it turn into and we live here because we dont want to end up looking like its all crowded and too busy. We dont know whats happening at the river we heard its going to be a factory but its not doing anything so maybe some nice apartments and food instead of an ugly factory and that would be nice too. Thank you.	10/20/2018 6:22 AM
74	Sidewalk on Rt. 119 near Hannaford in Townsend going towards Pepperell. This would require coordination with Townsend of course.	10/19/2018 7:28 AM
75	Squeezing so-called affordable housing into small subdivisions increases taxes to support services, creates traffic, does not serve those who need affordable housing and is a money grab by developers. Needs better planning. Stop toxic dirt.	10/18/2018 11:42 AM

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76	The best way for a town to thrive is to attract new young families to move there. Turning the Peter Fitzpatrick School into a Community Center would definitely be a step in the right direction.	10/17/2018 6:30 PM
77	Love: low taxes and home prices, large yards, tons of conservation land Dislike: lack of restaurants, tennis courts, adult sports leagues Great and friendly town with lots of room for improvement!	10/17/2018 7:16 AM
78	There is a void in the areas Pepperell has to maintain and the nonprofit groups who are willing and able to aid in field improvements. Town buildings must be maintained better. The Peter Fitzpatrick School at its current state is a tax burden. Alternative measures for sale and/or redevelopment should be revisited and discussed.	10/16/2018 9:31 AM
79	Need a bigger grocery store like market basket in this town. It has better prices for the residents and wouldn't be so hard on our wallets.	10/16/2018 5:52 AM
80	I am extremely worried about clean water and the potential impact of the soil reclamation proposal.	10/15/2018 10:32 PM
81	Thanks to all the dedicated people who volunteer to try to make the Town better.	10/15/2018 6:13 PM
82	To attract families to Pepperell, Pepperell needs to be attractive. The appearance of Main Street is shoddy and looks unplanned (the Mall, for example). Very inferior to Groton and Hollis, NH. If we could look like a desirable, quaint New England town, I would not hesitate to pay higher taxes, but I also realize that higher taxation forces long-time residents to leave and that is not OK either. Good luck!!!	10/15/2018 4:37 PM
83	My thoughts here: 1. Develop a vision or identity for Pepperell - articulate it; This may help with deciding what's important 2. Use a decision analysis process - it will take the emotion out of the discussion 3. Communicate a lot - bring people along the way 4. Engage the community and get them involved. I've served on some town committees - i know this is not easy.	10/14/2018 1:33 PM
84	The town needs to ensure that businesses that want to startup/move into town are welcomed, having a variety of services in town with friendly hours and proximity is a benefit for all townspeople. Only listening to the most vocal leads to a climate where new residents and businesses are wary that they will not be heard (or dismissed) or create a difficult fight that could lead to an overall loss to the town.	10/13/2018 12:51 PM
85	I live here because of the rural feel and the abundance of wildlife (even the bears who get into my bird seed containers) I am not interested in side walks or street lights..... I would like to see them stop praising the sewer and water rates for those of us who do pay our bills to compensate for those who don't pay theirs.....and I'd like to have my street paved.....been here 20 years and its NEVER been paved all that \$\$ I pay in taxes and i don't feel like i get in anything in return.. oh and pass a frickin leash law, sick of being chased confronted by other peoples dogs while walking mine on a leash	10/12/2018 4:17 PM
86	To provide and enforce zoning. To remove the atmosphere of "It's all who you know." Enforce traffic postings. Make the town website easier to navigate and keep it updated.	10/12/2018 12:24 PM
87	Thank you for asking for input! I feel like there should be more affordable housing options for young families and seniors. I can't believe the town allowed townhouses to be built for seniors back in the 90s. There is very little available in the state for over 55 that is single-level living available to purchase. My parents moved to New Hampshire for this reason.	10/12/2018 12:12 PM
