

Response Summary

169 Respondents

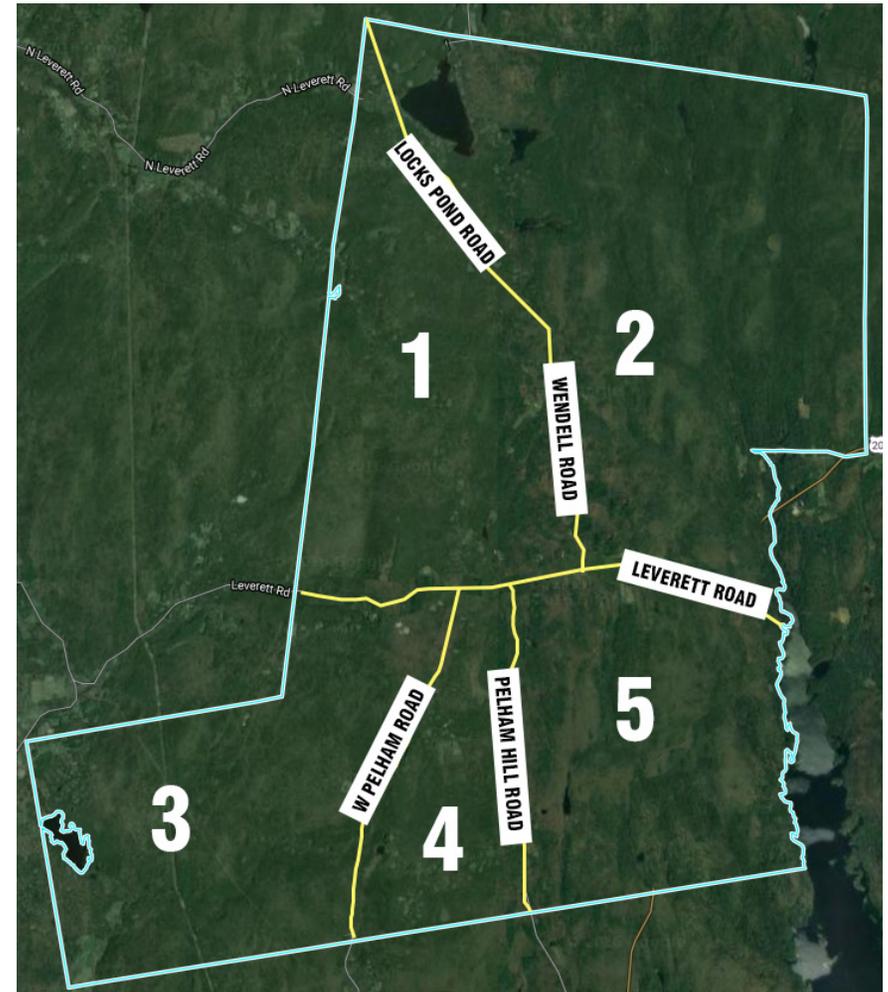
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Gender	Total	Percent
Female	107	63%
Male	53	31%
Prefer Not to Say	9	5%

Age	Total	Percent
Under 18	0	0%
18 to 29	4	2%
30 to 39	14	8%
40 to 49	27	16%
50 to 59	51	30%
60 or older	65	39%
Prefer not to say	8	5%
Blank	0	0%

Household Size	Total	Percent
1	14	8%
2	65	39%
3	41	24%
4 or more	49	29%
Blank	0	0%



Zone	Total	Percent
1	50	30%
2	42	25%
3	31	19%
4	25	15%
5	17	10%
Blank	4	2%

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6015343983	11/09/2016	0	Prefer not to say	50 to 59	3
6015607438	11/09/2016	0	Prefer not to say		2
6016384078	11/10/2016	0	Female	40 to 49	4 or more
6023387453	11/18/2016	0	Male	60 or older	1
6023424526	11/18/2016	0	Female	60 or older	2
6023578307	11/18/2016	0	Female	60 or older	1
6026649782	11/23/2016	0	Male	60 or older	2
6027621006	11/24/2016	0	Female	Prefer not to say	3
6014442413	11/08/2016	1	Male	60 or older	2
6015340715	11/09/2016	1	Male	60 or older	2
6015346103	11/09/2016	1	Male	60 or older	2
6015368205	11/09/2016	1	Female	30 to 39	2
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6015386586	11/09/2016	1	Male	30 to 39	3
6015421631	11/09/2016	1	Male	40 to 49	3
6015611443	11/09/2016	1	Female	40 to 49	3
6015628002	11/09/2016	1	Male	50 to 59	2
6015679080	11/10/2016	1	Female	60 or older	3
6015776833	11/10/2016	1	Female	30 to 39	3
6015914115	11/10/2016	1	Female	50 to 59	4 or more
6015937714	11/10/2016	1	Female	40 to 49	2
6016178920	11/10/2016	1	Female	50 to 59	4 or more
6016672291	11/11/2016	1	Female	50 to 59	1
6017555344	11/12/2016	1	Male	50 to 59	4 or more
6017675272	11/12/2016	1	Male	40 to 49	4 or more
6021044454	11/16/2016	1	Male	50 to 59	2

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6023353631	11/18/2016	1	Male	40 to 49	2
6023403612	11/18/2016	1	Male	50 to 59	3
6023476876	11/18/2016	1	Male	50 to 59	3
6023484376	11/18/2016	1	Male	50 to 59	4 or more
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6023740474	11/18/2016	1	Male		
6023974209	11/19/2016	1	Female	60 or older	1
6024020250	11/19/2016	1	Female	60 or older	2
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6024351524	11/20/2016	1	Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say	
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6025265566	11/21/2016	1	Male	50 to 59	4 or more
6027397465	11/23/2016	1	Female	50 to 59	3
6027422694	11/23/2016	1	Male	50 to 59	4 or more
6027430923	11/23/2016	1	Male	60 or older	3
6027447043	11/23/2016	1	Female	60 or older	2
6027447247	11/23/2016	1	Male	60 or older	2
6027487065	11/23/2016	1	Female	50 to 59	3
6027561022	11/24/2016	1	Female	50 to 59	4 or more
6027630849	11/24/2016	1	Female	60 or older	2
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6028232986	11/25/2016	1	Female	50 to 59	4 or more
6028251195	11/25/2016	1	Female	50 to 59	3
6032243321	11/30/2016	1	Female	50 to 59	2
6034246433	12/02/2016	1	Male	18 to 29	4 or more
6015335508	11/09/2016	2	Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say	3

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6015597151	11/09/2016	2	Male	60 or older	2
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6016096983	11/10/2016	2	Female	30 to 39	4 or more
6016192057	11/10/2016	2	Female	50 to 59	2
6016510007	11/10/2016	2	Female	60 or older	1
6017716943	11/12/2016	2	Female	60 or older	3
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6023936239	11/19/2016	2	Female	60 or older	2
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6023987368	11/19/2016	2	Female	60 or older	1
6024007668	11/19/2016	2	Female	50 to 59	2
6024008952	11/19/2016	2	Female	40 to 49	4 or more
6025102337	11/21/2016	2	Female	50 to 59	3

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6025650748	11/22/2016	2	Male	60 or older	2
6027061424	11/23/2016	2	Male	60 or older	2
6027064624	11/23/2016	2	Male	60 or older	2
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6027367834	11/23/2016	2	Female	60 or older	2
6027387611	11/23/2016	2	Female	50 to 59	2
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6027550653	11/24/2016	2	Female	60 or older	2
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6027606155	11/24/2016	2	Female	30 to 39	3
6027662350	11/24/2016	2	Male	50 to 59	3
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6027975788	11/24/2016	2	Male	60 or older	2
6033892724	12/01/2016	2	Male	60 or older	1
6015342900	11/09/2016	3	Female	60 or older	3
6015375581	11/09/2016	3	Female	60 or older	2
6015386702	11/09/2016	3	Female	60 or older	2
6015446205	11/09/2016	3	Male	50 to 59	2
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6015927489	11/10/2016	3	Male	18 to 29	4 or more
6015962350	11/10/2016	3	Female	50 to 59	4 or more
6015974460	11/10/2016	3	Female	60 or older	2

