



Visioning Takeaways

People LOVE

- The town's history and how much it is valued
- Greenspace
- Schools
- Harbor
- Town character
- Sense of community connection and pride
- Commuter options to Boston
- Civic engagement

Common Concerns

- Overdevelopment
- Traffic
- Loss of character
- Homes that don't blend in with Hingham (e.g.: newer large single-family homes replacing smaller tear-downs; condos)*
- Lack of housing diversity*
- Lack of population diversity
- Underutilized waterfront

**This points to an interesting potential contrast in values and perspectives within the community.*

Common WANTS

- Coordinated traffic lights at select problem locations
- Traffic mitigation
- Sidewalks and better pedestrian access
- Harbor amenities
- Comprehensive green plan
- Community pool

Group-Specific Concerns

Different groups who partook in various visioning opportunities prioritized select issues and solutions. This indicates that, while there are strong defining characteristics of the community, select populations also have specific needs, concerns, and suggestions. Only topics that stood out from those listed above are emphasized below for each group.

Student Visioning Sessions

- Students were more concerned about the environment and taking steps to become a "greener" community. Ideas included having a newspaper column dedicated to



suggestions on how to be more environmentally friendly, encouraging grocery stores to sell locally sourced produce, banning single use plastics, investing in sustainable energy, requiring recycling, and more.

- Students also more frequently noted the lack of diversity.
- The youth also emphasized a desire for more “hang out” spaces and events, and also were much more likely to express fondness for particular restaurants in town (Nona’s, for example).
- Pressure on students was mentioned (too much homework, start time too early).
- Students expressed more pride in town athletics than the adults, and coinciding with that were frequent requests for turf fields and better athletic facilities.
- At the same time, some students expressed a desire for there to be more focus on non-athletic activities.

Special Needs Athletic Partnership (SNAP)

- SNAP felt strongly about the need for more services (housing, transitional services, etc.) for disabled adults.
- While many people throughout the visioning process praised the schools, there was feedback from this group that SPED services, district communication with other groups for disabled individuals, and the lack of alternative schooling were problematic for students with disabilities.
- SNAP also focused more on the need for affordable housing and transportation services.

Men’s Group

The Men’s Group addressed sustainability concerns and possibilities more frequently, including:

- Water supply and wastewater management
- Overly restrictive/outdated regulations for historic structures (i.e., not being allowed to upgrade to energy-efficient windows)
- Solutions such as:
 - Desalination plant
 - Climate change leadership
 - Wastewater treatment/water policy

Ralph’s Hingham Wine Merchant

This group gave a lot of attention to making Hingham a lively, family-friendly place and mentioned wants such as:

- Family-friendly harbor and beach amenities
- Gathering spots downtown
- Intra-town transportation and better MBTA service

Ladies’ Book Club

- The Ladies’ Book Club tended to address the needs of seniors, including the need for Senior Center improvements (parking, size, services) and tax breaks for seniors.



- Additionally, there was more emphasis on this group about the wish to maintain the housing character of the town (smaller single-family homes as opposed to condos or larger overbuilt single-family homes).

Hingham Development Industrial Commission

- The HDIC emphasized the need to create a diverse and sustainable revenue stream and a proactive plan for broadening the tax base.
- More than other groups, HDIC members also mentioned the need/wish for more harborside dining.

Hingham Republican Town Committee

- This group more strongly noted the need for fiscal restraint and long-range planning (in terms of maintenance of town facilities, capital improvement plan, preparing for state mandates, etc.)
- Like the Ladies' Book Club, members of the Republican Town Committee also expressed concern about the change in identity of community as it shifts toward multifamily housing.

Different Perspectives

- The top favorite places identified so far are World's End and Downtown, which points to an interesting juxtaposition and crossover of values.
- Different groups prioritize lifting restrictive codes on making historic homes to make them more energy-efficient versus the desire to protect the historic legacy of the town.
- To this same point, some want to preserve the single family character of the town, while others point to a need for more housing variety and options.

Surprising Trends

Based on core assessment meetings and smaller visioning sessions, it is somewhat surprising to see that that the online survey results so far do not prioritize intra-town transportation, water supply, wastewater management, and rising sea levels.¹

¹ Some of the differences between the survey trends and what we heard at the core assessment meetings could be due to the fact that core assessment attendees may have a better understanding of a particular topic and the positive effects of certain measures (e.g., intra-town transit can mean fewer cars on the road; addressing infrastructure issues such as wastewater management and water supply may allow for further commercial and residential development, etc.).



Visioning Appendix

- Meeting in a Box Raw Notes
- Public Comment Boards Raw Notes
- Visioning Session Raw Notes (11/18, 11/20, 11/23, 12/10, 12/11/, 12/13)
- Online Visioning Survey Results



Meeting in a Box Notes

From November-December 2019, the Master Plan Committee hosted several "Meeting in a Box" events, including three student sessions. This document provides raw response data rather than a summary. Please note that similar responses have been consolidated and tallied throughout these notes.

Meeting-in-a-Box Dates:

- o 11/03/2019; Hingham Republican Town Committee
- o 11/12/2019; Men's Group, Hingham Congregational Church
- o 11/12/2019; Ladies' Book Club
- o 11/19/2019; Hingham Development and Industrial Commission
- o 12/05/2019; Ralph's Hingham Wine Merchant
- o 12/12/2019; SNAP (Special Needs Athletic Partnership)

Student Meeting-in-a-Box Dates:

- o 11/15/2019; South School's Fifth Grade Leadership Club
- o 11/18/2019; Hingham High School
- o 11/19/2019; Hingham Middle School

What is one thing you love best about Hingham? What is one thing that makes Hingham unique? These should be things that are key to maintaining what Hingham means to you.

11/03/2019; Hingham Republican Town Committee

- Open spaces – Wompatuck, World's End, Bare Cove, Turkey Hill, Hingham Harbor (7x)
- Downtown Hingham/Hingham Square – clean, attractive, friendly (3x)
- Schools (3x)
- Community Spirit (3x)
- Respect for tradition in the built environment (3x)
- Access to water/harbor (2x)
- Single family residential character (2x)
- Families stay in Hingham, and/or return to Hingham, over multiple generations (2x)
- Volunteerism (2x), "The talent of the citizens of the town"
- Playing fields
- Sports organizations – youth and adult
- Town Meeting
- Hingham Light Plant
- Sense of community
- State parks and other open spaces not maintained by Town
- Number of restaurants
- History and historical monuments
- Library
- Recreational opportunities – harbor, golf, sports
- Friendly neighborhoods
- Green and leafy streetscapes
- Property values
- Morale and pride of town workers
- Christmas in the Square, July 4th parade and fireworks, other town-wide events
- Taste of Hingham
- Arts/cultural programs
- Hingham Shipyard
- Variety of transit options – boat, train, bus
- Shopping/retail choices in town
- Unique location in greater Boston region
- South Shore Country Club
- Republican Town Committee
- Variety and number of houses of worship
- Character of town
- Natural beauty

11/12/2019; Men's Group, Hingham Congregational Church

- Waterfront/Harbor/proximity to ocean (11x)
- History/preservation of history (9x)
- Green/open space, trails, Wompatuck, World's End (6x)
- Community/sense of community (5x)
- Downtown (4x)
- Commuter options (4x)
- Town spirit and pride (3x)
- Traditions and celebrations (4th of July, Christmas on the Square, etc.) (4x)
- Town governance/citizen-run government (3x)
- Access to Boston by boat (3x)
- Engaged community (3x)
- Quaintness (2x)
- Loring Theater (2x)
- Hingham Square (2x)
- Antique homes (2x)
- Main St. (2x)
- Restaurants
- Balance of commercial, residential, and open space

- Power company
- Historic District
- Opportunity to individually serve the town
- Classic churches/structures
- Variety of housing stock
- People
- "Concord-by-the-Sea"
- Great place for family
- Rural feel
- Commercial options
- Schools
- Town meeting
- Volunteers
- Quaint downtown
- Mix of business/greenspace/homes
- "Evolved to meet needs of current advancements while protecting history"
- "Cohesive town of competent people who support local shops, restaurants, schools, and organizations"

11/12/2019; Ladies' Book Club

- The Senior Center (7x)
- History/historic preservation (7x)
- Library (6x)
- Transportation modes (4x)
- Preservation of open space and conservation (4x)
- Small town feel (3x)
- Sense of community (3x)
- Lighting Plant (2x)
- World's End Reservation (2x)
- Maintenance of town spaces (2x)
- Schools (3x)
- Zoning (2x)
- Proximity to the water (2x)
- "Everything you need is available"
- Well run town, DPW, schools, fire department, HMLP, library, tax department, police
- Beauty
- Tree and Park Department
- Town hall (exercise class)
- Country Club
- Feeling comfortable in attending classes, meetings, etc.
- Industry on outskirts, residential property in middle
- Location
- Main St.
- "My home"
- Loring Hall

11/19/2019; Hingham Development Industrial Commission

- Waterfront (5x)
- Outdoor/open space (4x)
- Schools (3x)
- Commuter boat (3x)
- Historic charm (3x)
- Historic homes
- Shopping/dining choices
- Balance of historic charm with modern amenities
- Overall impression driving down Main Street
- Variety of commercial and retail
- Beautiful downtown area

12/05/2019; Ralph's Hingham Wine Merchant

- Waterfront accessibility/proximity (4x)
- Volunteerism, community involvement (3x)
- Historic charm (3x)
- Sense of community, pride, spirit, helping each other (2x)
- Quality/care of homes (2x)
- Small town feel
- Safety
- Beauty
- Proximity to Boston, including commuting options
- Neighbors
- Open space – access
- Downtown/heart of the community
- SNAP (Special Needs Athletic Partnership)

12/12/19; SNAP

- History (9x)
- Sense of community and supportiveness (9x) (“Passing through the schools, everyone knows each other”)
- Volunteerism/community involvement/civic engagement (7x)
- Permanence/people want to stay here (6x)
- Safety (7x)
- Open space (6x)
- Spirit of inclusiveness (6x)
- Harbor (5x)
- Civic engagement (3x)
- Small town feel (2x)
- Library (2x)
- School system, great teachers (2x)
- Many services (2x)
- Natural beauty (2x)
- Great mix of businesses (2x)
- World’s End (2x)
- Regional access to Boston (2x)
- Location (2x)
- Community supports and accepts kids and families (2x)
- Square
- “Traditional American community”
- Downtown
- Good location
- Comm(unity?) accepts group homes
- Inclusive sports, education for all
- Architecture
- Ability to share perspectives
- Quality infrastructure
- Well-run town
- Considers importance on all issues
- Balance of town assets
- Unique charm
- SNAP programs (Special Needs Athletic Partnership)
- Hingham Light
- Unified sports program
- Character
- 4th of July traditions

Student Visioning Sessions

South School

- Harbor
- No trash on the streets
- Historical homes
- Access to shopping (Downtown, Derby Street Shops)
- We feel safe
- Many fun activities
- Great ice cream places
- We work as a community

High School

- History (10x)
- Schools/education (9x)
- Local businesses & shops (8x)
- Harbor/ocean views (7x)
- Open space/nature (5x)
- Sports (5x)
- Downtown (5x)
- No drive thru restaurants (4x)
- Close-knit community (3x)
- World’s End (3x)
- Events/traditions (3x)
- Access to Boston (2x)
- Old houses/colonial look of homes (2x)
- Library (2x)
- Derby Street (2x)
- High rate of students attending college

Middle School

- Schools (15x)
- Waterfront (13x)
- History (8x)
- Derby street (8x)
- Sports (7x)
- Wompatuck (7x)
- Retail options (6x)
- Hingham Square (5x)
- Nona’s (5x)
- Safety (5x)
- Christmas in the Square (4x)
- World’s End (4x)
- Shipyard (4x)
- Own electric company (3x)
- Wahlburgers (3x)
- Atlantic Bagel (2x)
- Bare Cove (2x)
- Library (2x)
- Kindness (2x)
- Recreational activities (2x)
- Alma Nove
- Maritime Center
- School lunch
- CCD
- MS library

High School (Continued)

- Beach/swimming
- Shipyard
- Success
- Peaceful
- Infrastructure
- Location
- Main Street
- Farmers' Market
- Nona's
- Safety
- Variety of extra-curricular activities
- Restaurants

Middle School (Continued)

- Home ec room
- Menchies
- No fast food
- Town meetings
- Taste of Hingham
- Stars on Hingham Harbor
- Ferry
- Bike/walking paths
- Euromart
- Clean
- Great harbor-based community

What is the one thing about Hingham you most want to change? What is not working for you?

11/03/2019; Hingham Republican Town Committee

- **Traffic (7x)**
- **Too much development (5x)**
- **Lack of public facilities maintenance/preventative maintenance plan (2x)**
- **Growth of multi-family developments (2x)**
- **Change in social fabric of community from predominantly home-owners to more transient residents (2x)**
- Truck routes through downtown and Lincoln St.
- Need for more traffic lights (Cushing and Main, Main and Middle)
- Tighter management of zoning permits
- Taxes always go up
- Class stratification, cliques
- Speeding
- Lack of organized after school sports at Middle School
- Lack of attention to sight lines on roadways
- Lack of neighborhood participation in road signage – too many signs without coordination/planning
- Crumbling public buildings
- Lack of sufficient wetlands protections
- Lack of tree protections
- Need for better management of temporary vendor permits – cost/process is prohibitive
- Too much wildlife displacement
- Canada geese
- State grants that come with required strings/restrictions/obligations
- Town image as portrayed by others
- Snobbiness
- Mini subdivisions shoehorned into existing neighborhoods
- Current Board of Selectmen

11/12/2019; Men's Group, Hingham Congregational Church

- **Traffic (7x)**
- **Water issues/supply (6x)**
- **3A/228 – traffic issues (5x)**
- **Overly restrictive/outdated regulations for historic structures (i.e., not allowed to upgrade windows to energy efficiency) (5x)**
- **Lack of diversity (5x)**
- **Upgrade/improve school system & course offerings (5x)**
- **3A eyesore (3x)**
- **Parking (2x)**
- Too much development
- Restrictive regulations locking commercial service
- Lack of knowledge of residents of historic places
- The old seal of Hingham is lost
- Dangerous intersections
- Need more restaurants
- High cost of housing
- Sea water management and freshwater consequence
- More attention to the care and use of our shoreline
- Scenery going to ocean
- Stoplights at major intersections (
- NIMBY
- Lack of housing diversity
- Ambiguous approaches to climate, environment,

11/12/2019; Ladies' Book Club

- Traffic (7x)
- Parking(in general; Town Hall; Senior Center) (6x)
- Foster School (4x)
- Zoning enforcement (3x)
- Too much building (5x)
- Over building homes – size (2x)
- Capacity of schools (2x)
- Too many condos (2x)
- Trash pickup (2x)
- Tax relief for seniors (2x)
- "Eyesore" property across from Loring Hall
- Senior Center (need bigger space long-term)
- Development needs to be carefully planned

11/19/2019; Hingham Development Industrial Commission

- Underutilized harbor/poor connection to harbor for non-automotive travel (4x)
- More sidewalks/bike lanes/crossings (3x)
- Traffic/congestion (2x)
- More sidewalks
- Foster School
- Inefficient decision making
- Comprehensive traffic study for South Hingham
- Too much development
- Regional coordination of development
- 3A improvements
- Public transportation access to train/boat

12/05/2019; Ralph's Hingham Wine Merchant

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better/more use of waterfront (4x) • Intra-town shuttle (3x) • More sidewalks (2x) • The dump • Dead Sundays – how to activate downtown on the weekends? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less turnover of small business • Light at Cushing Street • Better T service • Lack of ethnic diversity • Lack of housing diversity |
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12/12/19; SNAP

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled living resources – shared apartments, group home/independent living, peer opportunities (9x) • Town-wide transportation options (7x) • More job opportunities for people with disabilities (4x) • Housing for all income levels (4x) • Programs for people with disabilities (4x) • Traffic (3x) • Lack of jobs (3x) • Too much development (3x) • Cost of housing (3x) • Repair of infrastructure (2x) • Collaboration between town boards (2x) • Need alternative educational opportunities in town (vo-tech) (2x) • Pedestrian safety/lack of sidewalks (2x) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central place for people with disabilities (2x) • Improve SPED (2x) • School doesn't meet the needs of all students • Housing for elderly • Disappearing stores and business in downtown (that might employ people with special needs) • New streetlights are too bright and glaring • Voting – change to precinct style (avoids traffic congestion) with school not in session • Better communication between groups (school, DDS, etc.) • Lack of understanding of town capacity constraints • Lack of appreciation and understanding of historic architectural resources and legacy • Lack of diversity • Recreation Center with pool |
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Student Visioning Sessions

South School

- Healthier restaurants
- More exotic pets
- Keep sharks away from the beaches
- Not enough green plants and forests
- Pollution – have more electric cars
- Use paper straws
- Nicer beach

Middle School

- Environment (litter/pollution, need newspaper column about how to be green, lack of trees) (7x)
- School starting time (6x)
- Turf fields (5x)
- Too much homework on weekends (3x)
- School lunch (3x)
- Foster School (3x)

High School

- **More shopping options (4x)**
- **Lacking diversity (3x)**
- **Renewable energy; be more “green” (2x)**
- **Lack of stop lights at busy intersections (2x)**
- **Potholes (2x)**
- **Target (2x)**
- **Needs town pool (2x)**
- **School improvements, especially Foster School (2x)**
- **Harbor/beach need improvement (2x)**
- **Lacks fast food/casual restaurants (2x)**
- **Traffic (2x)**
- **School start time (should be later) (2x)**
- **Improvements for community events (2x)**
- Change layout in Shipyard
- Better transportation/bus system in town
- More waterfront dining
- Improve Red Eye Roasters
- Snow day communication
- Affordable restaurants downtown
- Add more stores rather than apartments
- Shipyard rent is costly and stifles commercial growth
- Underutilizing Shipyard and downtown
- Music downtown
- AC at the high school
- WiFi downtown is poor
- Not accepting of others
- Stereotypes and high expectations
- Student workload
- Landscape improvements around HHS.
- Pedestrian access
- Location of apartments
- Too much development
- Lacking breakfast restaurants
- More funding for the arts
- Standardized school system
- Kids need to realize how lucky they are
- Promote history

Middle School (Continued)

- **Not enough sidewalks and crosswalks (3x)**
- **Better athletic fields (3x)**
- **Lack of diversity (2x)**
- **High school needs renovations (2x)**
- **School (2x)**
- **Library (2x)**
- **Breaks/recess (2x)**
- **Houses too close (2x)**
- **Need more traffic lights (2x)**
- Improve South Shore Sports Center
- Chromebook functionality
- Length of lunch
- Paved roads
- More things in South Hingham
- Chick-fila
- Vape products
- Not enough ice cream places
- Stop trying to make it the best
- Not as much marijuana
- Too many same shops
- Animal shelter
- Spots for kids to hang out
- More affordable housing
- In and Out burger
- Sky Zone
- Less school
- Focus more on hydroponics
- More locally sourced food
- Expand hallways in schools
- Make Summer St. one lane
- Make sewing and cooking separate classes
- Too much construction/deforestation
- No garbage pickup system
- Too many apartments being built
- Reduce speeding
- Road diets on high accident streets

What is one thing you really want to see in Hingham that is missing?