88	1) I grew up in Acton, which grew steadily and is now completely overdeveloped and lost its small town charm. Now it is nothing but a commuter town. 2) I suggest improving on Pepperell's existing resources to draw in additional money. Bike trail, rivers and ponds, hiking areas, fields for cross country skiing and snow shoeing, kayaking, fishing, etc. 3) Improve signage at bike trail to encourage use of small businesses (similar to downtown Ayer with map showing stores and locations). 4) Sidewalks/bike lanes to all tourist attractions (covered bridge, library, rivers, ponds, stores, parks, schools, etc.) 5) Better parking for rivers, trails, ponds, etc. 6) Map of entire town at bike trail showing all that Pepperell has to offer and how to get there. Also set up bathrooms/water kiosk at bike trail.	10/12/2018 12:05 PM
89	Allow Verizon FiOS	10/12/2018 11:44 AM
90	This town needs to bring in more businesses to offset the taxes and more support for the seniors, the youth, and town hub (i.e. Library). We are not a big city, nor do I want to see that, but bringing in more revenue from business could ease the burden off the individual taxpayers and make our town a little more family friendly.	10/12/2018 10:46 AM
91	Questions regarding public safety and emergency response services (police, fire, ambulance) should be separate. Enhance fire and ambulance but not police.	10/12/2018 10:26 AM



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92	I have had several confrontations with loose dogs so I think there should be a leash law in Pepperell. I think it's important to maintain the rural character of the town as much as possible. We need to enforce the speed limits. We do not want toxic dirt in Pepperell. The library and the senior center are very good resources and should always be fully funded.	10/12/2018 10:20 AM
93	Decisions should benefit the people and town, not someone's personal pocket \$.	10/12/2018 10:14 AM
94	Pepperell is a delightful small town with a growing drug issue and an aging population that needs support. Our financial advisors need to be proactive (less argumentative) and professional in looking at proposals and requests. The Fire Chief might need a little coaching in how to formulate a request - more succinct directions, a little less dramatic accusation and complaining before the entire town meeting. Bad show.	10/12/2018 10:07 AM
95	We have a beautiful downtown across from an impressive bike path that should be restored and enhanced. We should also encourage development on the vacant mill space to create a mixed use recreational, business center.	10/11/2018 1:02 PM
96	Allow funded projects to be reviewed and approved without the hurdle of the much discussed, long ways off survey of recreational spaces in town	10/11/2018 12:06 PM
97	I would really like some tennis courts in town.	10/11/2018 10:15 AM
98	Please stop the toxic dumping! Thank you	10/11/2018 9:44 AM
99	Control the off road vehicles, get them off the conservation and conservation restricted lands. There is no sense acquiring more open land if you don't enforce proper use of the existing conservation lands! The privately owned and conservation restricted land behind Deerfield Drive is being Destroyed by the off road vehicles!	10/11/2018 6:48 AM
100	It would be nice to have a few more restaurants to choose from, how can we try to foster this eco development.	10/10/2018 6:41 PM
101	Pepperell's most important asset is it's rural setting, beautiful waterways and underground water source. We need to make sure the plan does not allow this to be ruined with man made structures and roads and toxic materials. We are a country town, but many of the roads are too dangerous to walk down. We shouldn't have to drive a car to safe areas. We should be able to walk or bike anywhere in town so we can enjoy it right out our door. Make the heavily traveled roads more bike and pedestrian friendly. They just aren't wide enough in areas. Adding sidewalks or even a gravel path area can help. e.g. Hollis street going toward Hollis past Doc Davis and blind corners on Brookline, Groton street, Rt 111 toward Groton and many other streets. There is no room to even step off the road when a car is coming. Plus the town needs to keep a regular spraying of the poison ivy along the roads so one can get off the road where there is room. Make sure the Kemp Conservation Area Launch access is retained. Don't lose our right of way. Improve the parking and access to this area. I think if more people new about this river access it would get used more and you would see more people concerned about it.	10/9/2018 7:06 PM
102	The more affordable housing you build will attract more inner city project people that live off the public dole, require free housing and free food etc. Europe and their open borders have experienced a nightmare of sanctuary issues for their sanctuary cities. Refugees come into England and Northern Ireland, never get a job once they realize they have FREE everything. They also bring their unhygienic forms of toileting by doing it in the streets of Paris and London. It is a horror over there right now. Our UK friends tell us their taxes are skyrocketing to pay for these policies enacted by the UK. They are the ones suffering financially, the middle class picking up the taxation burden. I see no value in creating more affordable housing in Pepperell, Mass except for seniors who have worked their entire life, perhaps at low paying jobs, but they worked. They should be your priority.	10/9/2018 1:21 PM