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6016073070	11/10/2016	3	Male	50 to 59	4 or more
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6017378201	11/11/2016	3	Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say	2
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6023404838	11/18/2016	3	Male	50 to 59	3
6023416701	11/18/2016	3	Male	60 or older	2
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6023985503	11/19/2016	3	Male	18 to 29	4 or more
6024170965	11/20/2016	3	Female	60 or older	3
6025011621	11/21/2016	3	Male	30 to 39	4 or more
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6027514481	11/23/2016	3	Male	40 to 49	3
6028973470	11/26/2016	3	Male	50 to 59	3
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6029384862	11/28/2016	3	Female	50 to 59	2
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6015345520	11/09/2016	4	Female	60 or older	2

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6015358292	11/09/2016	4	Female	40 to 49	3
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6015455358	11/09/2016	4	Male	30 to 39	4 or more
6015541270	11/09/2016	4	Male	60 or older	3
6015543781	11/09/2016	4	Female	40 to 49	2
6015616979	11/09/2016	4	Female	60 or older	3
6015693335	11/10/2016	4	Male	30 to 39	2
6016655344	11/10/2016	4	Male	60 or older	2
6016013391	11/10/2016	4	Female	50 to 59	3
6016171658	11/10/2016	4	Female	18 to 29	3
6017461644	11/12/2016	4	Male	50 to 59	2
6017698974	11/12/2016	4	Female	50 to 59	4 or more
6017940097	11/13/2016	4	Male	40 to 49	4 or more
6022854291	11/18/2016	4	Male	30 to 39	2
6022860000	11/18/2016	4	Female	30 to 39	2
6023371355	11/18/2016	4	Female	60 or older	1
6023400128	11/18/2016	4	Male	30 to 39	2
6023936120	11/19/2016	4	Female	50 to 59	4 or more
6024053347	11/19/2016	4	Female	50 to 59	2
6024145109	11/19/2016	4	Male	60 or older	2
6024327617	11/20/2016	4	Female	Prefer not to say	2
6024331683	11/20/2016	4	Prefer not to say	50 to 59	4 or more
6026527427	11/22/2016	4	Female	40 to 49	4 or more
6027379464	11/23/2016	4	Female	60 or older	2

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6027525716	11/23/2016	4	Male	60 or older	1
6027528033	11/23/2016	4	Female	40 to 49	2
6027542080	11/23/2016	4	Female	60 or older	4 or more
6027922209	11/24/2016	4	Male	60 or older	1
6028665781	11/25/2016	4	Female	40 to 49	4 or more
6028929046	11/26/2016	4	Female	40 to 49	4 or more
6029414213	11/28/2016	4	Male	50 to 59	3
6014371272	11/08/2016	5	Male	60 or older	4 or more
6015113009	11/09/2016	5	Male	60 or older	2
6015446683	11/09/2016	5	Male	30 to 39	4 or more
6015527392	11/09/2016	5	Female	18 to 29	3
6015766186	11/10/2016	5	Male	60 or older	1
6015926728	11/10/2016	5	Female	50 to 59	3
6015943022	11/10/2016	5	Male	60 or older	4 or more
6016157848	11/10/2016	5	Prefer not to say	60 or older	2
6016625874	11/11/2016	5	Female	60 or older	2
6019627836	11/15/2016	5	Female	40 to 49	4 or more
6023414305	11/18/2016	5	Female	18 to 29	3
6023579715	11/18/2016	5	Female	60 or older	3
6023658571	11/18/2016	5	Prefer not to say	40 to 49	3
6023969235	11/19/2016	5	Prefer not to say	50 to 59	2
6024003572	11/19/2016	5	Female	40 to 49	2
6024132266	11/19/2016	5	Female	60 or older	2
6024334871	11/20/2016	5	Male	60 or older	1
6024436344	11/20/2016	5	Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say	1

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6024570591	11/21/2016	5	Male	Prefer not to say	4 or more
6027517223	11/23/2016	5	Female	60 or older	3
6028149321	11/24/2016	5	Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say	4 or more
6029266140	11/27/2016	5	Male	50 to 59	2
6032745916	11/30/2016	5	Male	60 or older	1

Implications for Municipal Budget: What changes can be done to adjust revenues and costs?

ID	Implications for Municipal Budget: What changes can be done to adjust revenues and costs? Example 1: Charging a fee for private use of publicly-owned facilities Example 2: Combining police department with a neighboring town
6039251413	Since revenues are based on property taxes and are already excessive, emphasis should be on reducing spending by making services less costly by creating efficiencies or eliminating some non-essential ones altogether.
6039266421	Annual performance reviews for all town employees. STOP giving automatic raises. Have a metric to hold employees responsible for their own budgets and cost efficiency. Look at the last year of police detail and match it with the call logs to make sure police are on duty when the most calls come in.
6039271378	Example one as written above looks good
6039277430	Combining police department with a neighboring town is an excellent idea. Redistricting - with the school population decreasing we should look to the future for brining in more students or [Comment appears this way in Survey Monkey]
6039277653	Create a mandate or bylaw that requires quarterly record and review of the TA, and all political appointees as well as town boards, for applying for and obtaining grants.
6039278838	combing police dept. with neighboring town.
6039283566	Any capital investment must rely on outside funds because people who don't care about municipal services are unwilling to pay for them. Perhaps a private, subscription library, like the one established in 1811 is the answer.
6039289977	Nothing really
6039296617	combining p.d. with neighboring town seems like a good idea
6039299653	Combine police and fire departments with neighboring towns. Work toward closing local elementary and joining with Amherst or a Leverett, Pelham, New Salem, Shutesbury elementary school.
6039322261	Regional police, at least chief position possibly. Regional road crews?
6039338583	Bring town-wide internet ; this will raise property values and tax revenues .
6039359631	Improved meeting spaces that can be used for Weddings, Anniversaries, Birthday Parties, Reunions, Workshops for Artist Groups etc. so that reasonable usage rental fees can help increase municipal revenue
6039361765	1. Charge fee for private use of publicly owned facilities. 2. Allow shutesbury residents to volunteer, on projects that are needed, to reduce their property tax and help strengthen the community.
6039402856	Correct inequities in four town school funding formula Stop hoarding cash in reserve accounts Trim growth in Town departments Solar farm on Town land Consolidate services with other towns if possible A small government for a small town [Comment appears this way in Survey Monkey]
6039434201	Have state and federal governments tax the rich with a 90% tax rate so money can be made available to towns like ours. We're at our wits end. There is no more money. It's all gone. You can't squeeze water from a stone.