11/03/2019; Hingham Republican Town Committee

- **Better fiscal restraint in town government (3x)**
- **More parking at Town Hall (2x)**
- **A traffic light at Cushing and Main (2x)**
- **Better parking at the library (2x)**
- **Less development/congestion (2x)**
- **More parking (2x)**
- Better traffic control/lights
- Better maintenance of town buildings and properties
- Filming of public meetings
- Monument to Tom O’Donnell
- Opera house/community arts/theater facility
- Government support and advocacy for volunteer civic organizations

- Stringent policies for elected officials and town employees use/posting on social media – differentiation from personal vs. professional capacities in postings
- New full service senior center
- Tighter zoning restrictions
- More kids playing outside
- Efforts to preserve stock of small-medium sized homes
- Lower taxes
- Hardware store

- Community shuttle/circulator
- Non-political social media venue
- Civility on social media
- Better access to waterfront
- More courage by public officials
- Rent control for all rental properties in town
- Add through-traffic to other adjacent towns through Wompatuck

11/12/2019; Men's Group, Hingham Congregational Church

- **Plan to make waterfront more alive/dynamic (7x)**
- **Desalination Plant (6x)**
- **Public pool (6x)**
- **Wastewater treatment/water policy (5x)**
- **Townwide sewer (4x)**
- **Comprehensive green plan (4x)**
- **Better playing fields (2x)**
- **Leadership on climate change (2x)**
- Outdoor concert venue
- More turf fields
- Top MA school system
- N/S transportation
- World's End windfarm
- Improved water safety wall
- Outdoor music venue
- Outdoor rooftop dining
- Parking lot storage of water
- Sunken gardens
- Young family volunteerism participation
- Bed and Breakfasts

11/12/2019; Ladies' Book Club

- **Break on taxes for seniors (5x)**
- **Parking (6x)**
- **Pool (5x)**
- **Larger Senior Center (5x)**
- **Traffic mitigation, especially Main Street (4x)**
- **Too much building, overcrowding (3x)**
- **No more condos (2x)**
- **1-2 bedroom houses – single family homes (2x)**
- Additional parking at Town Hall for employees in back
- No nepotism in hiring practice
- Shipyard foot plan
- All four way stop signs
- Affordable housing – smaller houses
- Zoning enforcement
- Control building of larger homes
- Affordable housing for seniors
- Maintain or rebuild public schools
- More use of Town Hall for Senior Center purposes

12/05/2019; Ralph's Hingham Wine Merchant

- **More kid-friendly swimming/harbor area (4x)**
- **Gathering spots downtown (4x)**
- **More variety in cafes and restaurants (2x)**
- Compost program at dump
- Senior housing solutions
- Accessory apartments
- Help for kids with disabilities
- Access to Harbor

11/19/2019; Hingham Development Industrial Commission

- **Harborside dining (2x)**
- **Sidewalks on all major roads (2x)**
- **New restaurant on waterfront (2x)**
- Hotel
- Shuttle/circulator (townwide)
- Refocusing of future development towards South Hingham district and away from other neighborhoods
- Management of 40B
- Improve Bathing Beach

12/12/19; SNAP

- Disability Commission (6x)
- Housing community/supported housing/peer living for those with disabilities (5x)
- Bus/trolley to all parts of town/public transportation (5x)
- Support/transportation/day programs for special needs adults transitioning from public high school into adult services, job placement (4x)
- Variety of jobs for people with disabilities (3x)
- Central recreation center (3x)
- Affordable, sustainable housing for all income groups, veterans, and senior citizens (2x)
- Employment opportunities (2x)
- Art center
- Relationship building with employers for disabled
- Better collaboration of schools
- Community/Senior Center
- Diversity (racial, income)
- Integrate living opportunities
- Facilities engineer position
- Colored lights in the windows at Christmas
- Accessible waterfront
- A boathouse for all
- Traffic lights
- Pool
- Wellness Center for seniors/disabled community
- Alternative schooling

Student Visioning Sessions

South School

- Teachers taking away our lunch time
- Kids need more freedom
- More local animal shelters
- Water park
- Five Below
- Trampoline park
- Free gas
- School lunches made from real food
- Hibachi restaurant

High School

- Sidewalks on same side of the street (4x)
- Traffic management (lights, speed tables, etc.) (3x)
- Turf fields (3x)
- More affordable entertainment options in community (3x)
- Juice bar (2x)
- Increased eco-friendly efforts (2x)
- Indoor/outdoor pool (2x)
- Sandwich shop (2x)
- Harbor activities (2x)
- Diversity (2x)
- Public transportation
- Flash mobs
- School spirit
- Boutiques, better stores downtown
- Commercial restaurants
- Track behind Town Hall
- Improved rec center
- Outdoor center with stores
- More funding for non-traditional sports

Middle School

- Fast food (Chick-fila, Burger King) (8x)
- Turf fields/better fields (5x)
- Diversity (4x)
- Environmental concerns – need cleanup days, clean energy, no plastic, protect wildlife, etc. (4x)
- Better shops (3x)
- A bus to get around (3x)
- More/wider sidewalks (3x)
- Sportsplex (3x)
- Public pool (3x)
- Family friendly hangout spots in Hingham square (2x)
- Town carnival (2x)
- Animal shelter (2x)
- Integration of special needs kids into classrooms (2x)
- Clean Bathing Beach (2x)
- Breakfast places
- Improve docking spaces for boats
- More family-owned restaurants
- Later school start time
- A big arcade
- Mini golf
- Need cell service in middle school
- Cheap ortho (?)
- Safe 3A
- Sports store
- Shorter school day
- More Cracker Barrel
- Get supermarkets to get locally farmed produce
- Bigger baseball field
- Necessary stoplights

High School, Continued

- Greater socio-economic awareness
- Add Mary Lou's
- More breakfast places
- More affordable shopping at Derby Street
- Diner
- Drive in movie theater
- Solar panels
- Sweet Green (salad restaurant chain)
- Athletic Department
- Target
- Movie theater
- Lucky Finn Café

Middle School, Continued

- Trees
- Connect Cohasset/hull side of Hingham to town power
- Add more to rec center
- A zoo
- Bass Pro Shops
- A park
- Trampoline park
- Female sports
- Better lunch
- Fresh air
- Amusement park
- Dog park
- More town events
- More culturally diverse restaurants/markets
- Science center/museum
- Art/pottery studio
- Animation studio
- Writing/story creation
- Communism
- No homework on weekends
- Better bowling alley
- A diner
- A beach

If you could do one thing to improve Hingham, what would it be?

11/03/2019; Hingham Republican Town Committee

- **Solve the traffic and congestion in town (5x)**
- **Try to foresee and plan for the next post-40B State development mandate (3x)**
- **Establish and enforce specific truck routes through town (2x)**
- **Limited development overall throughout town (x2)**
- **Prohibit private land swaps (without public disclosure/notice/neighborhood consent) as part of development projects (2x)**
- **Bring back the 4th of July fireworks (x2)**
- **Develop specific public facilities maintenance plan (2x)**
- Establish an independent building committee for all Town projects
- Do a better job of maintaining all Town facilities
- Fewer conflicts over town issues
- Need for a Capital Plan for buildings and properties
- Traffic lights at Main/Cushing and Main/Middle
- Reduce taxes
- Less income stratification
- Small town atmosphere
- Take care of schools/school buildings
- Widen Fort Hill St at the New Bridge turn/intersection
- Improve cell service throughout town
- Establish community shuttle
- Improve downtown parking enforcement
- Allow for more flexibility in sponsorship rules for youth sports and youth programming
- Implement bylaws to require independent public safety studies of proposed developments funded by developers

11/12/2019; Men's Group, Hingham Congregational Church
 (No responses provided.)

11/12/2019; Ladies' Book Club

- Improve traffic, especially on Main Street (4x)
- Less building/development (4x)
- Maintain what we own (buildings, property) (3x)
- Restriction on house sizes – proportion to lot sizes (2x)
- Fewer condos/apartments/etc. (2x)
- Freeze on development to prevent overcrowding (2x)
- Tax breaks for seniors (2x)
- Schools should teach more civics, community service
- Maintain what we own
- More parking
- Enforce zoning to maintain historic homes
- Indoor pool for all
- Allow big homes to be converted into smaller units
- Expanded Senior Center in same location
- Intergenerational Center

11/19/2019; Hingham Development Industrial Commission

- Create a diverse and sustainable revenue stream (2x)
- Proactive plan to broaden tax base (2x)
- Better public transit/access
- Drop 3A into small underpass just past Stars (so people can walk from Harbor to Downtown)
- Add restaurant on water/harbor
- Sidewalks
- Street lighting
- Widen roads/stop lights/improve signage
- Entrepreneurship Center
- Better harborfront
- Lessen traffic

12/05/2019; Ralph's Hingham Wine Merchant

- Continued improvement of and coordination with MBTA/routes/etc. (3x)
- Long range capital planning for public facilities (2x)
- Preservation of starter homes (2x)
- Better speed limit enforcement/signage (2x)
- More equity in quality of schools (2x)
- Better gathering spots downtown/waterfront (beach)
- Bike paths

12/12/19; SNAP

- Transportation for all (7x)
- Housing for disabled/vets/elderly/town employees (4x)
- Disabilities Commission (3x)
- Transition Coordinator (2x)
- Housing opportunities (2x)
- Improved transition services for students with special needs (2x)
- Life coaches
- Waterfront access/development/boathouse
- Collaboration with different area schools
- Join the regional (SSVT) district schooling
- Increase jobs/internships at municipal government
- Keeping it affordable/taxes
- Inclusion for disabled residents
- Ensure that schools meet the needs of all students

Student Visioning Sessions

South School

- Get the community to care more about pollution
- More police and fire stations
- Turf fields for sports
- Skating parks
- Bring down the prices
- Diversity
- Healthy restaurant
- Indoor dolphin swimming pool

Middle School

- Better sports fields/facilities (7x)
- Greener Hingham (7x) (recycling, composting, banning plastic)
- Better lunch (4x)
- Chick-fila (2x)
- Shake shack (2x)
- Diversity (3x)

High School

- Address Environmental concerns (reduce plastic, encourage recycling, renewable energy, etc.) (4x)
- More community events (3x)
- Local transportation system (3x)
- Sidewalks (2x)
- Maintain parks (2x)
- Diversity
- Don't need TV in school
- Renovate schools
- Increase course offerings at school
- Review school schedule
- Increase number of school buses
- More shopping in town and shipyard
- Limit development
- Stop putting apartments in pretty areas
- Technology
- Education
- Fix Pilgrim Sports Complex
- Improve Foster School
- Improve town communication and procedures
- Clean the harbor
- Make more community spaces
- Help improve small businesses
- Improve internet and cell coverage
- Improve downtown experience with more fun places, small restaurants, etc.
- Less homework and pressure on HS students
- Ability to track school bus on phone
- Music in the square

Middle School (Continued)

- Roads (3x)
- Housing prices (2x)
- Animal shelters (2x)
- Traffic lights at problematic intersections (2x)
- Town pool (4x)
- Better language options for middle school (2x)
- Update rec center (2x)
- Provide more school activities (2x)
- Provide more teen hangouts (2x)
- Improve public transit (2x)
- Fast food (2x)
- Sea food
- Harbor
- Plymouth River Elementary
- Better youth girls sports
- More stuff to do at Christmas in the square
- Expand library with more rooms
- Reduce homework
- Improve Bathing Beach
- More KFCs
- Remove Derby Academy
- Community service
- Integration of special needs kids
- Add places to do other things besides sports
- Improve World's End
- Farmer's market
- Better chromebooks
- Foster school
- Bigger courtyard for 8th grade
- Better drug education (not DARE)
- Big mall
- More streets
- Use apartment spaces for more activities
- Spray for ticks
- Field trip for Spanish students
- More independence
- More sports teams
- Water park
- Buffalo wild wings
- Homeless shelter
- Bigger downtown
- Summer St. should be single lane
- School start time
- Longer sports seasons
- More small business
- Improve young adult section of library

In 15 years the Town of Hingham . . .

11/03/2019; Hingham Republican Town Committee

- Is thoughtfully planning for long-term progress while retaining its character and ties to history.
- Will sadly look like Braintree.
- Will probably be more developed than I would prefer because of housing pressure from the state legislature; the volunteer/civic character of the town will be modified by demographic changes; Town Meeting form of government will likely be changed to representative TM with electronic voting. Hingham's natural beauty will remain and it will still be a desired location.
- Is much the same as it is today, but it adheres to a disciplined plan to maintain all public buildings, has a budget that meets service needs without requiring the town to chase new development revenues and children play outside, in their neighborhoods, after school.



Community Comment Boards

Comment boards containing the four visioning questions from the Meeting in a Box were placed around town. Repeated or similar responses are consolidated and in bold.

What is one thing you love best about Hingham? What is one thing that makes Hingham unique? These should be things that are key to maintaining what Hingham means to you.

<p><i>Hingham Farmers' Market: 10/26/2019</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserving history (2x) • Great base of sidewalks in many (not all) areas • Nona's and Atlantic Bagel • Town Pride • Hingham Maritime sailing/rowing programs • Beautiful waterfront 	<p><i>South Shore Country Club: 11/6-11/14/2019</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nona's (2x) • Quality schools • Public golf course • "My friends" • Bowling alley • Shipyard • "Hot chocolate k-cups" • Cracker Barrel • South Shore Country Club • 4th of July parade • The water • "Awesomeness!!"
<p><i>Hingham Community Center: 11/1-11/7/2019</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tradition • "Our community!" 	<p><i>Town Hall: 11/13-12/2/2019</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Leslie Badger – a hidden gem!"¹ (2x) • Conservation land • "Elbow room (space to breathe!)" • Well run town (three check marks next to text) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "A lie" • Collaboration • The Pat Roche Hospice Home/"celebrate end of life" • "The people! We have a delightful mix of new and old, townies and newbies!" • "Thank you for Doreen"² • Thoughtful/generous/active volunteers! • A nice public golf course

¹ Animal Control officer

² Doreen Newcomb, who runs the Town Hall Lunchroom



What is the one thing about Hingham you most want to change? What is not working for you?

<p><i>Hingham Farmers' Market: 10/26/2019</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speeding and traffic on High St. (2x)• Traffic on 228• Speed limit on Whiting St. is too high (45 mph)• Too much development• "More advocacy for seniors – 25% of the town!"• Need traffic light at Cushing and Main St.	<p><i>South Shore Country Club: 11/6-11/14/2019</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New pool• Middle street onto Main, dangerous/impossible• Increased traffic• Cold weather• The end of French St. going on to High St.• Better Indian restaurants
<p><i>Hingham Community Center: 11/1-11/7/2019</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traffic control in the Square and Main St. (2x)• Better sidewalks (2x)• Cars paying attention at crosswalks	<p><i>Town Hall: 11/5-11/13/2019</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traffic light needed at Middle St. (3x)• More diversity (2x)• Traffic (2x)• Arrow on 53 and Gardner St.• Traffic on Main St.• Town Hall parking• Summer St. needs updating• Road diet (Is it happening or not?)• Sidewalks



What is one thing you really want to see in Hingham that is missing?

<p><i>Hingham Farmers' Market: 10/26/2019</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indoor public pool facility (2x)• Housing for special needs adults• Auxiliary housing units• Diversity – mainly racial• Condos under \$1,000,000• Pedestrian-friendly harbor area• An inn	<p><i>South Shore Country Club: 11/6-11/14/2019</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dessert/ice cream (2x)• Skateparks (2x)• Outdoor skating rink
<p><i>Hingham Community Center: 11/1-11/7/2019</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outdoor beer garden/wine garden	<p><i>Town Hall: 11/13-12/2/2019</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A town pool (2x)• Protected and connected bike path from high school to MBTA• A rejuvenated town forest• A professional town facilities director; "too much goes unseen and unaccounted for"• Sidewalk maintenance• A policy on sidewalks and bike lanes• Stop littering• Better after school programs for working families



If you could do one thing to improve Hingham, what would it be?

Hingham Farmers' Market: 10/26/2019

- More traffic lights on Main
- Underground power lines
- More senior housing
- Less housing or another school
- Sidewalks on both sides of Whiting St. and crossing walks between Queen Anne's Corner and Derby St.
- Goose feces on HHS fields
- Shuttles from the ferries to downtown and Wompatuck

South Shore Country Club: 11/6-11/14/2019

- A new senior center
- Diversity
- To use less plastic
- Add elderly housing
- More playgrounds
- "South Shore Country Club has the best people"
- "I like it!"
- "Stop the town money grab by building near 3A, Shipyard, Beal St."
- "Give SSCC pros a huge raise"
- Nice weather

Hingham Community Center: 11/1-11/7/2019

- Parking spots in downtown
- Rent control for small business

Town Hall: 11/5-11/13/2019

- **New, free-standing senior center (3x)**
- **More green/open spaces (2x)**
- **Fix the traffic pattern at Dependable Cleaners (2x)**
- **Replace town swimming pool for families (2x)**
- Improve fields
- No more apartments
- "Too much building!!"
- Patch the roads
- Improve senior center
- More parking at Town Hall

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Session Hingham, MA**

How would you define Hingham's Town character?

1. Historic
2. Water focused
3. Village-y
4. History + Green
5. Historic + Green + Charm
6. Changing
7. History & Community
8. Traditional & progressive
9. Historic
10. Walkable
11. Charming
12. Green
13. Waterfront
14. Historic
15. Community
16. Changing
17. School-friendly
18. Senior-not so friendly
19. Conforming
20. Evolving
21. Good people but little diversity
22. Value historic character
23. Complacent
24. Engaged
25. Changing
26. History
27. New England
28. Community
29. Opportunity
30. Contiguous historic architecture
31. Complacent
32. History
33. Green
34. Volunteer culture
35. Historic
36. Conservative
37. Historical
38. Country setting
39. Rich diversity of cultural, landscape and residential areas
40. Proud
41. Conservative

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42. Able
43. Waterfront community
44. Its history
45. Historic
46. Great community
47. Community feeling
48. Comfortable
49. Historic
50. Expensive
51. Proud
52. Community spirit
53. Hingham strong
54. Historic seaside village
55. Great volunteerism
56. Worry too much about budget – town should spend on what is needed (senior center)
57. Open
58. Progressive
59. Traditional
60. Active
61. Community minded
62. Open to change and “greener” ways of doing things while maintaining a strong historical preservation

What is your favorite place and why?

1. World’s End
2. World’s End – it’s where I re-find my soul
3. Bare Cove Park – Beauty
4. Bare Cove Park
5. All the green space – undeveloped land
6. Waterfront
7. The harbor
8. Hingham Harbor
9. Downtown Hingham
10. Fountain Square – at intersection of North & Lincoln Streets
11. Turkey Hill – the view
12. World’s End
13. World’s End – green space, walkability, and proximity to the water
14. Hingham Harbor is my favorite place in Hingham because it is a destination shared by all for recreation, exercise, social gatherings and it is a unique resource that lends to our character as a seaside town.
15. World’s End
16. Swop Shop

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17. South Shore Country Club – open space
18. Bare cove park – dogs
19. Wompatuck – variety
20. Main Street
21. Turkey Hill because you get the water (ocean) and the pastoral land all at once
22. Brewer Park
23. Main Street USA – Please adequately maintain
24. Downtown & harbor
25. The square
26. World's End
27. Everything outdoors – land & Water
28. The Square – for it's past and potential
29. Open Space – stops development and provides access for exercise and fresh air
30. Town Meeting – for our thoughtful and sometimes funny discussions
31. Beach & parks
32. Turkey Hill
33. Weir River Farm
34. Wompatuck State Park – a variety of attractions (hiking trails, biking trails, camping, fishing) that allows you to enjoy the outdoors and escape city life inside your own town.
35. Hingham Square
36. World's End
37. Harbor
38. World's end
39. Harbor
40. Streetscapes
41. The harbor leading into downtown
42. World's end – world class open space, historic ambiance, location, views
43. It's open spaces
44. Harbor – for recreational opportunities
45. Turkey hill
46. Wompatuck – I walk there every day

What makes Hingham unique?