103	allowing Boards or Departments to defer maintenance on Publicly owned buildings cost us more than if we had fixed it when the problem appeared. Need to cap our tax base, continuing on present course will ultimately lose residents, because it has become to expensive to live here. The Master Plan needs to not only see the town's future but also look on how we lower the cost to live here.	10/9/2018 12:51 PM
104	Zoning makes it impossible for truly affordable housing to exist. Homeowners do not need to have such huge plots of land. Cottage-style clustered housing would be ideal.	10/9/2018 12:17 PM
105	Establish commerce committee to work with promotion of small businesses and promote small town feel with stricter sign and renovations zoning in Main Street areas NO more tear downs on Main Street. We are loosing the look!!	10/9/2018 7:23 AM

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106	I think that the town has been dealing with its growing pains rather successfully, but we could do more. I have been concerned when efforts were made to have regional rather than local emergency ambulance services but I understand that was ultimately resolved. While that was up in the air, many of us were very, very concerned about how well emergency situations would be handled. I know that the decreasing student population has made it difficult to maintain education standards but I feel strongly that it is critical that we support our schools diligently. The new high school has been a step in the right direction. Middle class families would be reassured to settle here if they had confidence in our schools. We have many beautiful historic structures here in town, such as the town hall, which need to be maintained well. The old jail building down near Railroad Square is an example of a beautiful structure that is being neglected. It would enhance the area if it were restored and made into an information center for the town. So many people now use the rail trail and spend time in Railroad Square , buying ice cream at Charlotte's Country Kitchen, etc., using the restaurants etc. and I think it would boost local businesses if the area were maintained and made more attractive, especially during the warm months.	10/8/2018 12:59 PM
107	Pepperell needs growth in business to increase job opportunities	10/8/2018 8:03 AM
108	Maintaining the rural nature of Pepperell while experiencing population growth will be a delicate balance for the infrastructure of the town. Slow down the commercial development and improve the current character of the town. Do NOT Allow large companies to take advantage of the town with big money promises. ( i.e., Toxic waste development on Nashua Road and/or Fuel type facilities located on the Nashua River) STOP cronyism at the Town Hall.	10/7/2018 9:15 AM
109	We have stayed in Pepperell because we believe it has great potential to be as nice as Groton some day. We desperately need to develop the site of the old mill on the riverfront in order to bring businesses and shopping locations to the community. This will bring jobs and revenue to the town and give a reason for people to come visit. Perhaps even adding an inn or bed and breakfast for visitors who see Pepperell as a place for shopping and recreation. The new music venue being built in Groton is a great opportunity for Pepperell to gain from people coming to the area. Once revenue is flowing in, then is the time to think about things like more sidewalks and other such improvements. We are hopeful that the planning board is forward thinking and big picture planning.	10/7/2018 9:00 AM
110	Renovate Town Hall. Handicap access is in unsafe and disgrace to the town. Bring more businesses to center of town - retail stores, restaurants, cafe Create a vibrant center	10/6/2018 6:41 PM
111	Unique small businesses would be a nice addition to the town. However, with the proximity of Nashua and the big box stores, I don't believe that we should open up the town to large retail stores. I don't believe that our streets can handle much more of an increase in traffic without serious redesign. I enjoy the rural character of Pepperell.	10/6/2018 4:04 PM
112	Purchase additional land only to protect drinking water supply.	10/6/2018 1:13 PM
113	There is nothing wrong with allowing chain stores/restaurants in to town.	10/6/2018 10:22 AM
114	Once a master plan for the town is written and disseminated, a strong oversight mechanism must be put into place to implement the plan.	10/6/2018 10:21 AM