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6039448309	I liked the yellow trash bags better than the purple. Purple? Come on. Ever time I take out the trash I get a Prince song stuck in my head.
6039484377	Sharing administrative costs (Chief salary) of police and fire depts. and sharing cost of equipment while having people and equipment in each town. Energy self-sufficiency through solar panels/farm.
6039667242	More grant writing! I don't think much can be "cut" as our town budget is pretty slim as it is. I think our finance committee does a great job at spending and taking into consideration many different opinions of what to spend on. Town employees seem to be paid less than neighboring towns. Perhaps generating more tax income with small businesses in town? Or municipal solar or wind power generation?
6039701993	The budget, as crafted by the Finance Committee, is well crafted and has kept Shutesbury in a stable state. There are reserves to meet emergencies, shifts in State support and unanticipated expenses. As an employer, the town has treated its workers with some respect. Although not the highest in the regions, Shutesbury has decent wages and benefits. Services like Police and Fire offer a sense of safety that many people find necessary. As the culture changes, some of these services may need to change - less fires, more medical emergencies for an aging population and/or opioid addiction. Discussions around what services can be met in a rural community may need to be fostered, but changes and savings look unlikely.
6039744997	I like example 1.
6039750082	Both of your examples involve adjusting costs down. Maybe we should make the town more attractive to homeowners so our tax base can grow instead.
6039786318	I think example 2 is really, really bad. Given the political changes happening nationally, having police who know us well mean police less likely to be violent with us, enforce trump-era policing standards.
6039797184	Regional police and fire departments. Part time town administrator.
6039820859	It's reasonable to charge a fee for the use of public facilities. From my experience at town meetings, I think there are people carefully overseeing costs of public services like road maintenance, waste and recycling, etc -- but it's always worth reassessing these to see if money can be saved there. It's also worth remembering that people who do the job of overseeing these costs well pay for themselves and then some. When deciding upon fees, it's important to distinguish between services that we're providing to people who do not have other options (e.g. elders on a fixed income), versus people who appreciate the convenience of having a resource in Shutesbury but would drive into town and pay more for it otherwise.
6039863407	I don't know. I trust Town Officials are doing the best they can to keep the budget down.
6039878712	Charging a fee for private use of publicly-owned facilities seems like a good idea...unless it prohibits offering free services to town residents (for example, if there is a free yoga class being offered to town residents, I would not want a fee to be charged for the person offering that free service). Can the town attract some business revenue that would not involve destroying the beauty and character of the town? Is there something that would attract businesses to Shutesbury by offering incentives that would make it desirable over Hadley or Amherst?
6039928028	Lower our taxes. If you want people to stay here and live well here as so many do--then lower the taxes.

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6039933875	Stop purchasing fancy new-unmarked police vehicles. Stop hiring sooo many police officers. We have way, way too many as it is! Open the public school for town members free use--for god's sake where the hell do our taxes go anyway? You pay the teachers poorly compared to Amherst--yet our taxes are higher! Pay our teachers--they perform the most important work there is--If they were not educating our children so well--we wouldn't have police or fire people at all--those tests are brutal to pass and our teachers need to be compensated for the excellent work they do in preparing our youth!
6040007101	Work with neighbor towns to share vehicles and equipment, police fire and highway personnel, establish and maintain cutting edge internet, phone and TV service at an affordable price for all asap, and work with Amherst and others to improve and maintain emergency services
6040009121	don't regionalize the elementary school
6040044586	THE decline in property values due to lack of viable internet spells doom for this town. Schools will suffer because younger folks with kids won't move here. Nothing but bad news for town revenues. Pressure our state government to get active and make this happen now.
6040443999	1)The Solar Farm being built on Cows/Jones land--minimum of \$50 K revenue for the town put some of that money toward creating solar farm on lot 032 for the town 2) Regionalization of police and fire departments with neighboring towns--evaluate the amount of policing our community needs 3) Negotiating a fair Regional Agreement with the 4 towns on how we pay our fair share--based on ability to pay for each town 4) [Comment appears this way in Survey Monkey]
6040546205	Both of those are good ideas. Matching Grants Fund Raising for specific needs/wants
6040556573	I filled survey out before so don't count me again but I wanted to add below. Attracting more people - broadband, cell survice
6040778691	Combining police sounds good; sharing school bus service; asking residents to contribute a certain number of volunteer hours per household to achieve goals.
6041284262	Combining police and fire and potentially the school with neighboring towns
6041654834	Combine police department with departments from neighboring towns. Have residents pay for PAYT trash bags
6041938831	Combine fire/police and DPW with neighboring towns
6041942833	not sure at this time
6043140538	Build a town owned solar arrays for town operations Combine police\fire and highway departments with other towns' departments Municipal marijuana dispensory
6043174790	Reducing the amount of services to an appropriate level for a town our size. Not creating more buildings and services that will cost the town over the long range. Combining resources with neighboring towns and paying the appropriate amount for regional schools and services. We are not a wealthy town.
6043716498	Put more effort into securing private, state, and federal grants.
6046625916	Adjust payment To Amherst School System to statutory formula significantly reducing cost.

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6046847608	Find a way to spend less money on the school.
6046856456	Not knowledgeable enough to have a recommendation
6046860435	Combining any municipal service with other towns
6046906476	It is hard to give specifics here until we begin with A NEW BEGINNING, an initial review of: what we have, what we want. After this particular list of examples and options is compiled give it to the people of shutesbury to maul over and consider. Give the people these choices to see and think about. It would be so valuable to know, (from those who know)because everyone does not know these these things. What are other towns are doing these days,? the same or different from ours? so that we might then choose better what we want, or not want. Listing all costs and revenues in a clear precise manner (so that everyone understands and agrees) not just keep assuming that what we've done or have been doing works, just because we don't have time for all of this now and we don't want to hurt people's feelings. Money and the market are in flux everyday and reviewing once a year, (or whatever) whether or not we even need to have certain positions with salaries/ and what those salaries should be now, based on what we need and want, right here and now. Set an honest general priority of the people (who bother to respond to these things) decide together what is affordable and necessary. Then thoroughly investigate through dialogue the evidence of surveys/census the validity and acceptance or rejection of both. Don't be afraid of change within continuity. There will be hurt feelings, but we must think of the whole community as well as ourselves as individuals. We must share the wealth that is available to us, not over or under estimating what is most valuable to us all as a community.
6046979671	I think that asking individuals to propose solutions, when the individuals don't have all of the data is dangerous. For example, it's easy to say "combine police department with a neighboring town," but without knowing the specifics of how that would work or whether savings would be significant, one cannot make responsible suggestions. This is only an example of how direct democracy, without sufficient information, can be very dangerous. Same thing for school, fire, etc. I urge the working group to consider responses with very careful and appropriate caution.
6047019995	2
6047034037	Tax wealthy, high income residents by instituting a PROGRESSIVE tax that exempts those making less than \$100,000 in order to increase revenues. And/or, institute a wealth tax on personal wealth above a certain higher than average level. Absolutely NO REGRESSIVE TAXES that make it financially impossible for residents with fixed or low and moderate incomes to remain in town (i.e. no more increases on property taxes which are already far too high). I am not a financial policy wonk, so my numbers may not be what is most effective, but you get the idea -- tax the people who have actually prospered over the past few decades, rather than further burdening those of us who have suffered stagnant and declining wages and assets due to increasing wealth inequality.
6047251326	Both examples above seem good. A nominal charge for sand?
6047362577	Both of the above.