1. Coastline
2. A strong sense of community and town pride
3. History
4. Waterfront
5. History expressed
6. Location
7. Schools
8. Access to Boston
9. Thoughtful knowledgeable generous volunteers

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10. Unique mix of cultural, natural, residential and commercial areas
11. Historic streetscape largely unchanged through the centuries
12. Open space – forests, fields, meadows and coastline
13. Historic districts
14. History
15. Good governance
16. People care about the town
17. Engaged proactive town residents and town government
18. The new lives along side the old (modern & historic)
19. Caring involved people
20. Residents are generous with time and money
21. Hingham's strong ethic of volunteerism and civic engagement make Hingham a community with a well run government and strong sense of pride in the community
22. Downtown
23. It's history
24. Access to multiple transportation options to Boston while maintaining a small town feel.
25. its people, history and open space
26. history and water
27. historic districts
28. preservation of smaller older houses
29. special land and sea connection
30. historic and waterfront and farms and world's end
31. history
32. historic buildings
33. waterfront
34. beautiful homes and yards
35. open space
36. historic nature
37. waterfront
38. the smallest senior center in MA except Scituate which will have a 15,000 SF facility

Hingham Master Plan Visioning Forum – November 18, 2019 Group Summaries

Group 1:

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
2	Preserve architectural integrity/charm/history
2	Schools
1	History
	Easy to get to Boston
4	Natural environments/greenspace/country setting
	Preservation of older homes
1	Downtown
2	Walkability
1	Country setting
	Small business
2	Waterfront/cleanliness
	charm
	Mixed generations
	Preserve affordability for seniors

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
1	Future of building; new construction and aggressive development at the shipyard and on Beal street
3	Building away the greenspace
1	Area of Rt 3A near Weymouth line
1	Parking at town hall
1	Sidewalks near harbor
3	Sidewalks in some areas are not walkable
	Re-evaluate height restrictions on homes and buildings
3	Foster school's condition
	Mismatched signage in shipyard and downtown
2	Awareness of climate change with new construction is needed to minimize impact

Question 3: What's missing?

- Better daycare space in rec center
- Bookstore/coffee
- Swimming pool – indoor
- Need more children's clothing stores
- Need more restaurants
- After school activities at middle school
- sports (to be run by schools) with bus during school week (not on weekends)

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

Opportunities:

- climate change – new guidelines for construction; reducing impact of carbon footprint; increase composting and recycling; have recycling cans available; have car charging stations in town
- increase walkability and bike ability
- getting people to use clean energy for homes/incentives/education
- water supply
- green space/trees
- be conscious of paint for crosswalks (slippery when wet)

Challenges:

- affordable housing/placement and design
- better relationship with departments - building, trustees, historic to preserve and better use greenspace
- lack of sewer in south Hingham to support economic development
- Sewer pipes in north Hingham are old and may not be constructed in such a way to tolerate sea level rise and groundwater levels increasing.

Question 5: one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
	New foster school
5	Reduce carbon footprint of Public Buildings and incentivize homeowners to do the same
2	Improve walkability/sidewalks and bike ability
1	Better use of town hall
4	Stop building and look at better uses for already available space

Group 2

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
6	Space, nature, trees
2	Walking – sidewalks
1	People – culture of volunteerism
8	Ocean, coastline, water sports
5	Historic aspects
1	Square – it's community feeling
	Town Pride
	Everything – all services are here
	Spread of economic levels in town
	safety
4	Great schools
5	Open Space – places to hike
2	Public transportation access (especially to Boston)

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
4	Lack of diversity
5	traffic
	Overdevelopment
	Elitism
	No good beach
1	Lack of safety (traffic) – how folks drive
3	Lack of Housing/jobs – for folks with special needs (disabilities), seniors, disabled youth
2	Senior center is too small
3	Lack of adequate special education services in school
	Need a pool
	Lack of a master plan
2	Lack of financial growth – especially commercial
3	Lack of preventative maintenance of town facilities
3	Lack of town facilities manager
1	Concern about rising taxes
4	Town engineer needed – an actual engineer
	Lack of strong commercial tax base
5	Inadequate financing of schools

Question 3: What's missing?

- Disabilities Commission
- Boys & Girls Club
- Capital Commission looking at all large projects
- Continuing Ed programs
- Kids in Action at all elementary schools

- Forest management plan and program
- Vo-tech training for our kids
- Stronger sense of community
- More unified HS sports teams
- Indian restaurant
- Climate resiliency planning
- More town hiring of people with disabilities
- Mapping town priorities to the Master Plan
- Renovated library
- Separate police station

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

Opportunities

- Residents generous – have deep pockets and good will for fundraising
- Harbor revival
- Engaged talented citizens
- Lots of green space
- Rich history
- Boston proximity
- Self-directed affordable housing planning

Challenges

- Development not in tune with Town character and there is great pressure for overdevelopment
- Resistance to real zoning changes
- Deferred maintenance of town facilities
- Keeping taxes in check, keeping Hingham affordable
- Aging population
- Climate change at the harbor
- More demand for moorings than we can accommodate
- Road conditions

Question 5: one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
4	Manage traffic
3	Hire town engineer and facilities manager
7	Find additional revenue to better fund schools
6	More programming for special needs kids
2	Plan for affordable housing
3	Less development
5	Development comprehensive facilities plan

Group 3

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
3	Worlds End
4	History – preservation; town values preservation
1	Downtown – Christmas in the square, shops, restaurants
8	Schools
1	Volunteerism
2	Ocean – harbor, wompatuck, open space
2	South Shore Country Club
2	Closeness to Boston
1	Commuter boat
	Highway access on Rt 3
5	Hingham Light and their responsiveness
1	Strong neighborhoods and sense of community

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
5	Traffic, problem intersections
4	Development: strain on resources; strain on open space; spread out development
2	Sidewalks – need more – south Hingham, crow point, free street
7	Condition of Foster elementary
4	Sccc pool
	Lack of Diversity (population)
	More policing needed to have Improved safety (open space, parks)
2	More fields/better maintenance of fields at schools (master fields use and maintenance schedule needed)
	Underutilized land, DPW & Lighting Plant
6	School budget funding increase is needed

Question 3: What's missing?

- Trash pickup
- Town pool (indoor/outdoor bubble)
- Free full day kindergarten
- No booster fees
- More town rec facilities – especially indoors in winter time
- Parking
- Annual town fireworks
- Town owned hockey rink
- Elderly housing (affordable)
- Full year weekend commuter boat service as well as late night commuter boat service
- Ethics board

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

- Accommodating development
- Impact to schools
- Infrastructure stress
- Funding for Foster School
- What happens if foster school fails? There is a lack of funding but also structural issues at Foster
- Potential need for tax increase
- Impact of climate change and sea level rise
- Traffic management – need to take into account population growth and density
- More environmental consciousness is needed
- Compressor station is bad for the environment

Question 5:- one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
1	More citizen participation and town involvement
13	More school funding
	Better transportation and better access into and out of Hingham
3	Town shuttle for all ages – all over Hingham stopping at key places
2	Better access to town facilities, middle school, gyms, buildings
9	Combine new facility projects, better planning use of funding
2	Better traffic control

Group 4

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
1	Bathing beach
6	Expand senior center and parking – use fields to exchange for parking
4	Historic center – historic preservation
4	Beauty and maintenance of main street
6	Downtown has a sense of place
3	Economic diversity
3	Hingham is affordable
4	There is a high percentage of green space

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
6	Lack of affordability for seniors
3	Economic stratification
4	Time it takes to get project approval from town hall
9	Size and number of rooms for programming at senior center (they are too small and have limited use)
1	The time it takes to demolish dwellings that are eyesores
4	No parking at the senior center
1	Space is not used properly at town hall

Question 3: What's missing?

- Grocery store downtown
- General merchandise store downtown like granites welch packer
- More fire stations – built properly
- Adequate parking at town hall police station and senior center
- A link between bare cove and great esker parks
- Commercial tax base and more non-residential development
- Linden ponds own EMT service
- Sewer plant to recharge groundwater

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

- Growing senior population
- Restoration of our parks and town forest is needed
- The infrastructure (land and buildings) is aging
- Public information about available services should be better and more accessible
- Traffic on main street needs to be reduced
- Access to Wompatuck via other towns should be restored/opened up
- Affordable housing stock (smaller single family) is being lost by teardowns

Question 5:- one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
10	Build a new senior or intergenerational center
3	Strategy for the improvement of services at 210/220 Central street
3	Improve transportation for seniors; Improve transportation for those without cars
	Action is required to address some of the identified needs by increasing the town budget
4	Park connection between bare cove and great esker park
2	Challenge is the budget demand to meet the needs of the schools and the needs of the seniors. Often in it one vs the other and both populations don't have their needs met in the same budget.
4	Housing diversity
3	Town meeting agenda items that affect seniors should be earlier in the evening or there should be a Saturday town meeting to make it accessible to all

Group 5

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
1	Open space
1	Library
6	Quality of schools
5	Harbor/waterfront
1	Highway diet plan/sidewalks
1	Progressive – wanting to improve
1	Historic character (existing and preservation of for the future)
2	Downtown Hingham
2	Many volunteers
1	Natural beauty (maintenance of) and the tree/park department
	Restaurants
2	Traditions – 4 th of July parade/xmas in the square
2	Sports
1	Community involvement/engagement
3	Well run town government

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
4	Speeding on roads
2	Congestion/traffic – queen Anne’s corner and main street
3	Visibility/enforcement at crosswalks
1	Lack of diversity of housing
2	Kids can’t afford to move back
2	Lack of senior housing
2	Rentals are not family friendly
2	No good public transportation in town not good coordination
1	Boat to Boston doesn’t have weekend service in the winter
2	No electric vehicle charging in public areas
4	No year round sports facility – lack of public space
1	No swimming pool
	Lack of harbor development infrastructure
1	Poor accessibility at the harbor and the boat house
	No lights on fields other than at the high school

Question 3: What’s missing?

- Electric vehicle charging
- More turf fields
- Entertainment venues

- Public transport intraTown

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

- Budgeting sensitivity is needed – question of money
- Tax rate needs to be raised and/or managed depending who you talk to
- Infrastructure – aging: water, sewer, utility, roads
- New building codes and green homes should be encouraged
- Age of population increasing
- Demographic changes – aging population and growth of children in schools
- Diversifying the tax base – residential AND commercial
- Development and redevelopment need a balanced approach from the town
- What is the maximum population in Hingham? When is enough growth enough?
- Parking – downtown, fields, town hall, library – all need more
- How do seniors stay in town? Can't afford it.
- How do young families afford to come to town?
- Environmental – sea level rise, waterfront, protection to the shoreline
- Storm surge and high tide mitigation
- Water supply
- Water company management needs to be figured out
- Planning for solar, wind, underground electric
- Get rid of telephone poles
- Solar energy net metering for town assets. Hull has wind mills. Hingham could do solar.
- Require new development to install underground wires
- Desalinization plant jointly with Hull could help water supply
- Integrate with other south shore towns a regionalization of services
- Sewer capacity is a constraint in north Hingham. Lack of sewer in South Hingham hinders economic development
- How do we attract business, industry and workers
- Workforce to supply businesses need homes to live in
- Apply for more government grants
- Reroute commercial vehicles off residential streets
- Opportunity/benefit for town employees to receive supplemental housing benefits to help them afford to live in Hingham.

Question 5:- one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
5	Traffic management
3	Public transport
7	Integration of all transportation/people movement
4	Infrastructure: public utilities, water, sewer, roads, crosswalks, electric, etc.

Group 6

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
	Everything outdoors: green and blue
6	Open space – bare cove, Wampatuck, turkey hill, country club, access to waterfront
6	Historic resources and buildings
3	New England town qualities
4	Good governance
2	Good resources – playgrounds, library, senior center
2	Volunteer tradition from all age groups with experience
	Hmlp
2	schools

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
d	Traffic – especially south Hingham
4	Development of the Large apartment buildings on Beal street
7	Teardown of small houses
3	Pressure to develop south Hingham
1	Impacts on water availability
3	Too many banks and real estate offices
	Access to waterfront needs improvement
3	Engagement of newer residents is poor
	Senior center needs more space
	Rec center needs more space
1	Lack of indoor pool

Question 3: What's missing?

- Breakfast restaurants
- Small shops downtown
- Affordable senior housing and affordable starter houses that are not apartments
- Public transportation – maybe a local shuttle/bucket town bus
- Bile lanes
- Late night transportation to Boston
- Minutes from town committees

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

Challenges:

- Climate change, droughts, severity of tides, severe storms
- Water supply with development – need to educate on water use, sustainable lawns, etc.
- Infrastructure – sewer and water pipes need maintenance

- Town building maintenance – need one staff position and or committee to monitor facility needs of all town buildings on an ongoing and comprehensive manner
- Gentrification

Opportunities:

- Deep love of town
- Town buildings and properties are assets
- AAA bond rating
- Recycling
- More historic districting to be done
- Look at solutions from other towns
- taxes

Question 5: one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
3	More historic districts
3	5 selectmen instead of the current 3
8	More intracommunity transportation
7	Find a way for kids who grew up here to come back to live
1	More public art
2	Add bike lanes
3	Put powerlines underground
4	Larger senior center

Group 7

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
5	Streetscape
2	Water and land
1	Sense of community
	Convenience to boston
2	Places – world class history in town, old ship church
2	Historical character
5	Volunteerism makes town what it is
2	Sidewalks
	Not like other communities
2	Town programs
	Senior center
	Police department

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
2	Density
	New apartments
2	Design of large projects are unattractive and anti-community
2	Change – distribution and diversity of housing
2	Economic/cultural diversity
1	Challenge of climate change
1	Zoning
2	Information/education of integrating buildings with landscape
	Fire hazard/warning systems
3	Parks/people and how to egress when there is a fire should be clear
1	Dense areas of development – derby st, shipyard
3	Development is encroaching onto open space
3	Traffic – high school, middle street, Hingham center, route 228

Question 3: What's Missing?

- Scenic roads
- Speed control
- Improve or consolidate outdoor recreation facility management, swimming, etc.
- Recycle center not up to others – needs more space
- Rec center needs to be used by all and have programming for all accessible to all
- More vibrant community center is needed
- Evacuation route signs are needed

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

- Climate
- Managing growth
- Fire code for building materials and planning, green building are evolving
- Protection open space from encroachment, and fire and flooding damages
- Demographics of aging population
- Young people need to feel invested in the town
- Growth management strategy needed

Question 5: one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
4	Manage the residential and commercial developments at the margins of town and protect core
1	Modernize governance to code
2	Town meeting needs to be more accessible – on tv and interactive
5	Town manager and 5 selectmen system needed not the current system
6	Information distribution, especially in times of crisis, needs to be figured out
3	Transportation needed for all. Can school buses be used off school hours?



How would you define Hingham's TOWN CHARACTER?

Identify some of the features that contribute to it.

- Does not rush into anything. Intelligence, rationality, sensible.
- Combination of many good things from govt, schools, recreation, the people – all to make caring town
- Limited in diversity, expensive, charming, human scale (so far), historical, beautiful
- Friendly, open
- Proud
- Quintessential new England town – beautiful wonderful outdoor open space
- Sense of involvement/volunteerism. Duty to help others.
- Historic, traditional, conservative, values integrity
- Beauty of main street. Great spirit of volunteerism.
- White, wealthy, snobby, entitled
- Town center
- Waterfront, World's End, historic Main St., bad traffic
- New England charm
- Historic, wealthy/financial services, gentrified
- Beautiful town enhanced by historic character, trees/parks, harbor
- Community, appreciation of history and culture
- Sense of history present throughout, many historic 'named' homes/buildings, no fast food, no neon signs
- Knows who they are, care about their history and value their surroundings (history), open space environment, volunteerism, open town meeting form of government
- Historic architecture, coastal community, open space and nature, Cracker Barrel, general store on Main St.
- Waterfront and sources, historical, open space, Weir River and Back River, squares
- Thoughtful, historic minded
- Quaint, small bedroom community, sense of community
- Historic, coastal, village-y, centered
- Open, friendly, engaged, but homogenous
- In transition
- Pleasant town, small town feel with great schools, open space
- Consistently well led community with a view to future needs
- Classic new England charm, excellent school system
- Historically well-preserved community - investing money to maintain
- People care about the town and our quality of life
- Appreciation of the past, able to live in the present, optimistic about the future
- Sense of community, passionate



- Historic, proud, engaged as a community
- Pragmatic, intelligent, engaged, historic, passionate
- Open space, historic structures
- Roots back to our forefathers (and mothers) to enjoy the town we live in. Without their guidance and foresight, Hingham would not be what it is today.
- Well managed by talented and dedicated volunteers, citizen support of town government, preservation of important structures and features
- Proud - of schools, town government, volunteer participation, values historic properties – districts
- We love our kids, great schools, community activities
- Historic, commuters, residents care about the town
- Participating engaged people, proud of its history and governance
- Historic town

What else makes Hingham UNIQUE?

- Volunteerism, harbor
- Transfer station (dump), volunteer driven open town meeting form of government
- Waterfront, boat to Boston, lovely resources/open spaces 30%
- Open space, park land: Bare Cove, Turkey Hill, World's End, harbor, Wompatuck, Lehner
- History, location, greenspace, volunteerism, well managed govt, town utilities, people
- Its people
- Cohesive historic character of Main Street and Hingham square
- How it appreciates its history
- Computer science immersion in schools
- Harbor area
- Strong volunteer commitment, coastal community, historic character
- The geographic location – near Boston with easy commuter options including commuter boat and rail. Open spaces.
- History of the town, open spaces – parks
- Perfect New England town, waterfront, outdoor opportunity
- The boat!! Hingham maritime center.
- Open space, ferry to/from Boston, architecture
- All around excellent as a place to raise children
- Historic, waterfront, accessible to highway/Boston/cape, library, town hall, waterways/river system
- History and modern commerce existing together
- Historic legacy



- It's still an old-style new England town even though it's grown – it still holds its small town charm, historic
- Open to new ideas and change, mix of long-term residents and new
- Derby street shops, shipyard/transit, train
- Proximity to Boston – well preserved suburb
- The waterfront and main street along with civic engagement of volunteers
- Historic character
- The townies! 😊
- History, green space
- A coastal community with commuting options and a commitment
- Commitment to self-governance and willingness to put in the work to get things right
- Great library, history, schools – special ed
- Open space and waterfront
- Very successful town government
- Preservation of important historic and natural features, waterfront, beautiful old buildings and landscapes
- Lovely antique buildings/architecture, parks and water, closeness to Boston
- Its character, beauty, varied opportunities in housing and neighborhoods, organization in town to raise money for activities in town from football to Hingham in the square
- Open space at historic preservations
- Location, history, access to public transit, people's pride in the town and participation in the town volunteers
- Number 1: its history
- The overwhelming love of the town by residents
- Character of the town, history of Hingham
- The history – focus on education
- Community pride, a beautiful Main St, strong town government, amount of open space
- Its history – colonial, ship building, etc. Water – recreation and transportation
- Village feel, big small town, water oriented, historic, commuter boat
- Sense of historic yankee thrift 😊, balanced with need to invest for future!
- The 4th of July, Christmas and the square, community involvement – seeing people you know at the dump!
- World's End, harbor, South Shore Conservatory



What is your FAVORITE PLACE in Hingham and why?