115	Providing additional support to our schools is imperative. Not only will it benefit us, the residents, but it will also attract new residents and provide increased tax revenue.	10/6/2018 9:52 AM
116	Thanks. Good Luck!	10/6/2018 8:30 AM
117	The biggest question, how to stop the school budget from taking 59% of the total budget, leaving little for other departments. This leaves the town facing override after override. High school populations decrease, and Pepperell's is less than the other two. How does Townsend have new firetrucks and buildings and we look to them for mutual aide, while financing our safety with overrides? Where are all the businesses? Where have they gone? Look at our downtown? This is embarrassing. Look at surrounding towns. The main Streets are active, clean and lined with businesses in well kept buildings. Look at Lomar Park empty spots. Education is great if you get your return on the investments. Has Pepperell sent anyone to the NFL? Time to share the school budget, so everyone benefits. Today learning in a modern building is almost laughable, there are so many new ways to obtain an education and so many problems exist behind the school walls, it's time to think outside the building. The Master Plan has been worked on for YEARS and not moved beyond being an idea. Update Railroad Square, attract more businesses, share the budget fairly with all departments, somehow get the citizens engaged and enthused about improving our town and moving forward. Stopping the reclamation project before people begin to leave is of the utmost importance; otherwise the Master Plan will always remain just an idea.	10/5/2018 9:58 PM

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118	Fix the new Dunking Donuts. It's a disaster. It should never have been approved and it makes it difficult to not be suspicious of any new businesses particularly chains or other franchises. Dont sell out to developers. Leverage the river as an attraction. Add open space and be sure to give access to it. Hunting fishing and hiking are all important. Do something with the mall. It dilutes the value of downtown but dont sell out to a franchise. Carefully protect the unused school area. See above about nor selling out. Be proud of historical buildings and rehab wherever possible before building new. Cherish the library. Dont let a single square foot of farm land to be built on. Leverage the industrial parks before allowing commercial development to tear down any additional homes. Enforce restrictions designed to protect the land such as limited salt use near the rivers and the like. Build on the existing character of Pepperell. Dont ignore it. Think Rite Aid vs. Pepperell Family pharmacy. Rite Aid doesn't fit. What a mistake. As difficult as the rotary is, keep it as opposed to traffic lights. Lights are a scourge. Be careful about light pollution. It seems to be getting worse. Can we attract brewers, cheese shops, a meadery, boutique hotel (look at Groton), things like that. Leave behind Starbucks, Market Basket and those things that will ruin us. Go slow and do it right. We want to live here forever for these things.	10/5/2018 4:04 PM
119	This is an important plan but please don't forget why so many people moved to and live in Pepperell. There are too many people who want development and things like traffic signals, etc. We don't need that. We need to be happy here. Preserving our way of life is critical to our happiness and health. We've chosen to raise our children in this environment and destroying it for tax revenues or increased business development is not only unnecessary....it goes against the roots of our community. Thank you for this opportunity. We're grateful.	10/5/2018 2:39 PM
120	All views captured in the above.	10/5/2018 2:13 PM
121	The town needs to continue to grow to stay competitive with the surrounding towns.	10/5/2018 1:28 PM
122	This town is ridiculous... crazy tax rate! You are pricing people out of this town.. not only that we basically get zero services...how about including trash pickup like almost every other town?? There is no way you dont have the money to do this without raising taxes.. again! We need some people who know what the hell they are doing there to take proper care of the PEOPLES money and not waist it or abuse it.	10/5/2018 11:41 AM
123	Pepperell is unique in eastern Mass in that it's retained some of its Colonial traditions while other towns have sold their soul for greater tax revenue (ie: selling open space/forest land for more housing development/condominiums). This makes our town very special and it should remain this way. It should be a town-wide effort to keep this in mind when any proposal is presented regarding development, construction, or any other project that may impact this unique lifestyle our town still provides. Let's keep it that way.	10/5/2018 9:16 AM