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6047401653	Charging a parking fee at the Shutesbury Town Beach. Cut the administrative position for Selectboard to half time. Part time fire chief. Have LSSE pay a fee for the use of the middle school and the regional facilities.
6047653602	Either of the above sounds reasonable. I have not reviewed the budget lately, but generally--what services might we cost-share with neighboring towns?
6050255203	1. Increased support for education from the state. 2. Build a municipal solar farm to reduce energy costs in the town budget. 3. Build a cooperative owned fiber network with 24 surrounding towns. Use part of subscription rates to pay down the towns investment in the fiber network. Do not give up ISP profits to private company.
6051271741	Combining as many services as possible with neighboring towns. Too much is on the shoulders of too few taxpayers. In other parts of the country, COUNTIES rather than towns are responsible for policing, social services, libraries, etc. More affordable, no loss of individuality of towns.
6051517393	State sell off the huge house across from Lake Wyola for profit. A private owner would be better able to manage it. Also better management of number of people, especially bus loads coming in.
6052570596	Increase the size of the solar project and or add more of them. Lower policing hours. Utilize public buildings more - don't add any more buildings to have to maintain.
6053347648	Maybe better to cut back on the hours of fire chief, administrative assistant, and librarian. Since the librarian does not have librarian credentials and is not a good community advocate, hours can be cut back.
6054248642	Reduce/stabilize taxes by budgeting limited resources. Use less costly alternatives to achieve community goals. Example: instead of building new library, repurpose/reconfigure existing facilities such as school, Old Town Hall.
6055331071	Combining with other towns... Police/DPW, etc.....
6055361232	Reassess staffing at the elementary school for the smaller population that is currently there. Assess the amount of maintenance required on the rural roads and see if certain improvements would save money in the long run.
6055380116	Combining services (fire department, police department, highway department, as much as is feasible) with other small towns. Perhaps one "chief" for two or more towns. Charging for plowing on private roads, such as around Lake Wyola
6055399925	Half time police chief or police chief shared with another town. Half time fire chief or fire chief shared with another town. Smaller, part time only police force.
6055471107	Applying for more grants? more fiscal restraint
6055513171	Example 2. is excellent. Example one is sooo wrong! Also lower the taxes--this is pushing people out of this town and presenting a hardship on our elders.
6055575572	A modest fee for private use of public facilities seems fair.
6055597577	Have secondary students go to Mahar. Van for seniors to ride to appointments.

Implications for Municipal Budget: What changes can be done to adjust revenues and costs?

6055628929	More grant writing!
6055668347	I am not sure. Maybe combining police, or highway depts.? We should share Leverett's DPW!
6055964397	Changing the funding formula for the secondary school region
6056107008	Establishing speed limits on dirt roads and enforcing them with tickets. Montague Rd in particular would make the town loads of money.
6056113657	combine police department with a neighboring town would be a good idea.
6056154563	Work cooperatively with neighbor towns on common needs
6056176319	Reasonably and moderately increasing taxes as need be.
6056521794	Combining services with other towns
6057174642	combining public safety departments with neighboring towns
6057392586	Combining police forces seem a reasonable to explore. We should absolutely retail our own elementary school. While expensive, this is a major attraction of the town and adds value to all homes. It is one of the only things that will help attract young families to the town.
6058497168	Scrutinize costs by determining from taxpayers what services they feel are necessary, not by giving free range to departments/agencies to tell town leadership how much money they need to provide the town with a level of service the department/agency has determined is appropriate. Contract out services such as snow plowing, road paving, line striping, street sweeping. Regionalize police and fire departments.
6059420195	I don't really like either example, but what must be done must be done. We need businesses that pay taxes. Could we encourage business growth?
6060288686	Cut police services back. Create group; or direct Select Board to set priorities and review proposed highway projects, monitor and reconcile all of their spending. Change highway back to 5 day workweeks throughout the year, to regain cost efficiency and assure they are not overtired and at risk of injuries or accidents from overly long 'summer schedule' workdays. Direct Town Admin to seek and coordinate grants and other funding opportunities as was done in the past, but not in years now.
Paper 1	Join elementary services w/ Amherst. Compromise. Work to get more federal and state funding for education instead of local taxes

Future Changes to Shutesbury's Physical Character: Type? Location? Use? Opportunities?

ID	Future Changes to Shutesbury's Physical Character: Type? Location? Use? Opportunities? Example 1: Affordable housing / Townwide / Residential / To meet housing need for a diverse community Example 2: Add sidewalks / Main roads / Pedestrian / To increase s
6039251413	I would like to reverse the trend towards automobile-centric suburbanization and restore some of the simple rural characteristics of the Town that have been lost.
6039266421	With affordable housing you also need affordable transportation and other services - all of which must be delivered in parallel to make affordable housing effective. I actually don't think it is a wise investment to even try to create affordable housing in an area like this.
6039271378	Senior housing somewhere- new library- if there is a new library, use current as senior center
6039277653	Force state DOT (as well as any other state agency that is responsible for infrastructure) to assume some if not all financial responsibility for all dirt roads in town....and lower our taxes.
6039278838	lower taxes for farmers or homesteaders to encourage local food system development. And people on the edge of being able to afford the high taxes are more likely to stay and improve their farms.
6039283566	aging in place, walkable safe downtown area with tree-lined alley leading to the welcoming front porch of the library at lot 032 as delineated in the Library Building program
6039289977	Affordable housing
6039299653	Keep the rural nature of Shutesbury. Don't pave roads. Limit overdevelopment.
6039313428	Open space area--ball field behind fire station perhaps, with tables for picnics.
6039318136	Maybe a sidewalk for Leverett Road from the library to W Pelham
6039322261	Would love to see sidewalks especially leading up to and around town green. Don't think this will ever happen though, unless there is somewhere to "go" in the middle of town--store? cafe?
6039334563	Let Shutesbury stay a sleepy little town. Add more dirt roads and stone walls. Add more forested land. Community Garden space
6039338583	Public network of walking, biking, skiing trails.
6039359631	Sidewalks and bike lanes for safety
6039402856	More fields, opportunities for agriculture Keep roads narrow and unpaved Implement our existing zoning to preserve the back land Amend zoning to increase densities in Town Center District
6039434201	I'd like to see the town beach really improved with paths and fishing areas and a birdwatching blind. We do need a sidewalk from the school to the town center.
6039448309	physical character. Could you make some of the hills not so steep? It's hard to ride a bike to the center of town and back. Uphill both ways.

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6039667242	Affordable housing would be fantastic! Keeping lots of trails and open space. Perhaps better maintenance of trails and trail maps. Sidewalks in widely-used pedestrian traffic spots like the center of town. Making use of the building across from lake wyola - purchase from state??
6039701993	I wish people who move to Shutesbury would consider the limitations of rural living before they relocate. Dirt roads - their maintenance, snow plowing, dust - are part of our reality. There are roads who have grown in population density, and therefore wear and tear, that mean dirt road travel will require even slower speeds and result in more dust. C'est la vie. I believe our greatest physical need is one healthy, energy efficient, spacious and beautiful municipal building to meet the needs of town offices, library, meeting spaces, record storage, a place to share volunteer community resources and activities. Dog park, community garden, outdoor recreational opportunity, nature walks, etc all geared to facilitate community interaction and identity.
6039723172	Sidewalk from town hall to school. This would give a center to the community. It would also negate need to provide school bus (saving \$) transportation to these areas. Children could walk in their community and to the library.
6039744997	Continue to protect the wilderness, keep it wooded
6039750082	Pave Montague Road! Add sidewalks on Leverett and West Pelham Rds between the elementary school and the library. Build a NEW LIBRARY and community center! Town Beach at Lake Wyola?
6039786318	I think it should stay the same. I am not in favor of increasing affordable housing or introducing large numbers of rental and/or apartment blocks.
6039820859	Bike/pedestrian trails or routes would be well-used -- people walk and bike at all hours in all seasons along long dark, narrow roads. Solar-powered street lights along main roads away from houses might increase safety. Decisions should preserve forests, lake, rural character -- we're all here, newcomers and multi-generational Shutesburians, because we love the land for its beauty and its resources.
6039863407	Sidewalk/bike path on the main roads would be nice.
6039878712	We REALLY need reliable high speed internet in order for people to live/move/stay here. How about a town beach for residents only (now that Lake Wyola ia a state park, the cost can be prohibitive). Sidewalks and pedestrian safety are good ideas as well as bike lanes.
6039928028	Leave it alone.
6039933875	Home owners should have a mandatory cap on how they rent out their many houses to the general public--they override the limit for for section 8 holders--therefore discriminating in the worst way.
6039990064	Really really need high-speed Internet
6040002311	affordable housing and sidewalks
6040007101	New road construction on major routes should include bike lanes, town should plow and maintain roads around lake Wyola, town should look at fees for motor boat launching at lake wyola, consider options for businesses with care, work to get solar programs to help home owners pay for improvements