Identify those places in Town that define Hingham as a unique and special place. These could include views or landscapes, sites or buildings of historic value, or essential places in the community's life.

- Athletic fields and facilities. Help young people be busy, be outdoors, learn to get along with others, develop confidence, and be healthy
- Downtown area
- World's End – views, Bare Cove Park, Hingham cemetery, views/tranquil
- Scarlet Oak Tavern, Bare Cove Park, Wompatuck, Heritage museum
- World's End
- Wompatuck, World's End
- Harbor, World's End, open space, Weir River and estuary, downtown, shipyard/Derby, Foundry pond
- Hingham cemetery, harbor, World's End
- Old ship/cemetery, old derby historic complex as part of Hingham Square
- Abby – peaceful
- World's End – natural beauty in every season
- I love the Girl Scout House – it is an amazing place for convening and serves so many girls in our town.
- Harbor, old ship church, historic downtown
- World's End – combo of world class landscape and water views, the boat moorings detract in the summer
- Harbor
- George Washington forest until the trees were all killed by a pest. I now love my neighborhood.
- Hingham Square – place to congregate, see people, enjoy movie, dinner, shopping
- Bare Cove Park – represents what community can do to preserve open space
- Hingham Square – small town charm, not commercialized. Turkey Hill – vistas. All the ponds and Weir River access.
- Bare Cove Park, Derby Shoppes, downtown shops
- Town meeting – where we debate, discuss and decide. Harbor – where I go to find my soul.
- Wompatuck state park
- Bare cove
- Shipyard, Hingham harbor, Wompatuck, downtown
- Harbor and islands, turkey hill and town forest
- World's End – where to go to find soul
- Wompatuck – open space, bike paths, walking trails, away from crowds



- Bare cove park and Hingham shipyard, bare cove – peaceful beautiful views, shipyard – vibrant
- Driving thru town and parking in the beauty of the architecture and landscape
- World's End and on the water behind it (looking south and west at World's End)
- Town hall where so many volunteer and start to contribute their time and efforts to make Hingham a better place to live and work
- Harbor – a beautiful backdrop for the town and passerby
- Downtown, our parks and open space
- World's End, Wompatuck, downtown area
- Hingham senior center, activities, social
- All the parks and open space
- Any of the open spaces being cared for by conservation commission etc. My home in Hingham Centre – best place on earth
- Harbor, Lehner property, Old Ship Church, Wompatuck Park, World's End
- Hingham Centre
- Harbor, World's End, Historical Society and museum, Old Ship Church, Glad Tidings plain
- Turkey Hill – beautiful walking trails off leash w/dog, Loring Theater – walking distance for a lovely evening out (w/book of passes – affordable)
- Town meeting – where we gather to discuss, debate, and decide.
- Our parks and open space
- World's End because it offers so much during a one hour walk re: wildlife, great view of Boston, exercise, contemplation and fresh air
- Loring hall – World's End – downtown
- World's End – I look at it out my kitchen window and walk my dog there often.
- Harbor, downtown, Shipyard, Bare Cove, World's End, Wompatuck
- The waterfront, Stoddard's Neck, Bathing Beach, Weir River
- All our open spaces/natural peaceful, Weir River Farm/goes back to Mrs. Thayer and Polly Star
- World's End

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Group 1:

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
4	Open Space & Park & Harbor
4	Historic – the preservation of historic fabric
1	cpc
2	Transportation – boat and train
6	Civic commitment - volunteerism
3	Town meeting
3	Town government
5	Hingham square – variety of shops, community & history

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
2	Depending on fossil fuels
7	Lack of diversity
7	Lack of affordable/diverse housing
4	Traffic – main street left turns; speed
1	South Hingham character
5	3a separates harbor from the town
4	Current low usage of harbor – need to maximize
4	Lack of townwide capital plan

Question 3: What's Missing?

- Large capital planning committee for buildings
- Pool
- Senior center with parking
- Community gathering space
 - Do more than the minimum required
 - Combine facilities
 - Make investment in amenities
- Intra town transportation (public)
 - Connect train/boat/downtown
 - Connect south Hingham/main street/downtown

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

Opportunities

- Schools & education a priority
- Control of water company/resource

- Harbor usage/vision
- Available/developable land in south Hingham

Challenges

- Climate change
- Aging population
- Affordable housing
- Lack of town sewer

Question 5:- one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
6	Capital Planning Committee
6	Town Water System
9	New senior center (multi-generational)
3	Connect harbor to Town
8	3a/228 Traffic improvements
3	Improve pedestrian & Bike access
3	Cover dumpsters in downtown hingham
2	Another restaurant in Hingham square

Group 2

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
1	Historic architecture
	Historic downtown
	Old ship church
1	Architecture
1	Human scale
	Neighbors
3	neighborhood
1	Proximity to route 3
1	Historical aspect
	Clean air
4	Schools
	Professional volunteers
1	Community engagement
1	Youth sports & music
	Commercial base
1	Stable power (hmlp)
	Environmental awareness
	Ease of getting to boston

3	Open space
3	Ferry
	Community
2	Quaint town
1	No fast food
1	Access to water (boating/kayaking)
3	Worlds end
1	Rail, ferry
	Wildlife, birds
	Coastal town
	No marijuana shop
1	Current population size

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
	Overdevelopment
	Traffic
	Lack of sidewalks
	No consideration/limit on growth
1	Lack of maintaining facilities
2	Lack of affordable single family housing
	Bias against affordable housing
2	Lack of senior housing
2	Don't get \$ worth from taxes – taxes are high, not seeing value, increasing faster than inflation
5	Lack of sidewalks
1	No public transit within town
3	Traffic in general
6	Overdevelopment (derby st area)
	Condos on Beal St
1	Large dense development
	New traffic lights on Derby St
	Demographics not aligned with housing development
	Too many historic commission rules
1	Not enough people making decisions (# Selectmen)
2	Town meeting biased/vocal minority/not convenient/not accessible to all
1	Lack of diversity
1	Traffic ratings

Question 3: What's Missing?

- Public transportation within town
- Trash pick up
- South Hingham fire & police stations

- Affordable small homes
- Town pool
- Public facility for boat storage & launch facility
- Plan for limited growth/population
- Sidewalks
- Path network connections
- Green space (walk/bike)
- Good traffic control
- Good diversified shops @ shipyard/3a
- Apartments with covered parking
- 2050 plan – energy oriented plan
- Climate study (town)
- Zoning restrictions on house/lot ration (FAR)
- Town Committees should meet all together 1 x/yr
- Senior center like Cohasset has

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

Opportunities

- Available land – expand conservation and open space
- Coastal town – more ferry service, more bar tables, more sailing lessons
- Land – responsible development; have house structure to foster community
- Land/bare cove park – transit oriented development
- Large parking areas – convert to parking structures
- Bus service – hull to Hingham

Challenges

- Parking – public transit, more parking, de-staff town hall
- Clustered overdevelopment in town
- Failing facilities
- Traffic congestion
- Submerged roads
- School population

Question 5:- one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
8	Sidewalks
3	Fire station in south Hingham
9	Limit building
8	School facility improvement

Group 3

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
3	Hingham harbor
7	Open space/parks/worlds end/bare cove park
6	Weir river/back river
5	Hingham square
2	4 th of july parade
5	Historic nature
2	Shipyard & ferry

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
4	People/high brows
5	Loss of affordable single family housing
6	Violations to building code & entitled behaviors
7	Taking town for granted & disrespect
4	Unleashed dogs

Question 3: What's Missing?

- Stand alone senior center/multi generational center
- Transportation system for aging populace
- Moderate housing plan
- Parking in the square and at town hall
- Appropriate playing fields
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Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

Opportunities

- Water company
- In-law apartments
- Aging in place
- Cluster zoning
- Commercial development
- Traffic circulation

Challenges

- Commercial development
- Traffic circulation
- Protecting resources
- Protecting ecosystems

- Skilled labor
- Sea level rise
- Senior affordability
- Lyme disease & over spraying of insecticide

Question 5:- one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
6	Affordable senior housing
8	Halt development
7	Keep historic charm
3	Less density
1	Durable municipal multi-use buildings
	Tourism
2	Improved transportation routes
4	Maintain safe environment

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Group 1

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
2	Convenient Location/Close to Boston
2	Hingham Harbor
2	Parks and Open Space
3	Town's place in history/historic character/community respect for history
2	Public Transportation access – boat/train/bus
1	Public Safety Professionals – Police/Fire/EMT
2	South Shore Country Club
1	Town Government/Well run town
1	Quality of Services – Elder Services, Library Services, etc.
2	Municipal utilities – Light Plant, new water co.
0	Quality and number of restaurants
0	The Parks Department
0	Volunteer Garden Club
3	Commitment to volunteerism – volunteer government/boards and citizen volunteers for youth sports, elder services etc.
0	Quality of our transfer station

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
5	Traffic
4	Shortage of Parking – Town Hall, downtown, parks, etc.
1	Broadstone/Beal St housing project
1	Tough process for small businesses – permitting & approvals
1	Time and process for redevelopment projects – Settles Glass, Lincoln Bldg.,
7	In adequate senior center – programming, space, parking, staffing etc.
3	Lack of more affordable senior housing
3	Comcast service and costs

Question 3: What's Missing?

- In-town shuttle/circulator connecting shipyard, harbor, downtown, South Hingham etc.
- Restroom and shower facilities near the inner harbor marinas
- Town Pool
- Adequately sized senior center
- South Hingham fire station
- More affordable housing for seniors
- Better control/policing of tear downs and construction of McMansions

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Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

Opportunities:

- More solar and wind installations to reduce fossil fuel usage - at public facilities (dump/buildings) and residences (roofs)
- Desalination facility to provide water and reduce pressure on watershed

Challenges:

- Lack of sewer on some areas of Hingham – South Hingham in particular
- Impact on natural resources from continued development
- Ability to manage/absorb growth – schools, public safety etc.
- Future of municipal pension fund

Question 5:- one thing to improve Hingham (Note: Two participants departed prior to the discussion/vote on the 5th question)

Dots	Response
2	Reduce traffic
6	An improved and expanded senior center
2	New pool
1	Comprehensive town-wide traffic study/assessment
2	More parking at Town Hall and downtown
2	Increase more affordable housing for seniors

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Group 2

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
1	Town is in good financial shape
2	Town has an emphasis on historic preservation and the historic nature of the town is asset
	Volunteers
6	Schools
2	Open space
1	Town meeting
3	library
1	Walkability and connectedness of open space
4	Opportunities for recreation on the water and in the woods
1	Access to public transportation
1	Downtown area
2	Good restaurants
1	Sense of community
	Professional town staff

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
1	Amount of traffic; recklessness of drivers
	We could be a more inclusive community and more welcoming to each other
5	Constant high Traffic volumes during the day on Cushing, main st, and 3A.
	More cars on the road in town all day long, the only quiet time is from 8 pm – 5 am due to the moms, service traffic, yard care, etc.
4	Too much development too fast
5	Lack of diversity in town – both cultural and racial
2	Not all neighborhoods are walkable as there is a lack of sidewalks in some areas
3	Need better bike lanes and environment for biking
3	Lack of affordability for young families
1	Town regulations shouldn't have different rules and benefits for different projects

Question 3: What's Missing?

- More walking connections between neighborhoods
- Lack of starter homes and options for smaller living and affordable downsizing
- Access to municipal sewer and gas
- Utility management
- Environmental leadership re: Climate change, storm water fees, etc.
- Intra town transportation between shipyard/library/Derby st shops/town hall/train stations
- Transparency in terms of open spaces and resources including playgrounds to be sure all residents know what is available to them
- Need a map of paths and walkways, etc.

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Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

Opportunities:

- Increase business sector to diversify tax base
- We have some financial resources to use wisely
- Can improve town buildings
- Large population
- We can improve the town
- We can improve town services
- We can improve how we are educating our kids with regard to technology
- STEM Classes and computer coding classes are desired
- We can pay more taxes to fund improvements
- We have programs for those who cannot pay their taxes

Challenges:

- Availability of funding to address all the needs and wants
- Municipal finance – should prioritize spending, pursue grants, pursue local aid, encourage increased development that is low impact
- There is a variety of generations in town with different needs
- Getting a wider range of people involved in town governance is difficult
- Preserving our open space
- Hard to find young talented workers
- Maintaining future growth and traffic in town and managing it
- Climate change
- Cost per student on kids – we are falling behind in our spending
- Need energy/utility fee based on personal behavior

Question 5:- one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
7	Affordable single family homes
3	Educational opportunities for kids of all abilities
4	Getting more people on bikes
2	Put more money into fixing roads
3	Low impact development and get increased \$\$ from developers when they do develop in town
1	Restaurant on the water
	Need more revenue to do the things we want to do
3	Good bakery/artesian bakery

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Group 3

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
9	Open space/town forest
1	Waterfront
4	Ocean
1	Robust government system
	We own two utilities
4	Resource is protected (water)
1	Community celebrations
5	Historic preservation
1	Many historic districts
4	Ease of getting to Boston

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
4	Affluenza
7	Lack of diversity
3	Traffic – more people are using shortcuts through neighborhoods
3	Density – overall community and of individual lots. There needs to be a FAR for SF residential
4	Water supply versus development
	Rubbish on curb
3	Landscape trucks – a visual blight
	Honking horns
6	Long permitting process

Question 3: What's Missing?

- Community composting
- Complimentary affordable housing – range of affordability levels and a range of types
- Resources to protect our natural resources
- More care of the waterfront to protect it from degradation
- Tax incentives to preserve Hingham homes
- Increase access to open space/conservation land

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

Opportunities

- School strength
- Recreation
- Public safety
- Future capital projects
- Town Government
- Industrial park development

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Challenges

- Public safety
- School needs
- Pool
- Not taxing people out of town
- Pressure on volunteerism
- Balancing the competing demands

Question 5:- one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
2	Bury electric wires
5	Buy all open land for open space
8	Control development
3	Senior center
7	Support different housing options
	Community wide events like composting

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Group 4

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
2	Unique waterfront
3	history
	Bathing beach
6	Good schools – town focus on education
3	Comfort and fabric of the town
	Historic architecture
5	Open spaces
	Stoddards neck
	Bare cove park
	Wampatuck
	Downtown and the shops
	Loring hall

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
6	Adult services for special needs are limited. No housing for adults with special needs
2	Lack of bike lanes and sidewalks
4	Need improvements in special ed services/programming/social groups/behavioral programs
	Traffic controls/safety/3A
1	Lack of diversity
2	Cost of living
1	Amount of development
1	Not preserving open space
1	Population increase
2	traffic

Question 3: What's Missing?

- Connections between neighborhoods for pedestrians/bike paths/sidewalks
- Diversity
- Adult assisted housing for special needs
- Jobs for teens
- Parking downtown
- In town transportation connecting places
- Need for attention for youth arts and sciences
- Younger people involved in town government
- Special ed system that enables students to stay in district

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Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

- Class sizes and the student population
- Need development that enhances access to the waterfront
- Foster school
- 40b housing/opportunities for low income housing
- Monitoring growth/development and population
- Balance of Hingham tradition vs new initiatives
- Opportunity to create support for seniors to get assistance
- Coordinate with other towns more (Cohasset, hull, Weymouth)
- Affordable housing - maintaining 40b supply to support population diversity
- Hingham is a "destination town"
- Beal Street is overbuilt now
- How to manage remaining open space in south Hingham
- Preparing for climate change
- Managing new development

Question 5:- one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
6	Making more opportunities for transportation other than driving; public transportation; walking; biking
5	Traffic/safety/traffic lights
3	Reconfigure areas of heavy traffic
7	Adult special development services and housing
4	Waterfront improvement and a playground space for families
1	Public indoor pool

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Group 5

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
6	Waterfront
4	Schools
	Beauty
1	Intelligent community
2	Easy commute to Boston
2	It's a town not a suburb
3	Historic place
2	We have our own identity
3	Pragmatic engagement, thoughtful
	My hometown
1	Architectural continuity
1	Pride
1	Open space

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
4	Lack of diversity
4	Traffic congestion on main st, derby st, Beal st
	Closed community – lack of communication from the town to the public
1	Hingham journal's demise
	Reliance on internet to communicate about community
	Not reaching seniors
3	Climate change vulnerability
1	Housing choices – lack of variety; zoning restrictions to 1 acre
	Affordability
2	Transportation – lack of public transportation
3	Support for senior services
2	Cell phone coverage dead zones

Question 3: What's Missing?

- Bike paths from the commuter boat to the train
- An alternative to cars
- No blue bikes available
- Better sidewalks
- Electric assisted scooters
- Shuttle transportation to link public transport and senior services and shopping
- Pool
- A good deli

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- More clarity of the historic district boundaries and requirements
- Representative town meeting
- Better informed town meeting members

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

- Electronic voting at town meeting
- Log in to cast your vote from home over the internet
- Inter community cooperation
- Regional master planning
- Town wide trash pick up
- Commitment to renewable energy
- Leadership
- Solar panel fields
- Communications outside the internet

Question 5:- one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
5	Safeguard and improve waterfront
1	Year round aquatics center
1	Connectivity to Boston harbor islands
2	Diversify housing stock – size, and cost, leed certified
2	Protect water supply
9	Zero carbon footprint
4	Protect open space

**Comment Board Responses
December 10, 2019 Visioning Session
Downtown Association Hingham, MA**

How would you define Hingham's Town character?

- Rooted
- Proud
- Quaint
- historic
- Norman Rockwell
- Charming
- Village-y
- Water oriented
- Traditional
- Quintessential
- Community oriented
- Supportive of the historic character

What is your favorite place and why?

- Harbor
- Worlds end
- Downtown
- Square
- Waterfront
- The water
- The harbor
- Crow point
- Whitney thaxter woods
- Loring hall

What makes Hingham unique?

- Closest town to Boston on the water with good schools
- The harbor and downtown together
- Proximity to Boston
- AAA bond rating
- History
- Stewardship and prudent management
- Historic character
- Location
- Character
- History
- Open space
- The Square

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Group 1

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
3	Quaint character
6	Historic/history
3	Community aspect – it feels like a small town
3	Natural feel & beauty- worlds end, Wampatuck, harbor, main street
3	Proximity to water – harbor and coastline
6	Sense of community – citizen involvement making town great
1	Amount of open space
1	Sense of multi-generational residents
3	Community loyalty keeps the downtown vibrant – this is generational
2	Shared experiences and appreciation for Hingham
6	The Square – quaint, traditional, solid, safe
1	The reconstruction post train construction resulted in a mix of new and old businesses
1	Sidewalks downtown
2	Infrastructure – access to Boston
4	Schools and the many great opportunities the kids have, particularly in high school

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
16	Lack of customer parking in the square; lack of 15 minute parking downtown; lack of a mix of parking with different durations (30 min, 1 hour, 2 hour)
1	Resistance to change/something different i.e. The blending of new and old merchants and the level of community participation. Some owners and merchants downtown do not participate at all in the community or downtown association and don't seem invested in the community that is the downtown.
3	Lincoln building still vacant after 8 months. Due to excessive rent being asked but the vacancy isn't good for the downtown.
8	Mix of businesses could be improved
3	Lack of people wanting to get involved with other businesses. Need more collaboration and cohesiveness between the businesses in the downtown
1	Rotary is hard to navigate
1	Too few business in the square are open on Sundays
4	There is a lack of understanding in the town about who actually funds and does all the work for Christmas in the Square. People think it's the town but it is really the merchants and it is a huge effort. More assurance of the permanence of this and other events is needed and that would be helped by a stable funding mechanism (town, tax
3	Location of or overnight place to stay, Inn
4	Cell service downtown and in town is poor
	Absence of a local paper

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Question 3: What's missing?