124	I think Pepperell has a wonderful opportunity with the rail trail to make itself a more bicycle / pedestrian / out-doorsy kind of place. Open space for hiking; protection, access and promotion to our beautiful Nissitissit & Nashua rivers. In addition, becoming more 'green' & energy efficient ... creating a kind of new 'soul' for the town.	10/5/2018 8:46 AM
125	Why are we LOCKED INTO SOECTRUM? UNFAIR AND STUPID!!!!	10/5/2018 8:37 AM
126	Too much growth in town, strain on water, sewer, fire/police, roads. Make higher tax rate on business, not homeowners. Business uses more resources than the average homeowner, yet pay little or NO taxes!	10/5/2018 8:05 AM
127	Turn the Peter Fitz building into a community arts complex. (Pepperell Community Arts) It would bring a tremendous amount of business to Pepperell (see Indian Hill Music in Littleton). Why can we only recycle 1 & 2 plastics at the transfer station? Most containers are now 3-7.	10/4/2018 9:03 PM
128	Add more police officers to provide more presence to catch speeding motorists.	10/4/2018 5:00 PM

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129	As with anything quality is better than quantity. I'd rather see better quality programs for children at the library than be open more - right now our children's program is non-existent. We're the only town around here that has no summer recreation program for children. There are no good playgrounds in this town. Fitz has one we can't use. The one at Varnum never happened because of a corrupt PTO. So we all take our kids to other towns for that and the better libraries in other towns. We need to stop giving more money to the PD for officers we don't need. What we need are drug resource councilors and better youth outreach who are all trained in mental health. MA Greening grants are only as great as the people administrating them. We're not getting as much out of these grants as we could be and some of the grants have caused new problems like increased light pollution. We do need to develop economically. Start with our main street and fill that ugly pit. If the Green's don't fix it up, then rescind the tax break. And in the future, no tax breaks for businesses, there's no evidence that this is good long-term policy. A common complaint in this town is the main roads. We need proper lights/traffic signals. We need uniform speed limits - 113 alone changes speed at least 6 times over a few miles in Pepperell. It is no wonder we have so many accidents.	10/4/2018 12:07 PM
130	Set up laws to prevent private land owners from clear cutting (trees) just to make money.	10/4/2018 10:45 AM
131	No toxic waste	10/4/2018 10:24 AM
132	The transfer station should accept plastics 2-7 for recycling. Storms will continue to be increasingly extreme, so extra budgeting for cleanup/restoration would be wise.	10/4/2018 8:58 AM
133	A better capital plan to ensure the proper equipping, staffing and maintaining of public safety staff and equipment should be addressed.	10/4/2018 7:23 AM
134	Keep Pepperell's small town character in tact. Tighten up zoning to prevent urban sprawl along 111 or 119. Peter Fitz is perfect location for redevelopment into municipal complex-police, fire, safety, town hall. Consider Conway's for such use too. We're close enough to Nashua for box store shopping. He old mill site should be cleaned up, not at town's expense. Any development along our rivers should be held to strictest environmental standards. Riverway zoning. Get nepotism out of town hall. More full time employees by combining duties such as conservation with certain aspects of storm water enterprise. Or create a dept of building and planning. Board of health should be full service with trained personel. A portion of taxes should go into a conservation fund for land protection and maintaining the integrity of our open spaces.	10/3/2018 11:10 PM
135	I would support expanding municipal water infrastructure, assuming this would result in decrease in cost of water/sewer to residents. It is currently ridiculously expensive.	10/3/2018 10:08 PM
136	It is much appreciated for us to be given the opportunity to share thoughts/opinions in this process. It is my hope that significant weight is given to the majority-weighted responses, even if they don't reflect my own wishes.	10/3/2018 9:40 PM
137	I would like to see the majority of concerns brought to a town vote to appropriate funds for action.	10/3/2018 4:19 PM
138	Schools need to be better funded. Elementary school building is looking tired and the field/court out back is something of a mess. Increase the tax base by attracting new business downtown which is starting to look a little depressing with all the empty store fronts. Is the new 1A headquarters ever going to be built?	10/3/2018 3:35 PM