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6040009121	Affordable housing
6040044586	Outdoor ice skating rink. New library that would provide a community meeting spot.
6040347908	bike path
6040443999	1) Affordable housing and increased racial and ethnic diversity-yes Given current political climate, become part of the effort to resettle refugees in our community 2) Sidewalks on Leverett Road to begin is a great idea. Encourage walking and improve safety.
6040556573	possibly marking trails - I got lost in the woods late one winter afternoon and it was pretty scary. Fortunately I knew my directions and found my way to the road, but it was tricky and if the sun weren't out ...
6040778691	Incentives for land conservation
6041654834	Affordable housing, especially for seniors who want to stay in town More open spaces, meadows, small farms
6041938831	Start to place oil and stone on some of the roads to diminish road maintenance costs.
6041942833	Have a bus service come to Shutesbury. Lets get that Library in an have a nice senior center
6043140538	High speed internet Elderly housing\assisted living facilities A modern library
6043174790	Protect the local character of the town, do not build more housing to become more like a suburban town. Do not add sidewalks and other suburban elements in this rural town. Pedestrians can walk safely if wearing bright colored clothing and recognizing that there is traffic passing through town. Police need to be out slowing traffic down so pedestrians and bicyclists are safe.
6043716498	Create town park with picnic, trails, play structures, ball field/ located near town hall or other empty lot/ recreation and socialization
6044535072	Sidewalks from the school to the center of town would be great
6046625916	It is a rural town with already one of the highest tax rates in the State and cannot afford to make costly improvements without risking the overall desirability of the town due further increasing the tax rate.
6046847608	Add sidewalks. Create hiking trails.
6046856456	Maintain the public school; keep it as a community center for everyone even after their children move to the middle school and if the do not have children
6046860435	keep it rural but update to modern prepare for influx of more residents over next 20 years
6046906476	Please pardon my candor, but safety- shamfty, give me liberty, give me freedom, to take responsibility for my own and my families safety. I love having our own police department and Tom. Our own neighborhood watch, shutesbury next-door, and the telephone/computer emergency management services are all terrific! fire department, Walter and crew, and the road crew are excellent! Here's where the already established works well for me. Neighbors communicating/interacting and caring for one another, watching out for each other and helping when needed has always been a good thing here. I love this about our town. Being a conscious human being means being appropriately cautious and responsible when walking, driving, living. Negative thinking and fear only breed suspicion and blame. I guess I'm saying nothing!

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6046979671	A town library / community center would be valuable. Maintaining quality in the schools is also essential to town "character." Clearly, roads should be maintained at reasonable levels. All of this contributes to the character I value.
6047034037	We definitely need affordable housing, and it should be truly affordable -- not some huge profit-center for a developer with just a few affordable units, but rather a model that yields a socially responsible number of affordable housing units.
6047251326	Both ex. 1 & 2 look plausible.
6047362577	sidewalks
6047653602	Affordable housing, including a diversity of housing, especially more practical housing for people growing older and needing to be more closely situated to others, for help and for company and social engagement close to home. Change the zoning by-laws to allow for aggregate housing or tiny houses around a common space--or affordable cohousing--some different and sensible options. eg. I am a single woman, 65, living alone. I would like to be sharing housing and having neighborhood, but am in a house built for a small family rather than for two or more un-related people to share.
6050255203	1. a local healthcare facility 2. vehicle recharging stations (energy source to be determined) 3. A library center that facilitates and promotes communication, literary pursuits, including socialization and participation in events, such as book clubs, children story hour, constructive play, - a learning center for all ages. The facility needs to be of sufficient size with mixture of spaces to provide for these needs for a 100 years to come. The plan presented in 2011 was too small.
6051271741	Sidewalks would really change the character of the town, which many would oppose. Rather, I would love to see main roads have shoulders that peds and bikes could use. Better safety.
6051517393	Town septic and water pipes installed. Cell phone coverage. Improved internet as well.
6052570596	Affordable, senior housing would be great.
6053347648	Leave it. Slow down traffic to increase safety. Keeping taxes down will create a diverse community. Have people follow the bylaws by not having lots of unregistered cars on their lots. Why are we allowing pop up mechanics/car sales. Should they be taxed as a business. What are they doing in a residential area. What about water and soil contamination when they are not being asked to follow regulations.
6054248642	Try to preserve rural character by carefully studying any changes. Town should resist the allure of "progress" and maintain simplicity.
6055331071	No changes needed
6055344458	sidewalks or bike paths on main roads would be nice, because the roads aren't safe enough for children to bike on.
6055361232	Keep rural character Enforce safety rules for pedestrians, etc.
6055380116	Sidewalk from elementary school to town hall/library Cross walk with flashing light between town hall and common\ Trail system developed for town More recreation opportunities
6055429561	Affordable housing. Sidewalks along Leverett rd would be nice. A new library or add on some how to the library we have now

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6055513171	The physical structure of this town is just fine. Please do not ever add 'sidewalks' or street traffic lights, or anything else to the roads. Affordable housing is another subject--no one can afford to live here at it is--unless you are white and rich--section eight holders can't even afford the rents--this is a highly discriminatory town--highly.
6055575572	These all take money and taxes are already too high
6055597577	Fix Road signs so all are legible.
6055628929	More affordable housing, safer trails (better maintained and with signage), love the idea of sidewalks but not sure there's enough space, upkeep of all town buildings
6055668347	No sidewalks! keep houses set back from road a bit to maintain rural character. Don't destroy stone walls. Manage housing growth.
6055964397	Add bike lanes wherever possible/ paved roads/ pedestrian and bikers/ to increase safety Provide a better looking entry into Shutesbury coming up from Leverett on Leverett Rd / Leverett Rd. /aesthetic / community feel
6056107008	Identify and label existing hiking/biking/ski/snowshoe trails and advertise them(a little) to draw outdoor adventurers to town. Remove "No Parking" signs from the southern end of Carver Rd.
6056113657	bicycle lanes on main roads... as it is, it's dangerous for both bicycles and cars
6056154563	Bike lanes on paved roads
6056176319	Allow for small businesses on residential properties--ie spaces for workshops, yoga studios, cafes etc
6056521794	Affordable housing and taxes
6057174642	affordable housing, more services for elderly
6057392586	Shutesbury should strive to retain its rural character with some dirt roads and narrow tree lined Streets. One does not move to a rural western mass town for sidewalks. We should also strive to retain as much open space and forest land as possible. Public access to open space is critical. Encourage some business development in town center would be reasonable. Encourage secondary apartments as a low income option. I don't think we want a low income section of town, just dispersed low income options.
6058497168	Create a more agricultural setting. Encourage more farming, forestry, craft businesses. Prevent continued widening and straightening of current roads. Establish Shutesbury as a location for those seeking a self reliant existence. Entertainment, shopping, and cultural activities are a few miles away in Amherst, Greenfield. There is no need to duplicate these services in Shutesbury.
6059420195	Sidewalks or bike lanes would be great. I'm all for affordable housing too.
6060132373	Add sidewalks, encourage a few small businesses such as a cafe/restaurant, or a general store.
6060288686	Design and build a Senior Center, with extra meeting and gathering spaces for use by all town groups, as well as boards and committees. Equip with suitable spaces and devices for high speed internet access by all. Build in a vault for town records so they don't rot away in the unheated moist 'old town hall'. Put it on the lot across from the highway dept with adequate parking, and not a 'Cadillac" building, but a functional yet frugal one.

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Paper 1 Work with State to use Lake Wyola land for a) community garden b) solar c) library. Use town center as gardens

Priorities for Municipal Services: Type? Location?