- Lack of town funding for Downtown events, parade, fireworks, etc.
- Inn
- Parking Garage
- Urgent care
- Teen center
- Bike Racks
- More food options
- Better property maintenance of existing businesses – inside and out
- Need to activate and beautify harbor more
- Beautification needed in downtown and harbor
- Footbridge over 3a to connect downtown to the harbor
- Shuttle service from shipyard to the harbor to downtown to the train station, etc.
- Wayfinding signs
- Traffic light by St. Paul's
- Increased awareness of why to shop downtown versus the shipyard and derby street shops because the Hingham square and the merchants give back to the community while the larger retail spaces take the profits and do not give back.

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges? Challenges:

- Areas with dense population
- More traffic
- Need new senior center, new police station, north and south fire stations, foster school so a big focus on capital expenditures is needed
- The high school is very crowded
- Cost of real estate is high
- Providing affordable housing options for seniors
- Resistance to accessory dwelling units
- Increase in stressed out and distracted drivers
- Downtown needs to provide one stop shopping instead of being a one stop destination
- Need traffic lights at main/middle and kilby/CJC
- Online shopping is competition for the merchants

Opportunities

- Inn
- More tax revenue
- Offer tax incentives to attract businesses
- Make the square more experiential
- Provide an amazing personal experience in Hingham square – comfort, personal service, safety
- Benjamin Lincoln house
- Create a larger historic campus

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- Historic tourism
- Capitalize on location and access to Boston to drive tourism and restaurant visits
- At the business level need to follow best practices and always improve operations
- Town of Hingham needs to follow a practice of continual improvement

Question 5:- one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
5	Convert post office to an inn
2	Create working plan to support growth
3	Make it more affordable to live
13	Solve the parking problem downtown and add 15 minute parking spots downtown, add a parking garage
6	Get a trolley, connect harbor, downtown and other sites
4	Connect the square to lower north to the harbor in one commercial/entertainment district
10	Have a mix of businesses in the square that attracts people
1	Historic walking tour as part of the wayfinding signs, etc.

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Group 2

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
	Pride
7	Schools
	Culture
3	Walkability-sidewalks
6	Water access
2	Sense of community
4	Historic nature
1	stewardship
1	Open space
2	Downtown restaurants
7	Having a downtown. Having a center
2	Transportation – commuter options
3	Boston proximity
	parks
3	Family friendly
3	Traditions – parade, Christmas in the square, colorful stripes in the street
	volunteerism

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
5	Need traffic management to slow folks down
5	Downtown parking – there is not enough
2	Lack of people walking in downtown
3	Not enough open restaurants
8	Struggle for funding important town traditions – why can't there be some ongoing town funding?
2	Folks can't get from shipyard to downtown
3	3A is a barrier
5	Lack of diversity
	Need sidewalks shoveled
1	Lack of consistency in shop hours
3	Complex and hard to navigate regulations – working with town hall
	Signage regulations too restrictive
	Recognize pressure on town staff
	Town required mitigation is expensive, inflexible
	Barriers to folks using the square, (info/parking)
	Lack of business liaison at town hall
1	Need more work with landowners on retail mix and need to influence the mix somehow
	Generational conflict sharing the resources
	Need better civic dialogue

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9	Need to better market the square
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Question 3: What's Missing?

- Diversity, culture, restaurants all facets
- Active downtown night life
- Swimming pool
- More waterfront access/use
- Safer 3A crossing
- Making town less car centric – more sidewalks, increase walkability
- Store diversity – toys, books
- Beautification - flowers, no overflowing trash cans
- Environmental consciousness about recycling, etc.

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

- Transportation systems that work
- Hard to downsize in Hingham
- Lack of affordable housing
- Make the square a destination for day trips
- Maintaining large homes as younger families move in
- How to encourage diversity as office space opens up
- Maintaining vibrant retail despite competition with the internet – make the square unique, attract visitors and tourists, make the square a destination,
- Hotel in the square
- Traffic control downtown
- Impact on schools of new development

Question 5: one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
9	Increase the community's welcoming and expand diversity and inclusiveness
4	Fields and playgrounds need improvements
6	Bike racks and bike share programs
	Recreation center downtown
5	Town response to taking care of the most vulnerable
	Senior or multigenerational center
9	Plan for large downtown development sites – like the station street parking lot
8	Expand geographic footprint of what is downtown
2	Expand support for veterans and our military
6	Expand arts and culture

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How would you define Hingham's Town character?

- Community
- Sense of history
- Friendly
- Charming
- Supportive
- Charming historic village
- Coastal town
- Small town feel
- Brigadoon

What is your favorite place and why?

- Wompatuck
- Downtown
- Harbor
- Worlds end - sky water and trees!
- Open space
- Bare cove park - less crowded than worlds end and beautiful diverse paths and lovely views
- Heritage museum
- Town center

What makes Hingham unique?

- Maintaining historical character while preparing for and embracing change
- Commitment to preserving open space
- AAA bond rating
- Love public transport
- All our green space
- Many special outdoor places - wompatuck, worlds end, harbor, etc.
- Generous town volunteers
- Abundance of transit - train, boat, bus and good highway access
- Open space - love it
- Tranquility grove

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Group 1

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
6	schools
5	Commuting options to Boston
5	Historic character
5	Green space - wompatuck
1	sidewalks
2	downtown
3	Proximity to ocean/harbor
2	Community involvement
	friendly

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
14	Traffic and hazardous intersections
4	40B impacts/Density, concentration of activity
2	Compressor station
4	Bathing beach/harbor
2	Water/chlorine
3	Excessive reliance on tax base for improvements
6	Quality of sidewalks and crosswalks and pedestrian safety
1	We don't have a multiuse community center/rec center

Question 3: What's Missing?

- Fitness area
- Waterfront with a variety of activities for different ages (see Wayland, long pond)
- Bookstore
- Cultural events
- Safe route to water from downtown
- Philanthropic naming opportunities for cultural facilities
- Town wide facilities plan
- Renewable energy sources

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

- Infrastructure that supports growth is needed
- Regional thinking for transportation linkages between activity nodes

- Address climate change
- Diversify tax base
- Town should provide development assistance
- Identify and target appropriate industries for Hingham
- Attract residents with work/live scenarios

Question 5: one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
6	Better regional collaboration
5	Improved pedestrian and vehicular awareness of crosswalks
5	Designate downtown Hingham as a cultural district
17	Have more appropriate commercial development; have a traffic plan; have a town engineer; consider pedestrians, bikes, cars, busses, truck delivery hours and limits on them as part of review of commercial development

Group 2

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
2	Library
9	Open space
7	Volunteer culture
2	Well run town with committed volunteers
4	Historic character
	Good values and sense of responsibility
1	Town beauty
	Public transportation options
5	Schools
	Good businesses and services
	Desire to take care of each other in town
2	Public square and town center
3	Harbor
	Farmers market
	Great dump and swap shop

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
5	Senior Center is inadequate
2	Traffic congestion in town and getting to Boston
3	Rapid pace of development
5	Type of development - Massive homes and the Loss of trees due to development
2	We need to take better care of facilities
2	Procrastination culture
1	High cost of living
9	Lack of diversity
2	Affordable housing is needed
1	Housing/job opportunities for disabled folks isn't available
1	Decline of local newspaper
1	Social media splintering communication and idea sharing
3	Better communication needed among town boards for problem solving
2	Need better walkability/bike-ability

Question 3: What's Missing?

- An adequate senior or community center (size and facilities)
- Parking in the square
- Progressive approach for climate change
- Trash pick up
- Housing/jobs for folks with disabilities
- Subsidized housing
- Sensitivity to working families

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

Opportunities

- New school leadership - fresh look
- Grants - climate initiatives, schools
- Rethink role and function of the library; get a grant
- Build a senior/community center
- Energy efficiency to save money and improve the environment
- Renewable energy sources

Challenges

- Dependency on Residential tax base now heavily financial services
- Finding funding for town capital projects
- Dealing with Town issues in a timely fashion
- Using the master Plan
- Convincing folks of the seriousness of climate change (floods, downed tree risks)
- Development impacts on environment
- Find commonalities across topics/issues to achieve more
- Work across the silos
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Question 5: one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
9	Manage capacity for growth and plan for it
4	Broaden income range of folks who can live here
7	Reduce carbon footprint
1	Build a senior/community center
2	Improve transportation and housing opportunities to address diversity
5	Address lack of diversity

Group 3

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
	Open space
	Historic charm and character
2	Volunteers
5	community
2	waterfront
2	Transfer and swap center
2	Town meeting
1	Amenities
3	Library & educational programming there
1	Schools
1	Civic pride
2	Tranquility grove
1	Commuting options
2	Downtown and the square

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
	Traffic/drivers/congestion
3	Lack of diversity – both racial and ethnic
5	Lack of green projects
2	The gateways to town don't equal or project the character of the town
4	Lack of town wide walking paths or bike paths
2	Mcmansions
2	Younger volunteers
5	Overdevelopment of the town
1	Streetscape
1	Carbon footprint
4	Car dependent community
2	Not enough composting

Question 3: What's Missing?

- Full access intergenerational community center
- Lack of town bike/walking path
- Diminished resources
- Small diverse restaurants

- Bookstore
- Music store
- Diversity-income, racial, ethnic
- Downtown parking
- Diverse economic base
- Alternative energy sources

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

Opportunities

- Attractive town for young and old
- Financial standing-AAA bond rating
- Waterfront/shipyard
- Legacy and heritage
- Solar energy
- Tourist opportunities
- Forward thinking

Challenges

- Climate change
- Capital needs are many and resistance to commercial growth is great so how do we pay for things without raising taxes
- Many capital needs coming due at once (foster school, climate change, senior center, fire station, library)
- Balance preservation and development-how do we do it?
- Affordability
- Motivating qualified or interested volunteers of younger generations
- Conservation of the limited resources while allowing growth

Question 5: one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
1	Need town wide Bike and walking paths
4	Manage traffic and slow it down
6	Address climate change
9	Rigorous promotion of historical preservation education
4	Build an intergenerational community center
5	Alternate transportation options needed in town and to connect to transit hubs

Group 4

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
3	Schools
4	Harbor- water, it's a coastal new England town
2	Natural areas, i.e.: world's end, wompatuck
4	Commuter boat
1	Community & community spirit
3	Restaurant scene downtown
3	The snug
	The variety of neighborhoods in town
	Main street
	Town meeting
	South shore country club
2	Derby street shops- shipyard-downtown (variety of shopping options)
2	Volunteer community/pto/town government

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
5	Traffic- signals on derby street not synchronized
5	Lack of diversity- racial and ethnic
1	Divisiveness
5	Underutilized harbor
2	Need more sidewalks
2	New money and new residents= lack of community engagement
2	Poor hockey facilities for hockey families
1	Lack of future development plan- i.e.: facilities and infrastructure plan
2	Historic regulations are strict

Question 3: What's Missing?

- More recreational facilities- like a pool, a hockey rink
- Hotel
- Restaurant on the water
- Teen center
- Adequate senior center
- Traffic lights in sync on derby street
- New foster school
- More activated waterfront

- Better beach
- Sewer throughout town
- Access across 3A to the harbor
- Cohesive information sharing from town hall
- More recycling/composting

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?
Opportunities

- South shore country club - add more facilities like a pool and clubhouse
- Develop the harbor more
- South Hingham
- Dredge beach area when the harbor is being dredged every 10 years
- Buildings 179 and 12 by Carlson field - can these be used for a pool or ice hockey rink facility?
- Reduce carbon footprint
- More rechargeable or renewable energy sources needed

Challenges

- Over regulation of small businesses
- Resistance to change
- Change is hard
- High rents downtown and at the derby street shops
- Senior and children populations are showing increasing trend line
- Having the financial ability to fund what we want while not overtaxing people too much

Question 5: one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
6	Manage traffic - manage traffic lights
5	Activate and utilize harbor more; have a restaurant on the water
4	Fix foster school
	Get people from the shipyard to downtown
2	Intratown transportation
2	Hotel in town
3	More outdoor space attached to restaurants
4	Need greater awareness of and participation in Town Meeting and Town Government; better access to Town Meeting

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What is your favorite place and why?

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- Hingham – my home for 76 years
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- Powers Field – only place in center Hingham to walk and enjoy the peace
- Downtown
- Panera – so sad it's closing
- Hingham Harbor
- South Shore Country Club
- Bare Cove Park – great place for walking

What makes Hingham unique?

- Its beauty
- Streetscapes
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- Open spaces
- Community involvement
- Various committees seeking informal data collections
- Strong feeling of the need for community preservation and conservation
- Pride
- Maintaining historical character while preparing for and embracing its future
- Beautiful old houses
- History and the waterfront

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Group 1

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
5	Linden ponds
3	Main street -especially with the snow at the holidays, looks beautiful
1	Proximity to Boston
4	Town government -good mix of people
7	So many nearby services, shopping, healthcare facilities, etc.
2	Downtown area, ocean and train
2	Transportation options -bus, ferry, train
4	Beauty of town -preserve it
3	School system is excellent
8	Open space -world's end, Wampatuck, walking areas

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
3	Lack of sidewalks to get anywhere from linden ponds. Rt. 53 is dangerous for pedestrians, no shoulders, narrow ROW in places
4	No bus stop at the end of Linden Ponds Way
5	No signage on Rt 53 for the entrance to The Range which results in many turn arounds in neighborhoods and linden ponds way
1	Development (to come) in South Hingham and it seems to be uncoordinated regionally (with Rockland/Weymouth/Hingham)
6	There is no traffic light at Linden Ponds Way
1	Traffic in general
	Route 53 needs to be paved
2	No walking path connection from Derby St Shops to Linden Ponds
2	Development patterns are unsustainable
	Linden Ponds is not a GREEN as it could be
1	The Conservation Commission and Board of Health. They need to follow the environmental regulations and stop giving waivers to accommodate developers
	Lack of town trash collection
	Lack of senior housing

Question 3: What's missing?

- Bus services
- Transit for employees and employers
- More good restaurants
- Sidewalks on Route 53
- Traffic lights (Cushing/Main; High/Ward)
- Signage
- Connections to public transportation (first mile/last mile)
- Visitors center on Route 3A between Rotary and Boathouse
- Parking downtown
- Water and sewer utilities

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

Opportunities

- Solar panel leasing
- Sustainable energy; aerobic digesters
- Increase business in the downtown area
- Need/want housing or businesses that attract a younger demographic
- Increased growth
- Need information on sustainable energy

Challenges

- Increased growth
- Need information on sustainable energy
- Climate change
- Traffic
- Poor cell service
- Affordability
- Need to increase tax base in town
- Aging population demands services
- Lack of utilities

Question 5: one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
23	Sidewalks - put them in
8	Bus service
4	Bike paths/bike lanes
5	Signage/traffic lights
3	Commuter line parking and increasing parking in general - and shuttle to the commuter nodes

Group 2

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
5	Deep bench of town volunteers
2	Village approach to shopping (Derby St & Shipyard)
3	Linden ponds
3	Beautiful new England town
1	Town loves itself/makes itself better
3	Waterfront
5	Efficient and effective town management
4	Values learning
2	Library
1	Schools
	Good restaurants
9	Commitment to reducing the carbon footprint
3	Recycling/waste management forward thinking
4	Town owned light plant and water company

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
2	No EV charging stations
1	Tradition gets in the way of social progress
2	Water loss
7	Limited affordable housing
4	Lack of diversity
1	Increasingly unaffordable
5	traffic
5	Inadequate public transportation in town and to Boston
1	Need net metering
3	Need to better prepare for rising seas
8	Don't generate any of our own power
1	Broader town meeting/town government participation
2	Need 5 selectmen
1	Town meeting is still best approach

Question 3: What's Missing?

- Ice skating rink
- Bike paths

- Sidewalks
- Bus transportation
- 4 way stops/traffic lights
- Lighted field for adult use and more tennis courts
- Better water service to Logan
- Wind turbines/solar panels
- Indigenous and enslaved people - attention to history of
- Affordable housing
- Municipal electric vehicle fleet

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

Opportunities

- We can fix our problems
- Support more affordable housing
- Enhance diversity
- Increase welcoming
- Protect the harbor from sea level rise
- Support solutions to protect Boston and Hingham harbor from sea level rise
- Town should be Net Zero

Challenges

- Town should be Bet Zero
- Protect Harbor from Sea Level Rise
- Control commercial development
- Environmental degradation
- Diversity in retail businesses - not forced out by rents
- Need a hardware store
- Maintain excellent schools
- Digital issues
- Town wide Wi-Fi
- Need underground wires
- Access to quality water

Question 5:- one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
7	Better traffic control
12	Protect the shoreline from climate change
5	Greater affordability
6	More affordable housing
11	Go for net zero on carbon emissions
2	Welcoming attitude
2	Less restrictive historical commissions

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Group 1

Question 1: Favorite

Things?

Dots	Response
3	Senior center
3	Respect for history
1	Access to water (harbor)
1	Civic volunteerism
2	Community involvement, awareness, Schools
3	Town staff & Town services
1	Open space and parks
1	Library
	Public transportation
2	4 th of July parade
	Churches, places of worship
	Extracurricular programs

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
3	Foster school issues
	Hingham bubble - diversity is lacking
6	Senior center - enlarge, more services, updating, transportation to and from, more parking, chef/more meal service
1	Transportation for seniors around town to destinations
	Traffic
2	Need an additional fire station/fire services
3	Housing options lacking for low income senior citizens, workforce, and special needs adults
	Cost of living too high
1	Parking downtown and at town hall is insufficient
2	Beal street development - too large, not in context of the neighborhood or town
	Problem intersections: Cushing street; main/central; middle/main
2	Funding for public events, charitable giving is challenge
	Hingham information guide is needed (Hingham for dummies)
	More volunteers always needed

Question 3: What's missing?