139	No more flashy fast food places on Main St. like Dunk's. More senior housing. There is a 1-7 year wait locally. Unacceptable. When a subsidized apartment becomes empty, it needs to be turned around quickly. I know apartments can sit for to long before being rented. Unacceptable. More affordble homes for young families to purchase. They are being priced out of the market. I sold my house on Foster St. last year. It was flipped and sold for nearly 3 times what I sold it for and putting it out of reach of most young familiaes. Keeping and increasing open spaces and agricultural areas. Something needs to be done about the old mill site. Repurposing the Peter Fitz building. Encouraging small businesses.	10/3/2018 2:23 PM
140	Unfortunately, this town has not spent money when needed on building maintenance. We are in desperate need of a centrally located public safety building and new town hall. We need to stop wasting money on repairing these old buildings. Thank you to everyone that is working on the master plan.	10/3/2018 2:17 PM
141	Very important to stabilize increase in real estate taxes.. \$ 1,000,000 for a fire truck is totally out of the question.. my taxes have been increased several times for new school buildings when the school population is stable or decreasing..limit commercial buildings to be within the ability for public services to support.. unused city properties are not being used for town requirements..no thought currently be given to senior downsizing..	10/3/2018 2:06 PM

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142	Don't ruin the small town atmosphere. Mangle the money you have well; don't keep looking for new ways to get more money out of the residents.	10/3/2018 1:09 PM
143	We need to protect the environment and wildlife by making more strict codes on any business or use of land must be absolutely environmentally safe.	10/3/2018 1:05 PM
144	revitalize downtown, add a boardwalk. Improve the playground on the town field.	10/3/2018 1:05 PM
145	Nothing germane. Great place to live!	10/3/2018 9:35 AM
146	The population in Pepperell is aging. Tax relief should be included in the MP to assist seniors to stay in their homes. Or provide more and better senior housing. Additionally, commuting to work is challenging not necessarily in Pepperell but through other communities. Improve public transportation to get to train stations for commuters. Also, there needs to be a traffic light at Main & Elm. Too many accidents...this should be a high priority for the DPW.	10/3/2018 9:17 AM
147	Wish route 119 near Hillside Road overgrowth in summer cut down, accident waiting to happen. More roads that abut 113 and 119 need to be serviced! Bothers me that police station is loaded with asbestos. Needs to be professionally removed. They deserve better!	10/3/2018 8:44 AM
148	Keep the toxic waste dump out of Pepperell - it will seriously impact the quality of life and health. The increased heavy truck traffic will seriously impact road repair budgets and make it difficult/impossible for people to reach major shopping areas in Nashua (isn't that where we all shop??). It will lower property values and drive people away from the east side of Pepperell - where most of the population is. Work with developers to insist/insure that future land development (housing/business/agriculture) not endanger the ground water/aquifers.	10/3/2018 7:12 AM
149	Pepperell will wither and die if it tries to stay a small town by fighting economic development. I see nothing in this survey about using the vacant paper mill property. That should be a higher priority. Bring in a developer and no more auto parts company fiascos. The road lines need to be repainted. The intersection of Main and Park needs to be redesigned before someone gets killed. The blinking stop sign is a FIASCO. Remove it. Stop thinking that the new Duncan Donuts is economic development and go after some real businesses.	10/3/2018 7:07 AM
150	There is a glaring lacks of parks and/or playgrounds for young children in the area. Young families are forced to travel to other towns and areas pushing young families out of the community.	10/2/2018 8:45 PM
151	If 1A Auto doesn't get approval to build on the river, convert that property to a green town park.	10/2/2018 5:45 PM
152	What was the thought process that allowed Dunkin Donuts to have a drive through on Main Street? Cars entering from both directions stop in the street blocking traffic to wait to enter the drive through. Apparently parking and walking into the building is not an option!	10/2/2018 4:37 PM
153	Pepperell is an amazing town to live in with great people, just that our officials are soliciting opinions is a good sign.	10/2/2018 4:18 PM
154	Need affordable housing for seniors. Taxes need to come down,	10/2/2018 1:57 PM