ID	Priorities for Municipal Services: Type? Location? Example 1: General health clinic / Center of Town Example 2: Shuttle van / Main roads every two hours (or on-demand service)
6039251413	Simplicity, not services, is my priority.
6039266421	Townwide health insurance. Have the town have a health insurance policy that townspeople can buy into if they are underinsured or self-employed. It wouldn't cost the town anything. Townspeople could buy into a policy already administered to town employees.
6039271378	Fire dept most important
6039277653	Bus service through town to Amherst.
6039278838	Shuttle van
6039283566	Library, internet, senior center, carpooling
6039289977	Library / Community Center Shuttle Van Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
6039296617	new library
6039299653	On demand shuttle van for junior and high school activities and on demand for senior shuttle
6039318136	Pave Montague Road Broadband internet
6039322261	internet!!!!!!!!!!!! I don't think a health clinic is viable unless it's a satellite clinic once a week or something like that.
6039326938	Delays in acquiring fast Internet connections are becoming intolerable. Emergency health services are needed. Could there be a rural version of Uber? Use of school buses during the rest of the day? Regular bus service to Amherst and Greenfield?
6039334563	Broadband /Everywhere Alternative Energy /Everywhere
6039338583	Broad band Internet every road.
6039359631	Daily shuttle van services
6039402856	Shutesbury is not growing any longer, we need to switch from a suburban growth model to a sustainable paradigm without counting on new growth to bail us out. Reduce police force - overkill in rural town. Stop buying high-end expensive equipment, make do with what we have. Reduce winter road costs. Everyone in Shutesbury should have snow tires in winter, all around and preferably studded.
6039434201	Transportation for kids to Amherst and back seems to be the biggest trouble spot for families in town. Especially highschool and older who don't have their own cars. A parent might drive to town and back three times a day. I do love the flu clinic but I missed it this year because I think it was only mentioned in the elementary school newsletter which I don't read. How about using Nextdoor next year?
6039448309	A casino would be nice.
6039484377	Shared space for Fire, Police, and Highway Dept. Library

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6039667242	Keep funding and maintaining the school! Get more kids/young families into town with great programming through library, school and Community Network for Children! Public transportation down the hill to Amherst or to Greenfield. Senior Center newsletter and more programs for aging in place - exercise (combined with library?), shuttle services, meals and game nights, health care (help with insurance/medicaid and actual clinics). Need better senior center building, town office space, police and fire and LIBRARY! Our old buildings are charming but we are aging out of them. Not just for comfort, space and aesthetics....but for health! Financial health (maintenance costs are more than what they need to be) and physical health (mold issues)!
6039701993	Many of us live at least twenty minutes from any services: medical, grocery, entertainment, professional services, etc. I find this to be an obvious consequence of living in a small rural town that I accept. I know this was the choice of finding a house I could afford when I was a young person. I don't expect or want this to be changed. A shuttle may make the roads safer as boomers age and will need to surrender their driver licenses. A place to gather to overcome the isolation and loneliness that people experience. Clustered housing has already been zoned in. In the end, I am willing to support some volunteer efforts to connect and share, and build a space to do so, but I accept and value the overall small rural nature of Shutesbury.
6039744997	Shuttle into Amherst/Hadley 2-3 times daily, affordable before school morning childcare for working parents
6039750082	More activities run out of the council on aging
6039786318	A clinic in town would be great. Or maybe a small general store.
6039814003	Universal high-speed internet
6039820859	Affordable, reliable internet town-wide (my kids do their online homework parked outside the library or at the Leverett Co-op) I wonder about a ride-sharing website or app for Shutesbury; might be cheaper and more convenient than a Shuttle (the obvious problem with this is the internet issue noted above...) Don't neglect infrastructure and schools -- quality of life, as well as property values and resale, depend on roads, schools, public spaces.
6039863407	A shuttle van might be a good use of resources, perhaps organized by the Council on Aging.
6039875916	broadband. of course.
6039878712	A shuttle van to get people into Amherst/Hadley/Umass would be an excellent resource (especially for the elderly).
6039933875	Shuttle van sounds awesome.
6039990064	Public transportation
6040002311	health clinic, and on-demand shuttle
6040007101	I like the listed examples Plow and maintain roads around lake wyola Continue trash pick up and add pick up for large items and vegetation
6040044586	There's only one at this point. Get internet going. We don't even have dsl in my part of town. It's primitive and disgraceful that this town has not been more proactive on this point.

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6040347908	shuttle van to Amherst
6040443999	1) Begin public transportation in the town. FRCOG (possibly with grants) begin providing a bus (van) from town hall 2 x /day with the expectation that it will grow at some point. Is there a way to use the school buses (which are half full) to provide transportation for Shutesbury residents? Some kind of "uber" model to connect people who need rides with those who are going into town-ride sharing. 3) We still need a new library/community center. Town hall is full, the old town hall needs too much \$ for repairs. A place for seniors, children, teens and families to gather. Opportunity to connect as a community.
6040546205	Not sure we need a clinic, but
6040556573	Keeping school alive. Broadband cell service solar, wind, etc.
6040748791	1. Trash pick up all year long. Particularly in the winter. On Pine Drive. 2. Better police monitoring of illegal fireworks and enforcement of marine regulations. Lake Wyola.
6040778691	Better police monitoring of illegal fireworks and patrolling of lake Wyola to insure safe and legal boating (motor and non motor) Monitoring of all boaters to follow safe practices regarding cleaning boats and canoes/kayaks to prevent invasive water species
6041284262	Broadband Ride share solar run town facilities
6041654834	Public transportation to Amherst and Greenfield to and from Shutesbury Develop town center. Gazebo for summer concerts, benches
6041942833	Shuttle Van would be great. A needs assessment should be done to see who would use it to determin how often it would be used. Bus that connects in the center of town to go into Amherst, Hadley and Northampton. Maybe informational speakers on general health for the aging in place population.
6043140538	Safety issues: Well maintained roads, adequate police patrols and fire department staffing. Well compensated staff and learning opportunities for staff development Shuttles, especially for the elderly
6043174790	Again, please don't try to turn this town into a suburb with clinics and other types of buildings and services that just don't fit in. A regional shuttle service would be helpful for teenagers who don't drive yet or others who would rather not or can not drive.
6043716498	Enhanced road maintenance, plowing, regrading dirt roads
6044535072	New, larger library with public meeting space, on the common or behind town hall; Historical Commission could move into the current library, which is a gem but miniscule for all the services that the current library provides Fiber optic network
6046625916	A volunteer service for people needing rides for health appointments.
6046847608	Allow a store in town.
6046856456	Public education-- art, language, deep instruction
6046860435	gas station/ store

Priorities for Municipal Services: Type? Location?

6046906476	I know I'm off topic here, but I'd love to see the federal US postal service in Shutesbury and around the country become all that it can be, expanding services already provided and adding things like a Notary -other than this I'm also not alone in not knowing what municipal services are even available for consideration. A list of examples would be enlightening to all. Give the people information and they will participate more, (without feeling uninformed i.e. stupid). Information is knowledge.
6046938133	Some public transport in town and down to amherst internet for all all roads plowed if we pay equal taxes on equal properties
6046979671	Schools. Shuttle van would be nice and would increase diversity, but is it realistic?
6047019995	2
6047034037	High speed internet for EVERYONE, ASAP. And, public transportation of some kind would be great - expanding bus service to include a few key Shutesbury locations, or some sort of shuttle service, to enable residents to get to Amherst, Greenfield, and Northampton without needing to have private vehicles.
6047362577	shuttle van--depending on cost and amount of use a health clinic would be great!
6047401653	If you are thinking we need to cut the municipal budget in question 1, why are you making these suggestions.
6047653602	I think a shuttle van would be a great option for Shutesbury--a van with good shocks so it is not bouncing you around, hard on the body.
6050255203	1. Continued high quality maintenance of town roads, snow removal, grading and paving 2. An upgraded town kitchen in town hall that would be available for more town wide events 3. electric recharging stations at town owned parking areas for use by volunteers, after municipal solar farm is built
6051271741	/Shuttle van or other affordable public transportation would be fantastic! PVRTA?
6051517393	Definitely don't want a shuttle van on the main roads. Enough traffic as it is.
6052570596	Perhaps meals on wheels. We are a small community, additional services could be expensive and taxes are already too high.
6053347648	Elderly transportation.
6054248642	Municipal services are not the main attraction of living in the country. Simplicity, independence and informal neighborliness are what makes small town life nice.
6055331071	No more services needed. Town is too small to justify expense
6055344458	I'd like to see PVRTA service come up W. Pelham to the center of town then back down Leverett Rd. a couple of times a day, could also provide service to Leverett.
6055366799	Shuttle van
6055429561	Clean water for all
6055471107	Shuttle van twice a day more police presence at boat launch; on lake; environmental police do not have resources
6055513171	A shuttle van is an excellent idea for our elderly and those without a car.