- A new and improved Senior Center or intergenerational center
- Intergenerational opportunities, facility options, gathering spaces, involvement

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- Town pool
- Accessibility to a food bank
- Transportation in town
- Need to address climate change issues -at the harbor, at foster school, and for businesses
- Environmental awareness needs to be increased; need better planning for wind, solar, more green options in town and with developments
- Better parking at town hall, senior center, downtown and shopping areas

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

- Need more housing options for senior population, low income, disabled, workforce
- Population growth has resulted in stress on infrastructure
- Need to address school overcrowding, senior population growth and needs
- Water supply, draining valuable resource -need to look at more conservation options
- Public event funding - need more corporate involvement
- Sea level rise -wharves, walls, route 3A, private homes, businesses and utilities will all be impacted
- Migration away from school after completing college
- Transportation and the reliance on the MBTA and other transportation, boat, for commuters
- Need better real time news source and aggregation of communication at Town Hall

Question 5: one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
5	New - improved - accessible Senior Center
5	Better funding for all stakeholders and increased awareness and understanding of municipal budget
4	Issues facing town from sea level rise -need better awareness and more urgency
4	Need better/more housing options for seniors, low income, town workers, disabled

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Group 2

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
3	Water- harbor and use of harbor by citizens, access, facilities and beach
1	Main street
1	Streetscapes look today as it did years ago
2	Village feel
2	World's End- open spaces
2	Volunteerism- people who care about the town are willing to serve
	Old ship
1	School system
3	Historical resources/preservation, including the cemeteries
3	Library
	Friendliness of the town
2	Convenience to Boston
1	Public transportation
	Regulatory structure to retain and enhance the feeling of the town that everyone likes while allowing thoughtful growth
2	Indoor recreation options- movie theaters, restaurants, shopping and concerts all available in town
4	Outdoor recreation - public golf courses, park, pool
1	Farmers market, downtown, the square, the center of town, the village feel
1	Services - police, fire, ems

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
1	Beal Street housing project - bad, too big & ugly and overpowering
7	Traffic
2	Parking at downtown, town hall and senior center is insufficient
2	Hingham spirit being diluted and lost as new families move in but are not invested in or connected to the town
4	Lack of diversity- economic and racial
1	There aren't sidewalks everywhere in town. We need more.
	Silos - school committee, town, we need more collaboration internally
2	Burnt out/dilapidated houses are eyesores.
2	It is difficult to cross 3A from the Downtown to access the harbor
2	Poor quality beach
7	Lack of adequate senior center facility. Ours is 5000 sf. Too small, not useful, no library, no kitchen, no chef, not enough classrooms
2	Main street/Cushing st intersection very hard to navigate
	Not enough traffic lights or traffic calming
1	Not enough solar
1	Cell service is poor
1	Lack of participation at town meeting

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Question 3: What's missing?

- Diversity
- Outdoor pool
- Sufficient affordable housing
- Shuttle services in town to Greenbush, boat and 220 bus
- Respectable sized senior center facility with amenities
- Multi-generational center
- Facilities manager for town regarding capital facilities and capital needs
- Cell towers

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

Challenges

- Population density
- Nimbyism
- Teardowns are eliminating smaller more affordable housing units
- Water sources
- Rapidly increasing senior populations need spaces and facilities that are usable and accessible to seniors and older people
- Traffic - volume and management
- How do we collaborate to meet capital needs in town -fire/police/foster school/senior center/library

Opportunities

- We can work together to solve problems collaboratively
- Engage more residents in the discussions for solutions
- Make Hingham more of a tourism destination -consider a cultural or tourism district downtown
- Increase the utilization of bare cove park -also use Wampatuck more
- Think about how to make the town more diversity friendly and inclusive
- Make the waterfront more user friendly and usable
- Secure more grant money for town projects

Question 5: one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
	Build an ice hockey rink and outdoor pool at Carlson Field
1	Affordable housing opportunities
2	Addressing increasing population density with more aesthetic consideration to retain the beauty and character
4	Better control over development and contractors is needed
3	More robust tree preservation bylaw is needed
2	Better access to harbor

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3	Traffic management, calming and lights
9	New senior center with adequate parking
	new foster school
1	Better communication forums
2	Improve use of 2 ½% and spend money out of reserve funds to meet capital needs
	pool

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Group 3

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
1	Historic preservation/beautiful antique homes
3	Open spaces (world's end/BCP)
16	Senior center and the variety of programs
1	Trees
2	Sense of community
1	Main street
1	Proximity to the ocean
1	Schools
4	The harbor, Whitney wharf

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
1	Growth - increase in population, development, large apartment buildings
2	Traffic - lack of enforcement, speeding
	Not affordable to stay in town
12	Lack of senior housing
1	Number of smaller homes being demolished and replaced with large homes
	Too expensive for young families to settle here
2	Too many variances being issued by the boards
1	Lack of parking downtown
10	Lack of parking at town hall

Question 3: What's missing?

- Small stores (affordable)
- A senior center with more space to accommodate activities and parking
- Affordable senior housing
- Newly paved streets
- Maintaining sidewalks
- Year round swimming pool
- Lack of maintenance of private roads

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

- High commercial rent
- Clean energy - solar and wind
- Walkability
- Senior tax reduction
- Transportation to senior center
- Transportation around town - an on call shuttle for transportation for seniors

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- Schools keeping up with growth
- Affordable senior housing due to increasing senior population
- Bigger senior center
- Water supply
- Infrastructure
- More fire/police stations

Question 5: one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
10	Take care of the seniors
2	Limit building and development
4	Change form of government to mayor/city council and eliminate town meeting
1	Put senior citizen related issues earlier in the warrant for town meeting
11	More affordable housing

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Group 4

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
	Kids at school with diverse population
2	Town is urban and bucolic
	Sidewalks
	Town services – fire and police
2	Fire police and town hall staff
1	Conservation and preservation efforts in the town
1	Open space
2	Downtown – walkability – train
1	Collaboration of residents
1	Community feel of town – opinions are respected
	Town hall building
	Balance of land uses
2	Preservation of history and preservation of military history
3	School system
	Retail diversity
1	Harbor
3	Boat/train/boat access
1	Senior center

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
6	Lack of affordability and diversity in housing and population
3	Traffic/bikes – intersections
2	Public transportation/van service
	Electric vehicles
1	Too conservative with energy updates
1	Spread burden of paying for government – too dependent on tax base from residents. Need more appropriate commercial development
2	More conservation and preservation safeguards needed – the demolition delay by-laws should be upgraded
2	More design review or upgrade the process we have now
1	Better harbor and downtown connectivity and activation needed
1	More collaboration and better communication across boards is needed

Question 3: What's missing?

- Newspaper
- Bookstore
- Hotel/place to stay
- Appropriate land use

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- Bike paths
- Senior conveniences walk/ride van-should be electric
- Traffic/transportation plan

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

- Traffic
- Design review needed for complex projects
- Senior center expansion and more parking
- Growth and preservation conflicts
- Regionalism of services
- Growth of senior population

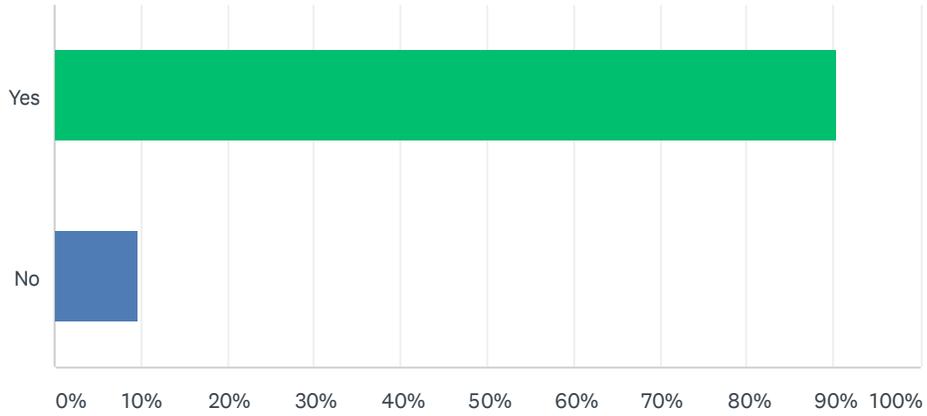
Question 5: one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
	More collaboration in the community
	Support increasing staffing in town hall
	Traffic
	Have 5 selectmen instead of 3
	Think jointly-youth and seniors could have a multi-purpose/flex space
	Have 5 instead of 7 school committee members

Hingham Visioning Survey

Q1 Do you live in Hingham?

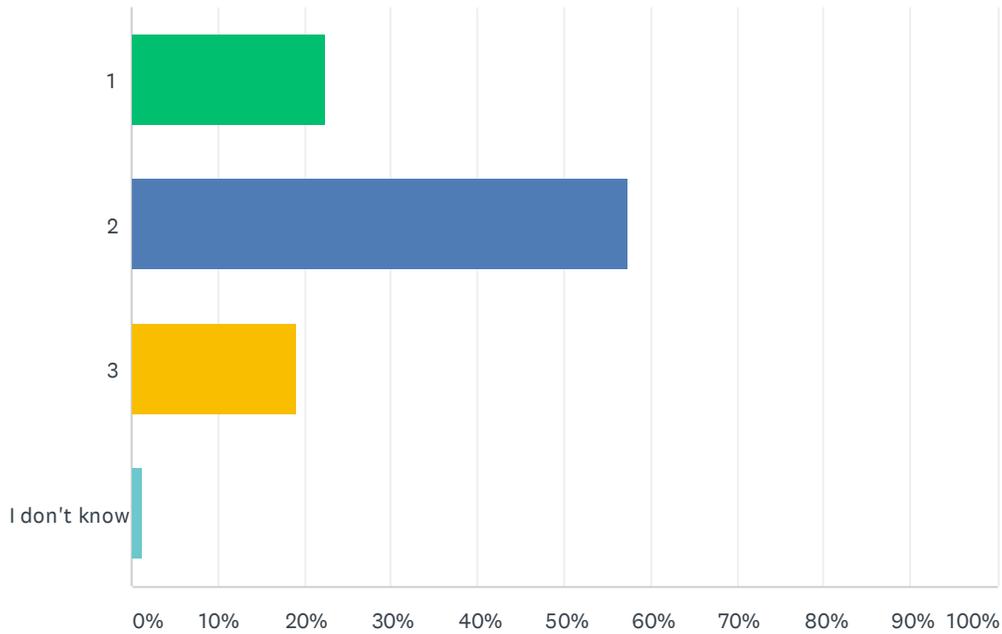
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.29%	855
No	9.71%	92
TOTAL		947

Q2 Where in Hingham do you live? (These lines used major routes to divide the town into three approximate areas - North, Central East, and South Hingham. Use your best judgment to determine your location.)

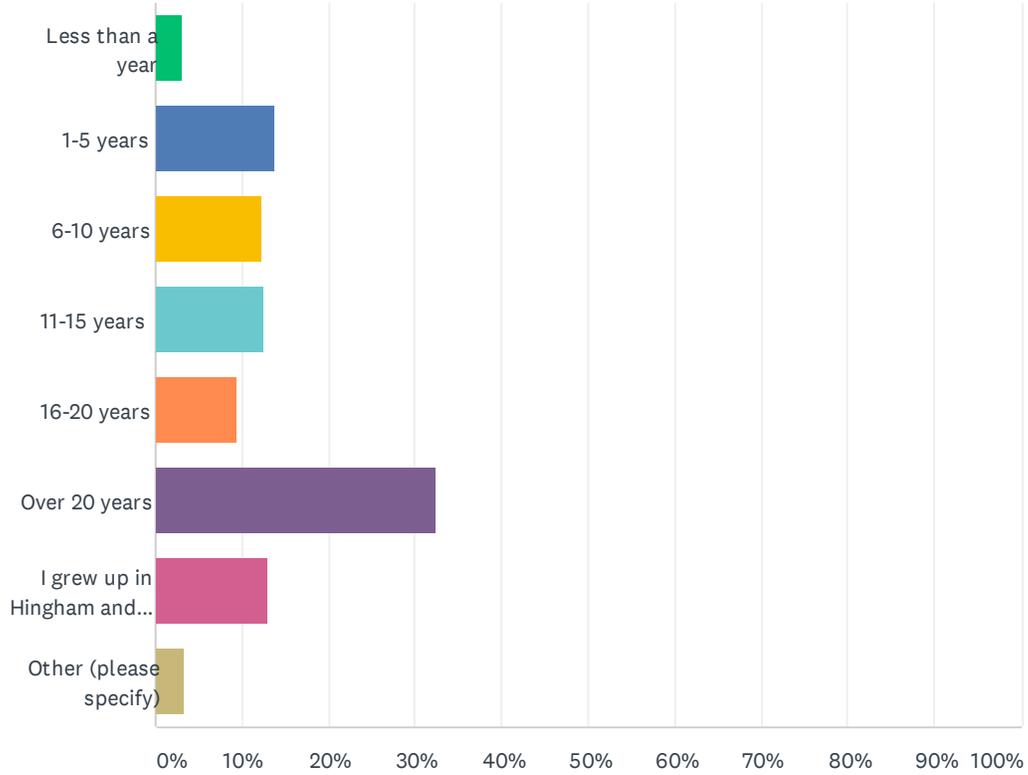
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
1	22.43% 190
2	57.38% 486
3	19.01% 161
I don't know	1.18% 10
TOTAL	847

Q3 How long have you lived in Hingham?

Answered: 846 Skipped: 104



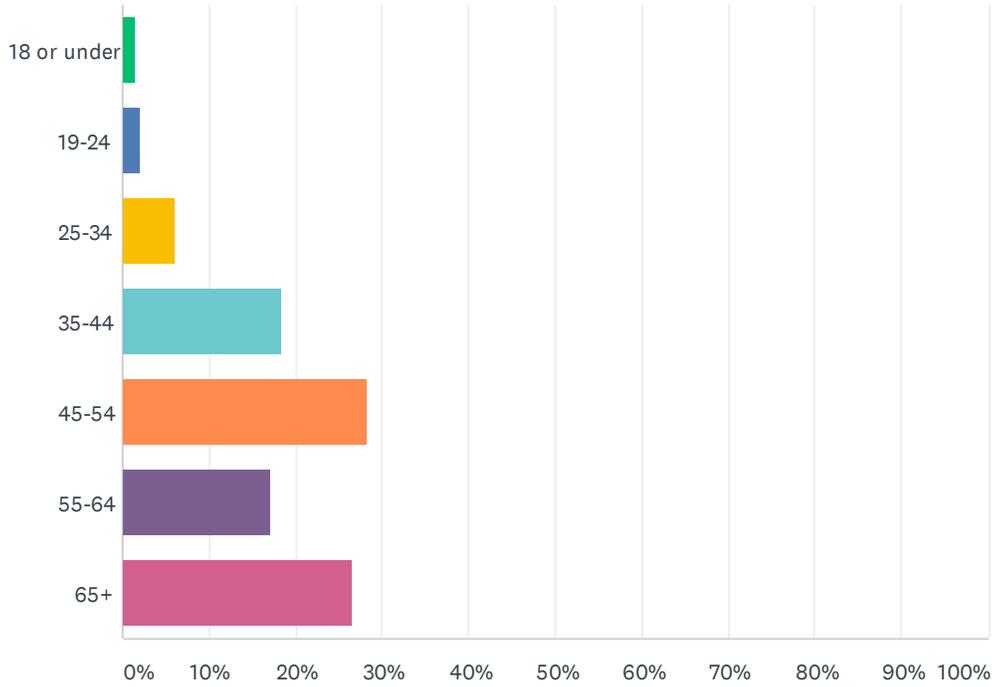
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than a year	3.07%	26
1-5 years	13.71%	116
6-10 years	12.41%	105
11-15 years	12.53%	106
16-20 years	9.46%	80
Over 20 years	32.51%	275
I grew up in Hingham and then returned	12.88%	109
Other (please specify)	3.43%	29
TOTAL		846

Question 3 Open Responses

- 52 years
- 50 years
- 40 yrs
- 48 years
- 55 yrs
- 51 years
- About 60 years
- have worked in hingham 40 years raised and lived in norwell 20 years and have come back to to care for parents last 10 years
- 54 yrs, husband 85 yrs
- Both husband & wife have lived in Hingham all life, 70 + yrs
- 10th generation lived here 69 years
- since mid-60s
- 47
- Lived in Hingham 12 years, moved to Hull, now back for under 1 year
- We grew up in hingham and have been residents for 70 years.
- 50 years
- 77
- All my life
- 77 years
- 79 yrs
- Raised and live in the same house
- 68 years
- I've lived in Hingham a total of 25 years, but took an 8 year leave to Hull. Back now.
- I grew up in Hingham and never left
- I grew up in Hingham and never left, 40+ years
- Life-long resident of 53 years
- 34 years
- 56yrs
- Less than a year but have had family here for 7 years and went to NDA

Q4 What is your age?

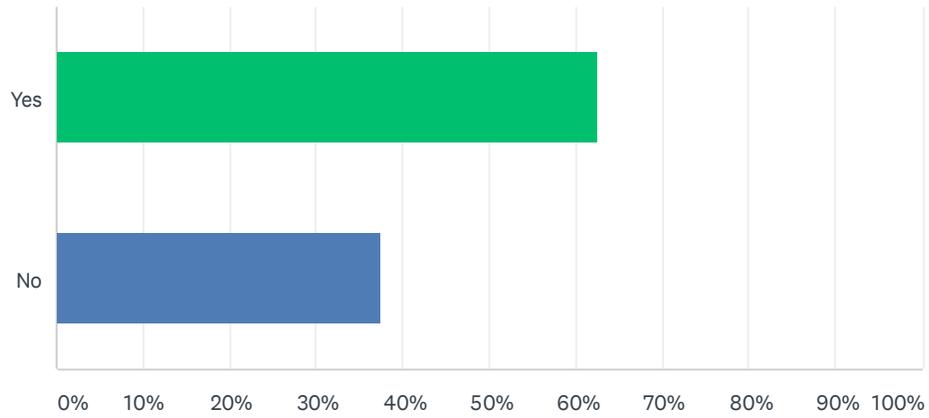
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
18 or under	1.50% 14
19-24	2.14% 20
25-34	5.98% 56
35-44	18.38% 172
45-54	28.21% 264
55-64	17.20% 161
65+	26.60% 249
TOTAL	936

Q5 Are you currently a student in the Hingham Public School system?

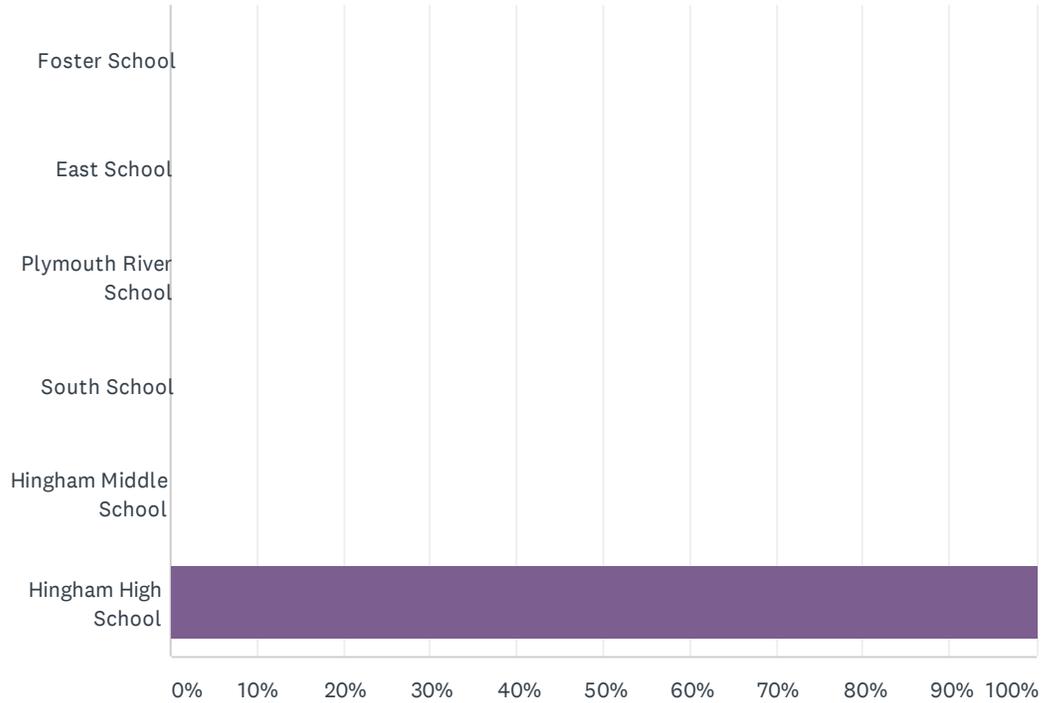
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.50%	10
No	37.50%	6
TOTAL		16

Q6 Which school do you attend?