155	I'm very pleased to see this survey - I'll try to be better informed next time. please do what you can to increase transparency!	10/2/2018 1:10 PM
156	a comment: don't tout the relatively low tax rate here compared to surrounding towns. seems like poor future planning contributed to lower rates and now the consequences are looming. get real and smart with the money.	10/2/2018 12:25 PM
157	We need to spend a lot less energy and money on emergency preparedness and a lot more of both on creating an environment less prone to emergencies of all kinds.	10/2/2018 11:56 AM
158	Senior housing should be definitely considere Pepperell needs increased exploration in this area	10/2/2018 11:41 AM
159	Promulgate via emails (such as this one) the actual "Town Master Plan Document" in order that more participation of citizens could occur.	10/2/2018 10:51 AM
160	Focus on smaller/limited government.	10/2/2018 10:17 AM
161	Too much of my tax dollar is going to schools, too little to town services - police, ambulance, highway, water,...	10/2/2018 9:14 AM
162	-Include a new town admin facility (town hall) -Improve and expand town water availability and reserves. -Simplify and monitor the the fees for residential home the improvement permitting process -The development of the former mill properties should include uses that would attract visitors to Pepperell such as artist lofts, cozy restaurants, a river walk with benches and facilities incorporated for art shows, music festivals etc.	10/2/2018 8:39 AM

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163	Better maintain town properties. Heald Orchard is overgrown and over-run with poison ivy. How about mowing it once in a while? 111 from town to Nashua DESPERATLY needs sidewalks. Walking/biking to town is deadly. Dirt bikes / 4-wheelers along the Nashua river are a menace.	10/2/2018 8:34 AM
164	If the Reclamation project passes our home values will go down, the water supply will be contaminated and the wildlife that so many of us enjoy will suffer. It's very challenging to trust the Town officials when there's obvious deceptive practices taking place. Why would a town meeting to approve the reclamation project be scheduled on July 3rd when most families are celebrating our country's independence? Why are there articles in the paper and all over social media about people that work for the town being paid for hours they haven't worked? The trust has been broken with the constant deception and underhanded dealings by town officials.	10/2/2018 8:08 AM
165	We bought in Pepperell before starting a family. We have loved the small town feel since day one and the sense of community, patriotism and rural tenor has been exactly what we have been looking for. Since then, we have a family and faced with wondering what the future holds for our kids from an education perspective. With our kids getting near the end of middle school, for the very first time we are second-guessing our decision to have settled in Pepperell 18 years ago and in fact wondering where we go from here. We're hopeful that in the near term, the school system in particular makes a drastic tick upwards. A strong school system is fundamental to so many things including a strong local economy, house valuations, etc. We didn't realize/prioritize this when we chose to settle in Pepperell as kids were not the first thing on our mind. Pepperell is such a great town that it would be a shame to detract new families from settling here by not offering top-tier education. Thank you for taking the time to listen.	10/2/2018 7:21 AM
166	With IBM and the new temple so close I am hoping we can attract educated, well paid people who are not all white. The lack of racial diversity in this town is embarrassing and a shame. I hope we can be welcoming if people start to move here.	10/2/2018 7:19 AM
167	I wish there was a town newspaper dedicated to Pepperell to foster more of a community.	10/2/2018 5:47 AM
168	Pepperell is a beautiful town. I would really love it if we could keep toxins out of here along with pesticides. If we could do this it would protect the health of everyone living here and keep children and their pets safe and healthy/ Thank you	10/2/2018 1:22 AM
169	In the 25+ years I have lived in Pepperell I have seen a decline in town services such as maintaining roadways to keep grass height on corners and intersections to a reasonable length. It becomes very dangerous during the summer months to clearly see over the brush to safely turn. Same goes with the height of snow mounds during the winter months. Also we have become somewhat held victim with the exclusive cable provider Spectrum and have no recourse for the outrageous monthly charges and service provided. In addition there has been very little growth of businesses in town to keep residents from having to shop outside of town for more products and better prices.	10/1/2018 10:55 PM