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6055575572	These all sound great but cost money and taxes are already too high
6055628929	Would love a shuttle service to Amherst or Greenfield or Northampton! Aging in place help. Community meals. A swap center for recycling/reusing. Free preschool (at least for all resident 4 year olds).
6055668347	Better highway dept service. Our road does not get plowed or sanded until mid-morning or later many times in winter. Just because school is cancelled does not mean the rest of us don't have to get to work. We need a larger library. That is the first municipal service I want to see. Then broadband for all.
6055964397	Scheduled bus service / morning, midday, early evening/ from town hall using the vans that are already used to bus students. More attention to senior services, aging in place. Local community food buying/CSA cooperative / town hall
6056113657	town should plow and maintain all roads around lake wyola since they've been here since 1937
6056154563	Plow and maintain roads around Lake Wyola - they've been here long enough by now Free internet Free transport for seniors and ill on demand
6056176319	I think our services are fine as they are
6056521794	New Library. Shuttle van both reg. Hrs. And on demand. More clinics like the foot clinic
6057174642	more services for elderly, bigger library
6057392586	Additional municipal services similar to the examples seem unreasonable for a low density rural town like shutesbury. These are unlikely to make to change the necessity for car ownership but would add significantly cost to the town. Municipal services should include a modern library and high speed internet Life in shutesbury will soon be untenable without better internet.
6058497168	Provide basic services: roads, school, police, fire.
6059420195	Shuttle van on main roads every two hours or on demand would be great! As far as the general health clinic, do we have enough people to make that feasible? After all, Amherst is just down the hill...
6060132373	High speed internet! This is a major concern for property values in Shutesbury. This is not a long term issue, this is a current issue - home buyers require high speed internet and this is simply not a reality for Shutesbury.
6060288686	See Senior Center, above. It will get much more use than, and not be a 'quasi-town' entity, like the library. It's use and care will be coordinated by town leaders, not a 'friends of' group, beyond control of the voting residents. Train highway staff / management to perform consistent winter road maintenance. Conditions are highly variable by storm type and weather, and residents must still be given safe roadways even when there is no school. Workers commuting out of town, or back in after work, deserve the same level of service as school buses. Upgrade gravel roads on a scheduled basis, and shift the workload to provide the same level of services and driveability to people on gravel roads, as on paved roads.
Paper 1	Coop w/ PVTa for transport, keep recycle, thanks. Get internet ASAP and cooperative solar

Community Gathering Space to Enhance Living in Shutesbury: Type? Location? Use?

ID	Community Gathering Space to Enhance Living in Shutesbury: Type? Location? Use? Example 1: Comfortable meeting rooms / Center of Town / Meetings and workshops Example 2: Shared workspace / Center of Town / Business and artists
6039251413	We have plenty of Town-owned space. We (citizens) need to engage to repurpose spaces to make them more relevant to current needs.
6039266421	Multiuse building with large, bright meeting room in the center of town. Could be attached to library. Ideally would hold small library, cafe, large meeting room available for town committees and community groups to meet. Move the post office into it as well so it has some stable annual rent and good foot traffic.
6039271378	???
6039277653	New Library.
6039283566	A library as envisioned by the community when the planning and construction grants were approved. Much work was done to ask people what they wanted, to see what worked in other towns and to create a plan. Throwing out 15 years of planning because of a tie vote on funding is an insult to those who did the work and those who shared their vision. I ardently hope this visioning committee is examining the work that has already been done. A library is more than a building, it is a living force for education and culture that brings people together and lifts them up. The library benefits the poorest the most. Look at neighboring towns with adequate libraries that offer a multitude of services for everyone in the community; art gallery, book discussions, pokemon club, AA meetings, weaving, knitting and music. A library offers culture, education and inspiration. Shutesbury has meeting spaces that meet the needs of some: the cold basement of town hall, a school, a bar and a church, we need a new library with running water that is accessible to all. Along with high speed internet, there is no greater need than to replace the tiny antiquated Spear building. And there is money available to pay more than half the cost.
6039289977	Library / Community Center (see #7)
6039290683	Invest in the library!
6039296617	new and mold-free town meeting area, with rooms for discussion groups or yoga classes or general programming
6039299653	Turn the elementary school into a town gathering business at night and on weekends. Put in access to internet stations.
6039313428	New library!!!!!! Serves so many in so many ways--library, gathering space, center of town area. If we aren't getting good internet, shared space with T1. Coffee shop?
6039318136	New library with meeting room, just like so many towns around us
6039322261	I believe there is space in town for groups/interests that need it. There seems to be a sense that if we had a space, there would be more going on in town, but I think the direction has to go the other way. Groups & activities that have a community/"following" find the space they need between town hall, school, AC, etc. I think the content has to come first. If there were a clamoring from community groups that they had no space to carry out their activities, that would be the time

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6039326938	Possible use of the big old house in Lake Wyola State Park? Grant money? Create a series of community gathering rooms, workrooms for adult classes, etc. It would be nice to have a sandwich shop or coffee shop in town.
6039338583	Shared workspace with cafe. Near center.
6039359631	Larger meeting spaces, benches and expanded landscaped areas in town center
6039361765	Don't think a community gathering space is needed to enhance living in shutesbury. I think the athletic club is a great community gathering spot.
6039363163	example 2
6039402856	A library/senior and community center is worthwhile to aspire to, but that will entail trade-offs to be affordable, (e.g., stop spending elsewhere like drunken sailors). One well-designed building can serve many needs. At same time do not build a safety complex or new town offices.
6039434201	We need a second public house, a restaurant with bar and meeting room. The old White Lion Inn could serve the town well if the State ever got it into the right hands. (That's the old building at Lake Wyola State Park.)
6039448309	We have the AC. What else do you need? Nothing.
6039484377	Community space: library, meeting rooms, cafe, artist studios and workshops. Shared work space for small business/consultants with shared equipment and services.
6039667242	New library! Could contain meeting spaces where overflow crowds could meet (the school can only hold a certain amount of people for town meeting due to fire code and there is no overflow space), different town boards could meet (including groups like the COA), programs for families with children could happen. This could be near the center of town or at Lake Wyola (big, white house?)?? Also, bringing in tax funds with small businesses - cafe, diner?, coffee shop (with basic necessities for those that are becoming less able to travel out of town). The school also has a lot of great space but it's booked all the time (problem when there isn't custodial coverage). Maintain the school for these purposes.
6039701993	See box 6
6039744997	a cafe/restaurant near the center of town would be nice with high speed (non-satellite) Internet.
6039750082	LIBRARY! With community gathering rooms, work/study spaces, children's room
6039786318	The best community space would be the library that taxpayers denied us. We need THAT.
6039797184	Refurbish old town hall. We are heating it and not using it. Better utilize land around town common. Addition to present library. There is room for septic, well and parking if engineered properly. This could enhance the town common.