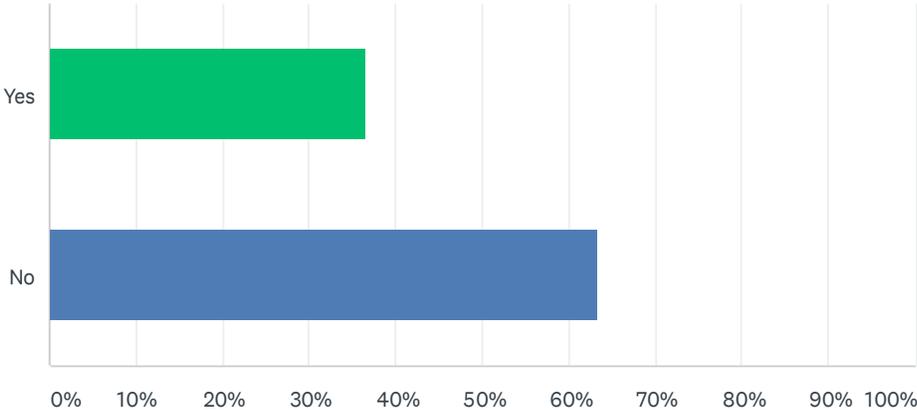
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Foster School	0.00%	0
East School	0.00%	0
Plymouth River School	0.00%	0
South School	0.00%	0
Hingham Middle School	0.00%	0
Hingham High School	100.00%	10
TOTAL		10

Q7 Do you currently have children who attend the Hingham Public Schools?

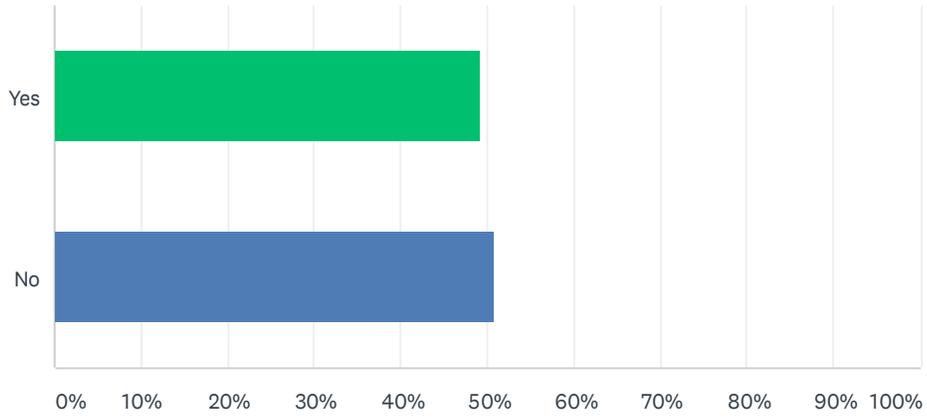
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	36.63%	337
No	63.37%	583
TOTAL		920

Q8 If you have children past school age, did they attend Hingham Public Schools?

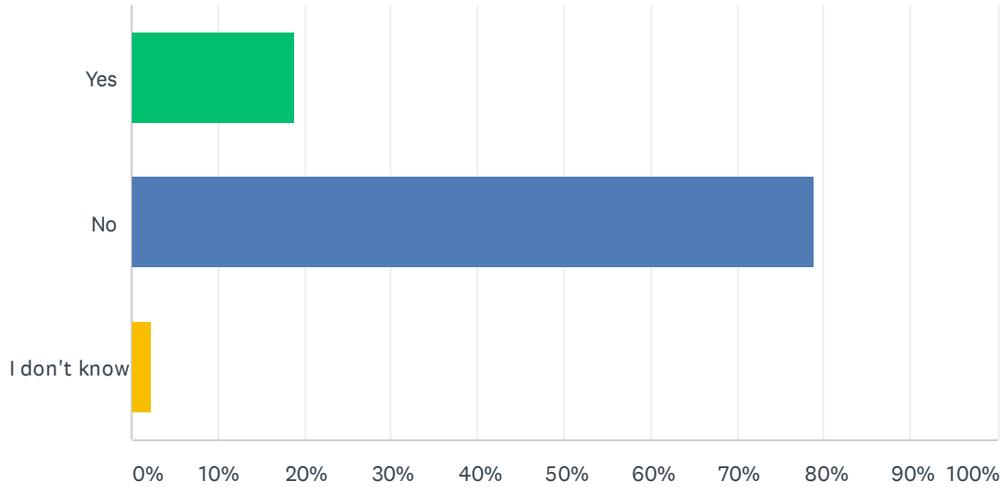
Answered: 534 Skipped: 416



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	49.06%	262
No	50.94%	272
TOTAL		534

Q9 Did you participate in any other Master Plan visioning opportunities in the fall, such as town-wide visioning meetings, smaller group events, writing notes on comment boards and so on?

Answered: 933 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	18.76% 175
No	78.89% 736
I don't know	2.36% 22
TOTAL	933

Q10 What do you love best about Hingham? What makes Hingham unique? These should be things that are key to maintaining what Hingham means to you. You may choose up to three answers.

Answered: 919 Skipped: 31

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Historic legacy and preservation	31.01%	285
Hingham Harbor	25.35%	233
Spirit of volunteerism and civic involvement	9.25%	85
Community traditions and celebrations	13.38%	123
Town character	19.48%	179
Pride in homeownership (i.e., homeowners take good care of their properties)	15.45%	142
Senior Center	2.07%	19
Transportation modes to Boston (commuter rail, ferry, bus)	21.76%	200
Families tend to stay over multiple generations	5.77%	53
Green space (Wompatuck, World's End, Bare Cove, Turkey Hill)	42.22%	388
Sense of community	16.10%	148
Small town feel	14.58%	134
Library	7.07%	65
Safety	10.12%	93
Natural beauty	14.04%	129
Overall layout/zoning (i.e., residential area in middle; businesses on outskirts)	5.66%	52
Mix of businesses	2.29%	21
Schools	31.88%	293
Athletics	3.26%	30
Other (please specify)	2.50%	23
Total Respondents: 919		

Question 10 Open Responses

- Downtown Area
- Hingham Shipyard
- having a true downtown area with local businesses is most important to me
- serious about global warming issues
- Quality of Town services
- Close proximity to beach and city
- Proximity to water, sidewalks, beautiful and safe
- I appreciate keeping hingham the way it is and am strongly against further condo/multi family development
- With recent development, my opine is that we have now transcended beyond unity. I believe they are now mythological remnants of the past.
- Police and their involvement in the community
- Police and Fire's response time
- Walkability
- Well-run town
- Natural beauty and pride of homeownership [c]ombined
- Not enough restaurants in towns
- low taxes
- Could not find [a]nswer
- Supportive community for disabled persons SNAP program best buddies etc.
- Quality of life - great access to social and entertainment e.g. restaurants, shopping
- honestly, you should allow many answers for this question. 3 is too limiting. All of the answer options combine to make Hingham a great community.
- Sense of entitlement
- Athletic facilities like South Shore CC

Q11 What about Hingham do you most want to change? What is not working for you? You may choose up to three answers.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Too much waterfront utilization	0.99%	9
Litter/pollution	2.53%	23
School start time	3.08%	28
Lack of appreciation for the Town's history, historic homes, etc.	7.14%	65
Change in social fabric of community	7.58%	69
Wildlife displacement	8.24%	75
Overly restrictive regulations for updating historic homes (e.g., updating to energy-efficient windows)	8.68%	79
Water issues/supply	9.12%	83
Ambiguous response to climate change	10.22%	93
Speeding	10.88%	99
Other (please specify)	10.88%	99
Schools (capacity; lack of equity between schools; limited course offerings)	11.87%	108
Lack of housing diversity (size, affordability)	18.24%	166
Too little waterfront utilization	19.23%	175
Lack of population diversity (income, race, ethnicity, etc.)	25.16%	229
Overbuilding of homes that are too big for their lots	28.24%	257
Traffic congestion	36.92%	336
Overdevelopment and overcrowding	53.85%	490
Total Respondents: 910		

Answered: 910 Skipped: 40

Question 11 Open Responses

- Lack of thought towards working families
- Too expensive for children to move back
- Lack of dedication to the communal town spaces. We have not invested in our communal interests, the skate building has fallen apart, the public pool has fallen apart, Foster school is falling apart, the library could use a huge renovation. Where is the community spirit that we invested in things that the whole town uses?
- Inadequate moderate income housing for seniors, including environmentally sensitive multi-level (2) cluster zoning
- drivers inability to properly go through a 4 way stop and inability to follow traffic laws.
- Horrendous traffic situation leaving Shipyard when boats come from Boston in the evening. People cutting each other off, going through stop signs, not giving right of way at the rotary (in Shipyard) and ZERO police presence. And I do not take the boat bust just trying to get in and out of the Shipyard from my home in Bradley Woods. Most of these people head south on 3A. I pick up my son at the daycare and dread driving in and out of there.
- Limited space at the senior center. We need more offerings at the center. We need a multigenerational center.
- Need more sidewalks
- Make Hingham more pedestrian friendly - more sidewalks
- sidewalk on Gardner abruptly cuts off
- Sidewalks! We have none and it is unsafe for children.
- Sidewalks
- Not enough sidewalks - hingham neighborhoods should be walkable
- more space for senior center therefore expanding activities for the seniors and resolve the constant parking issues on Central street.
- I can't think of any major thing that I would want to change. Sometimes it's best to "leave things be".
- A board or group that can make decisions more quickly. Every possible change or proposal is mired in red tape forever.
- Misuse of Hingham harbor. Harbor area has so much potential
- Not enough diversity in current the stores and restaurants in downtown
- Not enough housing options for disabled adults
- Hingham needs to use its natural resources for reduction of energy consumption
- Replace Senior Center/Improve sidewalks
- Housing options for Developmentally disabled/disabled
- More diverse shops. We need a book store!
- Poor Senior Center. Lack of space,parking,programs
- Sidewalks and bike lanes
- Need a larger senior center
- I love going to the senior center but would love a new big one, room for new activities and parking.
- Larger Senior Center. More parking
- Higher state rankings for the schools would be good
- Better restaurants, retail- reasons to spend time downtown in the evenings
- Volunteers from *all* ages in town government
- Allowed me to choose only one answers
- Poor public transportation off-peak schedules, bus integration and lack of sidewalks
- safety for cars entering Main St from Cushing St.
- senior center below par
- I love our library. But it could become so much more - more event space, more technology, more classes, more of a community center. Expand the library and put the senior center there too! It's a place of civic engagement. I want us to invest. It gives access to knowledge and empowers us all at the same time as it weaves us together.

- size of senior center. the present one is too small for its needs
- No municipal trash service
- We should be starting with the macro question of the objective function / what exactly we are solving for, i.e., "What are the strategic goals we are seeking to achieve over the long-term / What type of town do we want to be and "promise" to our citizens? This then guides the strategy and "what" we should do. For example, is our ambition to be a community which provides for exceptional quality of life (defined as X, Y, Z....enjoyable spaces? excellent schools? activities? etc.?) that maximizes the utility of its distinct assets of historical character, town center, and waterfront for its citizens, etc.?Something else? This then needs to translate to sub-objectives / initiatives... For example, what is our view on target population growth?...and how this impacts quality of life - traffic congestion, school size and quality, stress on public services, citizen SAFETY, look and feel of town? they are all inter-related. It seems we have ABSOLUTELY NO strategy on population and resources, as we are over-building, over-crowding, and diminishing the "town" and "character" assets that make our town great. We are becoming a "city" with large schools, traffic and dense housing units that are not of any character, over-populated, and in general we are a less desirable place to live. If we aren't clear on population objectives and how these inter-act with everything else, we will fail in anything we do as this is a core "driver". We also have done the opposite of any other attractive waterfront town - instead of embracing the harbor and making it accessible and "usable", with restaurants and "destination" appeal, we waste \$ on building useless bridges and sidewalks to nowhere (NOONE uses!), an ugly "snack shack" to be used mostly by non-residents, populate the street with gas stations and car wash, and it thus sits at extremely low utilization (this is backwards! just look at every one desirable waterfront town. We need to be forward-thinking!!!! The town planning and committees have failed us.
- No traffic lights or stop signs where needed- ex Cushing/Main and Free/High
- Need more availability of services, food, etc.
- Some projects seem in limbo with no plan for completion.
- The planning board is allowing too much building and what is being built is not in keeping with the beauty of the historic part of the town. They need to look at what towns like Groyon are doing to allow new development while preserving the town. Hingham is being ruined right now.
- Schools - We need to aspire to school ratings on par with Lexington, Wellesley given our demographics. I didn't interpret that the school option above had this focus.
- I don't live in Hingham
- I live in Crow Point and am shocked at the permissible building projects. No respect for history, character or residents.
- All town locations where parking and electricity is available should offer charging for electric vehicles. Begin planning into any new with any new building plans (such as Foster), then add to most used Town buildings, such as Town Hall.
- A dynamic Senior Center/Fitness Center/Community Center complex, possibly at South Shore Country Club property. Funding for much needed staff at HHS (counselors, assistant principal, fine arts department head).
- ridiculous restriction/regulations on modernizing downtown
- Not being affordable for the elderly "taxes"
- No pool
- The lack of bicycle lanes and sidewalks that make alternative transportation possible. It would be dangerous to try to walk/bike from the shipyard and Bradley Woods to the Square, rec center, etc.
- resources, housing stock for growing 60+ demographic
- restrictive building policies that exceed state requirements and favor people with abundant wealth
- Need a broader tax base. Mixed use development seems to be helping other towns. We should do more of it
- Lack of resources for seniors
- nothing at this time
- Too little funds appropriated to the schools. School system is outdated. 1980s level education.
- resistance to investment in our schools
- Lack of diverse businesses downtown - too many insurance and realtors, more dining options needed
- The library becomes overcrowded. Either need a bigger library or another place in town for tutoring, town meetings, school project meet-ups
- Lack of appreciation for Town's history AND overbuilding of homes that are too big for their lots
- Allowing properties zoned only residential use to suddenly switch to agricultural/commercial use
- Observance of traffic laws is dangerously low. I see people running stop signs all the time.
- light pollution, icy sidewalks

- Every congested project is on Beal street where I live!
- The dump is too crowded and not scaling for the growth seen in the town
- Cohesiveness when dispersing money for improvements
- The fact that we are spending money to improve the waterfront with very few Hingham resident to use it. Out of town or's will reap the benefit of our Spending. Why don't Make this a private beach for the towns population like our neighbors do?
- lack of downtown parking preventing more use/appreciation of downtown area
- Too many big developments and apartments being planned. Schools can't handle the capacity and town can't handle congestion
- it's too expensive to live in this town!
- Business to be more open to hiring disabled persons and providing housing for disabled persons
- Senior center size, parking and limited offerings
- Downtown is an amazing asset for the town. It's currently awful (except for Nona, Mary Andy her chess store, Winston's and the French store. Other than those places the other shops and restaurants need to pick it up in a huge way or leave. This town is a fantastic town with great people who are world educated and traveled. Downtown is stuck in the middle of the last century. Time to pick it up.
- Too many scandals with town employees
- too much low income housing
- Lack of commercial development to diversify tax base
- Kilby/3A intersection!
- People who move to Hingham for the "brand reputation" and are not as kind as those residents of days past
- overly restrictive and bureaucratic pathway for development
- Lack of protect bike paths especially to shipyard and commuter rail.
- Extremely poor road pavement
- absence of transit links to ferry, train, downtown
- Underutilized harbor
- Too many people using lawn treatments. The environment.
- public officials who overspend and push needless programs
- Need for a new Senior Center that meets the needs of Hingham Seniors
- Senior Center way to small and out dated
- Expanding the sewer district
- Eliminate spending on non-core infrastructure (bathing beach structure, Lincoln house, etc)
- Elected officials who have an agenda and aren't honest
- Library renovation and updated building
- Downtown store offerings and options need to be down aged and also less female oriented- more modern offerings
- Deficient athletic fields and facilities
- The restaurants in hingham are awful. There has been zero improvement. Downtown is over run with real estate offices. With proper incentives both problems could be fixed with one great restaurant to encourage the Tosca monopoly to actually produce something worth while. Think Portland Maine
- Lack of respect for conservatism
- make incorporation easier for local businesses- restaurants especially. Stop building massing housing areas.
- lack of adequate space at senior center

Q12 What is something you really want to see in Hingham that is missing? You may choose up to three answers.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Traffic lights at specific locations (e.g., Cushing St. and Main St.)	30.23%	273
Indoor community pool	23.26%	210
Harbor amenities	22.81%	206
Comprehensive green plan; leadership on climate change	21.82%	197
More/improved sidewalks	19.71%	178
Affordable housing solutions	18.38%	166
Improved/expanded Senior Center	17.28%	156
Tax break for seniors	15.73%	142
More attention paid to non-athletic youth activities	13.95%	126
Other (please specify)	13.18%	119
Long-range capital planning	12.85%	116
More gathering spaces, especially for youth	12.51%	113
Townwide sewer	12.18%	110
Intra-town shuttle/trolley	11.52%	104
Better fiscal restraint	10.63%	96
Turf fields	6.53%	59
Wastewater management plan	4.76%	43
Services for adults with disabilities	4.65%	42
Desalination Plant	1.88%	17
Total Respondents: 903		

Answered: 903 Skipped: 47

Question 12 Open Responses

- Better coordination between schools and rec center to get students to the rec center programs during half days or after school
- Changes to building rules so that more development is restricted and houses can only be built out to a certain percentage of the lot they are on
- More funding for schools, particularly for music and arts
- Decrease in traffic congestion and increased traffic control in the Shipyard. I sat through years of planning board meetings on the Shipyard, including multiple presentations from very expensive traffic engineers and it is a nightmare.
- More variety of things to do in derby and shipyard
- New town rink, that prioritizes town skating and hockey
- We don't need harbor amenities- we need REAL RESTAURANTS on the harbor. The snack shack is NOT a restarant and the fact that the town would think this snack shack is the answer to all those that filled out the town questionnaire last year asking for a few harbor restaurants is a complete and utter insult and shows how small minded those at the top are thinking. Every single person I spoke with said they asked for restaurants to be placed down on the water and we get a tiny shack in the corner of the parking lot near the road. Has anyone on any Hingham committee ever done some sort of poll to find out who and from what towns actually go to the beach and use our beach? How many go on a daily basis and use it. I would think thant not even 20% of those using the Hinghan beach as a beach are from Hingham. The tide is terrible, very few are ever on it and again its people not from Hingham. Why aren't we putting one or two small low line shingle nice buildings with decks for restaurants so hingham citizens will actually go and enjoy the water there? Please don't make it a circus down there with a play ground which is ugly to look at and games that no one will use or if they do only 2 months of the year. Get someone to develop a few restaurants down there so tax payers from town will go and eat and drink and watch the sunset. Another thing that is missing is POPULATION GOAL OR LIMITS. What was this town thinking approaving all the shipyard and now Lynch field apartments!!! Its absolutely insane. These mass living apartments are not only going to make the traffic in worse in town its going to overload our schools and bring people that may not really care to invest in our town. I can't even feel like I can call it a town. We are now a CITY! It make me so sick and angry. I've heard that someone on a Hingham board got that zoning change by Lynch and his law firm handled all the work behind it? Doesn't that sound wrong if its true. The over building of mass communities has got to stop immediately.
- More parking near the Senior Center for Seniors and More Parking near the Town Hall for everyone else .
- less housing development
- Employee benefits
- Better facilities for all other sports other than lacrosse and football
- No more apartments
- Education/appreciation of diversity
- Better use of harbor. Waterfront restaurants, a boardwalk as a destination
- Streets need attention/repaving
- development of the waterfront...we leave Hingham to enjoy other harbor towns and their amenities, in particular bars and restaurants. Hingham is very sleepy
- Art center
- Affordable housing options for adults with disabilities
- Town Facilities Manager
- Book store
- Safer bike lanes
- Dog Park
- Don't over-develop for the money, let Hingham keep it's small town feel
- No more condo developments!!!!
- Make Hingham a standout for science and math