170	I fear that one of our biggest problems at the moment is our town budget. People seem to think that our balanced budget is a victory. But it ignores our desperate need for a new town hall and new police station. Add to that our inadequate fire stations, going over 3 years with no ladder truck, and other budget items that are turned down before they ever get to the voters, and you have a very bad situation. A Master Plan is definitely required, but so is a more realistic financial view.	10/1/2018 9:21 PM
171	thanks for the survey	10/1/2018 9:00 PM
172	Protect current services, improve efficiency of services/facilities before expanding more	10/1/2018 7:18 PM
173	If we could continue to improve the Main Street area, with safe crosswalks, slowing down the commuter traffic and adding more diverse businesses, we would be a a very 'walkable town' that both new and established residents and businesses would love.	10/1/2018 7:08 PM
174	Good job everyone	10/1/2018 6:56 PM
175	Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. You have a daunting task and I appreciate your dedication and perseverance !	10/1/2018 6:43 PM
176	Both the Fire department and police department has been extremely lacking funding! There buildings have NOT been updated in a long time and at this point would be better to find a central location (Conway's building is perfect location in my opinion) to build a new building to house them and close the existing buildings. They also have been running on less then minimal staffing. This is a HUGE risk/liability the town is taking on if the decision were to be made to continue to ignore.	10/1/2018 4:32 PM
177	Love Pepperell!	10/1/2018 4:27 PM

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178	Would love to see any existing plan prior to making a comment?	10/1/2018 3:51 PM
179	This plan should develop the road map of where we want this town to be 5-15 years from now and the steps needed to be taken to get us there. Enhanced utilization of computer based technologies to reduce or eliminate unnecessary costs to the town. Consolidation of all town services into a modern low cost maintenance government center eliminating existing police, fire, highway services, town hall, school administration high cost maintenance facilities. In addition rezoning of the downtown area and expansion of small business opportunities along the main street corridor. Development of affordable single level senior citizen housing providing both assisted and non-assisted options..	10/1/2018 3:34 PM
180	Glad to see an effort for a general understanding of townsfolk priorities. We need to balance business development with Agricultural protections while enhancing our cultural resources and opportunities. Lots on the plate and lots of complex economic interaction to consider.	10/1/2018 2:29 PM
181	quality homes for 55 and older residents	10/1/2018 1:48 PM
182	Good neighborhoods, small businesses, streets in good repair (and plowed well in the winter!), open spaces and athletic fields, good schools, police/fire/EMT (all excellent here in Pepperell...we've used them) community events such as farmers markets and craft fairs...all add up to positives for Pepperell. Negatives to watch for...elders stuck in homes they can no longer afford to keep up, neglected rental properties (or homes) with junk on lawns and doors hanging off hinges, especially on main streets, leave a bad impression of the town and its condition and this can lead to further deterioration. Hobby farms with livestock and chickens by the river or right by the streets...are there any zoning laws for this sort of thing?	10/1/2018 1:36 PM
183	Been living in town for over 40 years and I can't believe we town doesn't offer curb side pickup of trash and recyclables instead of having to take items to the Transfer station. When we moved here in 1978 we had pickup et our home every other week. They did away with that and made you get a "dump" sticker for I believe was for \$5.00 a year. Now look at the cost! If the entire town was involved I'm sure the added cost would be much less than what you pay at the station and definitely much less than what private companies are paying now if the entire town was part of it. Plus there'd be no reason to keep the transfer station open and save those costs associated with running it.	10/1/2018 1:33 PM
184	Would love to stay in town but may have to move to NH where they have more over 55 housing.	10/1/2018 1:29 PM
185	keep pepperell rural and quaint, but allow more businesses to grow, not big ones but local ones. More restaurants, public recreation and cultural centers to attract visitors, like in concord mass. I love the farms so we need to keep and sustain those as well. thanks for the survey!!	10/1/2018 1:24 PM