- trash/yard-waste pickup (i.e. garbage service)
- More responsive and non-political selectman
- Commercial property owners who are invested in the town and shopowners
- Development of high tax yield business @ industrial park (across Rt 3)
- Bike-friendly roads
- A renewable energy advisement team
- Intra-town shuttle integrated with the Hull bus.
- Net Zero energy plan
- Less Fiscal Restraint
- Realistic plan for Aquarion takeover and reduced water costs
- Regional Plan for sea level rise sufficient to meet worst case
- road maintenance and resurfacing
- Full day Kindergarten
- No more new planned neighborhoods
- Also - what do we NOT want? Stop over-building and crowding our streets, schools, spaces (the apartments near Lynch field destroyed that whole area!!! The Shipyard is FAR bigger than it should be, what are we thinking?) and invest in maximizing and enhancing what we DO have.... not adding more, more more..... and Where we do add more or make better, "focus" on our core strategic assets that Hingham has that other communities don't, so we 'differentiate'- e.g., invest in making the waterfront a true destination with venues our citizens will go to.... Do a study and you will find that today (a) very low use of the beach overall, and (b) it is largely NON Hingham citizens.... We need things WE care about - dining, etc. (and a snack shack is NOT a restaurant!!!) We DO NOT need a playground at the harbor (you can play MANY places in town and that will be ugly and not in character! again, we are way off point), and NO bocce court! Who plays bocce??? or would use that.... a waste of \$ and not forward thinking!!! I cant believe these are our best ideas for how to make the waterfront appealing.... That is pathetic, small thinking! Please look at other first class waterfront towns.
- Nice outdoor community pool- see towns like Westfield, NJs town pool
- More support of the Arts
- Town trash collection
- develop revenue generating plan (other than taxes)
- I don't live in Hingham
- Less development
- Electric car charging stations.
- outdoor pool as well
- The insane potholes in the road on the tight turn just before weir river farm on the way to the traffic light.
- Or outdoor pool - just a nice community pool for summer seems obvious
- greater usage of the Country Club. Add X-country skiing, maybe a paved walking/bike path around the perimeter, etc.
- Over 55 housing. One floor living.that is affordable for retirees.
- Reduced real estate taxes for everyone!
- Foster school development and renovation
- More in town parking
- More money to the schools
- At minimum, average quality senior housing. Take care of those who need it and keep their living quarters well maintained
- SSCC pool

- more diverse restaurants/food options
- More historic districts
- I picked only two because these two are urgent, urgent needs.
- Focus on in-home care for seniors
- Air monitoring station
- childcare (afterschool) for 2 income households
- tax breaks for ALL seniors
- Town trash pickup
- More effective communication about town issues from Selectmen
- Better accessibility and utilization of the waterfront. The harbor is beautiful. Cafes to enjoy cocktails on the water. Pop-up beer garden that is family friendly would bring more people to the water and increase appreciation for it!
- Sidewalks/town walk ability needs major improvement. Summer street to have bigger sidewalks, less lanes
- Improved law & order at the transfer station
- IN addition to better and more fully utilizing the harbor, think we need to better utilize the downtown by leading to more 'community gathering' businesses- ie, restaurants, wine bar, book store with cafe, more outdoor coffee shops. The existence of these Gathering places in towns is what people love most about living somewhere.
- Stop with all the unnecessary construction
- More green space in downtown Hingham
- Multi use building to capitalize on avail funding
- Less building Less apartments
- Sewer system rehabilitation/repair?
- Better
- An in-town inn.
- SSCC pool improvements
- more shopping / restaurants (not chains)
- Lower property taxes
- A comprehensive recreation facility for the town
- A vibrant downtown with great, unique stores, art galleries and top of the line culinary experiences
- Improved drinking water quality
- Seasonal pool
- outdoor community pool
- New police station
- critical attention to conservation of energy and other ways we can impact on Climate Change as a community
- Stop the excessive development in South Hingham
- less of a police presence
- get the chlorine out of our drinking water
- Traffic control measures on upper Gardner (i.e., restricting through traffic from 228)
- Stop building condos
- 1. Road paving (North/South St., Thaxter St., French St., Ward St., etc. 2. Moratorium on apartment and condo complexes (subsidized housing).
- less apartment/condo developments

- Protected from traffic bike & walking paths.
- housing for adults with special needs
- 4 way stop at intersection of French/High/Ward St
- Downtown Hingham is lacking a private bookstore and more small business retail shops
- Better Traffic Management
- Synchronized traffic lights along 3A
- More on the environment of the town. Too many chemicals are used. This effects our children and adults. The lack of education on how the lawn treatments affect the town.
- New senior center
- Affordable housing planning, master plan to address and stop introduction of large complexes such as Beale Street and the Shipyard that impact and is detrimental to the schools.
- more Frugal and less intrusive public officials
- Make the South Shore County Club should be overseen by the recreation department. There needs to be a better facility for all youth programs and physical fitness for our community. The closing of the pool at the country is such a loss for our citizens. The camps and parents depend on the pool in the summer. Revenue will most likely be lost, because people will look for other options. The students who are employed by these camps will be out of jobs for the summer, if enrollment is low.
- Fire station in S Hingham
- a bike lane
- Better maintenance of town facilities/budget for it
- More thoughtful and responsible spending of tax dollars.
- Better tax breaks for veterans to match tax increases based on property value. Only 7% of the entire US population is a veteran
- More knowledgeable selectpersons
- More food- deli options down town and better- more restaurants to draw people here
- The social scene in hingham is dreadful. Downtown should be thriving. The only place down there that meets the high standards we should have is Nona's. Embrace economic incentives to encourage the dreadful restaurant quality to improve. le bring in some new great restaurants.
- More programs for different learning styles at school/ support of 504's etc
- I would love to see a B&B or small boutique hotel downtown (perhaps the Old Ship Parish House?) but my understanding is that zoning restrictions prohibit such a use, or at least make it near impossible to do it.
- Better and more modern gym facility
- no more corrupt selectmen/police chiefs
- More accountability

**Q13 If you could do anything to improve Hingham, what would it be?
You may choose up to three answers.**

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Establish and enforce truck routes	3.79%	34
Improve athletic fields	6.36%	57
Establish a Disabilities Commission and other supports for adults with disabilities	6.81%	61
Create more parking/parking solutions	6.81%	61
Reduce and enforce the speed limit	9.38%	84
Expand school course offerings	10.27%	92
Provide more community gathering events and spaces	11.16%	100
Provide intra-town transportation options	12.05%	108
Foresee and plan for the next post-40B state development mandate	13.39%	120
Give seniors a tax break	13.62%	122
Develop facilities maintenance plan for town buildings and properties	14.40%	129
Other (please specify)	14.40%	129
Bring back 4th of July fireworks	19.53%	175
Build a new community pool	24.22%	217
Fix traffic patterns and problems	27.68%	248
Slow down development overall	39.29%	352
Stop building condos/apartments/etc.; maintain the town's single-family home character	43.42%	389
Total Respondents: 896		

Answered: 896 Skipped: 54

Question 13 Open Responses

- More "green" policies
- Invest in schools and other community spaces like the library and pool
- Fund the schools at a level on par with what other desirable communities in the state are
- Under develop facilities maintenance plan include school department buildings in the school depot property adjacent to Bare Cove Park
- Allow cannabis businesses
- Sidewalks
- More sidewalks
- Sidewalks
- Add and maintain sidewalks
- We don't need harbor amenities- we need REAL RESTAURANTS on the harbor. The snack shack is NOT a restarant and the fact that the town would think this snack shack is the answer to all the residents that filled out the town questionnaire last year asking for a few harbor restaurants is a complete and utter insult and shows how small minded those at the top are thinking. Has anyone on any Hingham committee ever done some sort of poll to find out who and from what towns actually use our hingham beach as a beach? I don't mean getting some food and sitting on the lawn or sitting in your car and eating- I mean going to the beach and walking it or bringing kids on the sand and playing? I would bet my life that not even 20% of those using the Hinghan beach as a beach are from Hingham! Why are so determined to keep the beach? The tide is terrible, very few are ever on it and again its people not from Hingham. So why are we keeping it? Why aren't we developing it by placing one or two small low line shingle nice buildings with decks for restaurants so hingham citizens will actually go and enjoy the water there? Please don't make it a circus down there with a play ground which is ugly to look at and games that no one will use or if they do only 2 months of the year. Get someone to develop a few restaurants down there so tax payers from town will go and eat and drink and watch the sunset. Another thing that is missing is POPULATION GOAL OR LIMITS. What was this town thinking approving all the shipyard and now Lynch field apartments!!! Its absolutely insane. These mass living apartments are not only going to make the traffic in worse in town its going to overload our schools and bring people that may not really care to invest in our town. I can't even feel like I can call it a town. We are now a CITY! It make me so sick and angry. I've heard that someone on a Hingham board got that zoning change by Lynch and his law firm handled all the work behind it? Doesn't that sound wrong if its true. The over building of mass communities has got to stop immediately.
- Prevent overbuilding on lots (limit land to building ratio)
- Town government-led Green initiatives, e.g. electric recharge stations
- We need to add on to Senior Center and we need a new firehouse. Two of our firehouses are shameful!
- Build a new, enlarged Senior Center building with parking lot to enable expansion of programs.
- renovate and improve the library infrastructure
- A Clear Climate Change Plan with Targeted Goals
- Increase funding to the public schools
- Add more sophisticated businesses and dining options in the square. Move out ask the real estate agents
- Raise real estate tax rate to increase funding for schools (and senior center, too) for the long term. Lots of Qs re inter town transportation suggest investing in more school buses could benefit schools AND seniors.
- Develop the waterfront. A snack shack at the bathing beach is not the same thing and dining and entertainment establishments
- build a new senior center
- Replace Senior Center and provide parking
- Provide a youth center or similar space for younger kids to use. Rec center space is geared towards younger children. Not enough for the middle school age group.
- New Senior Center
- Build a larger senior center
- New senior center with lots of parking spots.
- Push back on compressor station!!!!
- build more sidewalks on route 53
- Build new Senior Center. Currentlry overcrowded and limited parking

- Add more commuter boats and run them year round on weekends
- provide garbage pick-up (or at least a few designated leaf/Christmas tree pick-up days)
- Put sidewalks in neighborhoods without them (Upper Gardner street area)
- Increase town revenue by developing business zones
- Move the exit from the West Hingham station parking lot
- Close Hingham Square to automobile traffic, foot traffic only. I believe this would increase community, increase commerce, and make the square a destination for the south shore.
- Establish development zones on route 53/Derby St and Route 3A and leave the interior of the town alone.
- safe entry onto 53 from Linden Ponds Way
- develop stronger environmental goals: nether 2050 or sooner
- Reduce and enforce the speed limit thru Downtown
- Expand the library (see earlier answer)
- an improved size (larger) of the senior center
- maintain roads
- Establish a plan to address climate change and reduce town's carbon footprint
- Hingham was once a place were generations of families would stay. Now people stay until their kids are done with school and leave. Raising property values that aren't affordable for a middle class young family to afford.
- Demographic diversity
- Municipal trash service
- Properly develop the harborfront, in a way that is meaningful and distinguishes Hingham as a best in class waterfront town - a couple restaurants, landscaping. The beach is not attractive and will always be low utilization, so make destinations that we will use. We can still do it in an appealing way that preserves character and still has open spaces. Also we should buy out one of the gas stations... that is FAR TOO MUCH prime real estate for ugly venues (and we don't need 2 stations side by side!!). Very frustrating.
- Establish an Arts center
- develop a plan to reduce our carbon use
- increase affordable housing opportunities
- Term limits for all appointed and elected boards/positions
- electric vehicles and charging stations
- Multi generational community center
- Further mission of being a Green Community by providing charging stations for electric vehicles at all areas where there is public parking. Purchasing electric vehicles may save the town \$\$\$ in the long run - there are more and more police forces purchasing electric vehicles to save their Town's money.
- More outside the box thinking that encourages combining issues in town to solve challenges together. For example, building a Senior Center/North Hingham Library as part of the new Foster School. We should be building bridges between generations not pitting them against one another.
- Better road maintenance
- Fix Foster/build new school
- Dedicated bike lanes and safe sidewalks on highly utilized roads like fottler.
- Greater awareness and action regarding the environment- pollution (cars cars left running) the iveruse if plastic in school and sports, the overuse of chemicals on lawns and gardens
- support economic diversity of town's population
- use properties we have (like the country club) to create x-country ski paths, paved walking/running/bike paths around the perimeter of the Country Club and maybe other community properties
- East St. Skating pond building needs work. It's an eyesore. Not maintained.
- Maintain pool
- Improve/expand senior center
- Build a new senior center

- Improve Foster Elementary so it is comparable to other elementary schools in town
- stop people from texting while driving.
- Give more \$\$\$ to the schools!!!
- support the building of a new Foster School
- New library and more useful shops/affordable dining in the Square
- Need sidewalk on Gardner st.
- Implement in-home care/visitation for seniors
- restrict garish all night lights, educate people on littering laws
- Major green initiatives
- do more to preserve green spaces and encourage water conservation
- Create prioritization schedule for ALL building projects, not just schools
- More fully and better develop the harbor and downtown with high quality restaurants, pubs, coffee shops, candy shops, book stores, diners.
- Green space and park downtown
- Look at repurposing current buildings or space.
- Improve college counseling at hhs. Reallocate staffing to help students. Privatize the waterfront for Hingham community only
- Construction of a small, high quality inn for overnight visitors.
- Provide real bike lanes separated from cars and trucks; provide more reasonably priced housing options in the \$400-600k range
- attract, appreciate, respect, & pay more than off-putting lip service to the benefits of all types of diversity on all our town's residents
- Place a four way stop sign at the intersection of French, High and Ward Street. The crosswalk is before the stop sign. This is not safe.
- lower taxes
- Build a new more appropriate sized Senior center.
- You have a major demographic issue looming. Planning around that would be a good thing to have. 20 years from now we will have no more boomers and half the kids in our schools now is the time to start planning for that. Take a look at the recent demographic trends in Boston. With the right business investment people in Boston would commute to hingham. The shipyard is screaming for something more than it is. Put a mixed use 1.1m square foot tower on top of the parking lot and run your own fleet of ferries from all over Massachusetts Bay and your funding issues are over.
- New school for Foster
- More care for trees
- Address litter problems along 3A. E.g., entrance to Bare Cove, etc.
- Diversify tax base to pay for everything listed
- keep historic properties maintained, lets not loose any of them.
- improve facilities and services for seniors
- Repave the roads.
- Protected bike paths
- survey senior population to find out what needs there are, then implement programs to meet needs. Put as much focus on seniors as there is for children/schools.
- It needs a vibrant downtown as seen in Concord. It should be a destination that dress outsiders so that the existing shops would have a better chance of success
- Renovate and Expand Library or Add Second Library in South Side of Hingham
- Adequately fund our schools
- Encourage green transportation by providing parking for bikes and electric vehicles.
- Restaurant on harbor
- The overall health of the town.

- Please take better care of our elderly population and provide an updated and bigger meeting space.
- Relocate senior center to NEW building at country club
- More duplex condos units (affordable) in south Hingham
- reduce taxes and fees for homeowners and residents
- Build Senior Center that meets the needs now and for the future of Hingham's aging population.
- Stop building apartment complexes that are suitable for large families. We cannot carry the current load of students with the space we have and people do not want to pay increased taxes to provide better than level service. We need to think about keeping class sizes small across all levels. We cannot do this with limited space and staff.
- Develop a bike lane
- build new senior center with pool at country club area with plenty of convenient parking
- Cut carbon emissions
- Easier biking; safe bike routes
- Build more condos and apartments while protecting key historic and green spaces
- Provide town-wide sewer
- Focus spending on Police, Fire, Schools.
- Renovate/update Library
- Stop condo/multi family development completely
- create more downtown option in Food and Beverage and higher end shops- like Derby in a smaller sense
- Address downtown and why it's absolutely lifeless. Restaurants stink. No out door dining terrible hours. There a couple places doing well be generally it's not good compared to what should be in hingham. Think Newburyport, Portland Maine, Nantucket Main Street
- Redo waterfront/ improve public experience with hingham harbor / connect to town
- not buy the water company
- Replace Foster
- Lower property TAX
- Preserve neighborhood of smaller houses
- MORE affordable senior living
- Don't buy the water system
- Who came up with these lists? They are not objective at all.
- Do away with town meetings.
- improved senior center

Q14 Which of these commonly mentioned locations in Hingham is your favorite place?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
World's End	24.92%	221
The Shipyard	5.30%	47
Bare Cove Park	4.96%	44
Wompatuck State Park	8.91%	79
Town Hall	0.90%	8
Turkey Hill	3.04%	27
Senior Center	0.45%	4
Loring Hall	1.80%	16
Downtown	17.25%	153
Hingham Harbor	12.06%	107
Stodder's Neck	0.11%	1
Weir River Farm	1.35%	12
Bathing Beach	1.47%	13
Main Street	4.96%	44
Old Ship Church	1.47%	13
Foundry Pond	0.23%	2
Derby Street Shops	3.04%	27
South Shore Country Club	3.38%	30
Other (please specify)	4.40%	39
TOTAL		887

Answered: 887 Skipped: 63

Question 14 Open Responses

- It used to be Bear Cove before dog rules changed.
- Bradley Woods
- I wish it were Hingham waterfront - but it's not because there is nothing there but a beach that no one uses.
- Crow Point
- Hingham Public Library-how is this not listed here????
- Library
- My house and my friends houses
- My Crow Point neighborhood
- Library
- All of the choices except Derby and the Shipyard. The beauty of Hingham is the history and the natural surroundings. Without those two things, we might as well be Hanover.
- All of Hingham is special
- Library
- Bare Cove without dogs
- Tough to choose one these are mine: Derby Street Shops, Downtown and the Harbor
- George Washington Town Forest
- Accord Pond
- Triphammer Pond
- library
- Conservation land, open space, woods
- Skate pond
- Used to be the bathing Beach until it was taken over by people who don't live in the town and don't respect the property
- Crow Point pizzeria
- I love World's End but it's tied with the library, which isn't on your list. Our library is a huge asset for this town
- St John's Episcopal Church
- None, although most are essential today, to provide diversity to our growing population collection points for activity. Senior Services can expand their offerings by creating satellite locations. I believe it is a misconception that offerings for seniors has to be at a single collection point, with parking probs.h
- the library
- Can't choose between harbor, World's End and Wompatuck!
- New North Church and square
- Library
- Glastonbury Abbey
- The library!!!!
- Downtown is great but needs a comprehensive long range plan for retail and parking
- Open space all over town
- Library
- Library
- Hingham Library
- All of the above.
- none of the above
- Library