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6039820859	A larger, more comfortable library really is the obvious solution to this. I visit Leverett, Pelham, Amherst and Wendell and I see workshops, concerts, and meetings going on in their libraries all the time. Town Hall spaces could be spruced up, too -- I find them cold and cluttered. I would also like to see more outdoor spaces for gatherings. What if one could book a pavilion or a gazebo behind town hall for a party, a meeting, or even a wedding? Or if there were playing fields one could book? The investment would pay for itself pretty quickly.
6039863407	The basement of Town Hall is not very pleasant. A renovation of the main room would be nice.
6039875916	can't afford any - but new facility could fulfill all of above from example 1, 2. Call it a "library" and maybe the state can pay for most of it.
6039878712	Shared workspace would be great - I believe that the senior lounge is already available for this purpose, but it is not really publicized, and not quite set up for it, either. A community space to offer events, workshops, performances, etc.
6039928028	Community garden especially for the children----to eat the produce in their school--to learn how to become self-sufficient without relying on big agy.
6039933875	Get the mold out of town hall--now--and spruce up our library--stop crowding those dvd holders so that people cannot move around--you--cramp the space this way on purpose. Do you think the patrons are too dumb to notice what you do?
6040002311	community room for meetings at town center
6040009121	Larger library -- combine with elementary library (like Pelham?) Larger library that includes a nice community room
6040044586	Aforementioned library. Near school or center of town.
6040347908	concert/ event venue
6040443999	Again- a library/community center. A place to relax and meet others or do homework. A place for teens to gather that is safe, supportive. A way for older residents to offer support/help for young families. System of support to parents of young children that would enable them to become volunteers in town. Offering babysitting and/or meal prep so a parent can be part of the network of volunteers that keep this town running. Community dinners are a wonderful part of the AC-but some people don't feel comfortable there. Perhaps, with the use of a community center/library, regular community gatherings can occur.
6040546205	The library could be a part of this as well, possibly. Like what Pelham has. I like the idea of business and artists, but wonder how well the businesses at the Leverett Crafts and artists do. I see they have no openings for space there. I don't like that place because I can smell mold, but I love the idea of a fresh new place!
6041284262	Use spaces in the existing school, partitioned for the safety of the students. Any new spaces considered should add to the town's tax base.
6041654834	New library with meeting rooms near the center of town A coffee shop near town center
6041938831	Combine the new library with a new Town Hall. One structure in the place of the existing town hall. The existing town hall is not really suited for meetings or for a senior center.
6041942833	Maybe combined large space for Library, Senior Center, possible childcare center.

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6043140538	Upgrade the main town hall meeting space in basement - accoustics	New library
6043174790	If the old and existing buildings are modified and used for these types of spaces - that would be good for the town. No new buildings should be built. How can the town afford to finance these structures, staff them, and then maintain them? We are a creative bunch here in Shutesbury and could make great use of our existing resources.	
6043716498	Cafe/ stage / general store / lounge (for youth)	
6044535072	See #7 above	
6046625916	Current facilities are adequate for a small town.	
6046847608	Community meeting rooms, place to watch movies or tv, read the paper.	
6046856456	Couldn't the elementary school do this after hours? On weekends? Esp with decrease in school aged children	
6046906476	I always liked the idea of a new building incorporating the Library/Community Center, such as that in Sunderland -what a great idea, what a wonderful place, maybe even put the town hall offices there.	
6046938133	Bigger library with community space	
6046979671	Yes! A community space, library, etc near center of town is important.	
6047019995		1
6047034037	Develop collaborative relationships with neighboring towns to establish regional meeting spaces and shared workspaces. If we invest in some kind of public transportation access, enabling residents to access regional community spaces, we could save money through such collaborations, rather than taking on huge investments for our own community spaces (representing high costs for a very small population to utilize).	
6047251326	New Library would encompass both examples above. Visit Pelham and Wendell and Sunderland libraries.	
6047362577	comfortable and visually pleasing meeting room a shared workspace for business and artists would be great if there are people who would pay for it's use	
6047401653	Why not turn the SAC into a town venue?	
6047653602	All of the above!!!	
6050255203	This is an essential need in Shutesbury.	
6051271741	Both examples sound wonderful. I'm concerned about who would pay for this. Better to put the money into a new library with public meeting spaces, maybe combined as a Town Hall complex.	
6051517393	Community garden in the center would be great.	
6052570596	Utilize school for meeting space. Do not create more space. Space in existing town buildings is under utilized.	

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6053347648	Business and artists can support their own space, why is it a town priority. If you look around, there are businesses that house themselves or go to a business space that is shared, also the rent is shared. A good example is Easthampton and Hadley. If you attached the library to behind the town hall like Pelham did, you would have had a library and a nice space.
6054248642	We have plenty of facilities. If citizens want to use them they should get busy petitioning the Town for more accessibility.
6055327420	no new library
6055331071	plenty of space already. Use Town Hall and School more
6055361232	Encourage more events to use the town common Offer workshops and classes, even if they have a cost, for socialization within the town.
6055366799	New library with community room
6055380116	Library/community center is a KEY priority for me
6055399925	New library with community meeting space.
6055429561	New library
6055471107	Meeting rooms for community events in town hall ice fishing tournament nature walks to quabbin garden tour police/community interactions. ex. self defense training
6055513171	There are already 'comfortable' meeting rooms-and you already do enough workshops-both at the library and the school. What we need is to serve our poor and elders in a better way. Those 'senior' lunches are run a gastapo! Lighten up--let people come to eat--even if they do not announce their coming--or come 'empty' handed--It just doesn't seem to get through to you 'powers that be' that there are poor people in this town--for real.
6055575572	Fine as is
6055628929	NEW LIBRARY! With community room large enough for overflow at Town Meeting so citizens aren't on the playground! Cafe!! Something like the Wendell General Store.
6055668347	Fix up Bennett house for spring/summer/fall use for meetings, coffee snack shop, game or play center, movie night, community theater, yoga classes... New library would provide meeting space, a place to go to get out of the house and not have to drive all the way to Amherst or beyond.
6055964397	Any chance of renovating Old Town Hall to be used as a shared workspace? That building sits there with very little purpose at present (we should be able to clean out some of the files). It would have to be a community effort to restore it. Since broadband is still a few years away, would this be a reliable site for community broadband?
6056107008	Someone on nextdoorshutesbury suggested a community garden in the field behind the town hall. That sounds like a good idea.
6056113657	comfortable meeting rooms in the center of town with free wifi for meetings and workshops with adjoining shared workspace for anyone
6056154563	Improve existing town owned spaces for meetings and public use If internet is delayed until 2019, provide safe and secure internet in safe and warm space 24/7

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6056176319	I would like to see a reasonable new public library/community center where we could host meetings, workshops and community events I would like to see the elementary school remain a vital part of our community
6056521794	Fix mold problem in town hall so we can use the space we have. Make it more attractive.
6057174642	center of town
6057392586	Library! Co-op space in town center for both crafts/arts and office space could be valuable but need not be a municipal service as this could be viable in a private format if zoning would permit it.
6058497168	Not required.
6059420195	All those examples sound terrific.
6060288686	See Senior Center in above references. Meeting a gathering spaces. Art display areas are okay, but not artist studios... that is private enterprise which should be done in private space. Maybe a contracted coffee shop / snack vendor area, small, to serve internet users. Put it across from highway dept, leaving room on the parcel for future public safety building or town offices in energy efficient building.
Paper 1	Yoga - a warm floor, Lake Wyola C Holmes State Park

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ID	<p>Making the Vision Happen: Roles and Responsibilities: Example 1: Community groups pursue grants Example 2: Residents sign a pledge for civil and respectful discourse</p>
6039251413	Town officials should reverse trend of increased taxes to make Shutesbury more affordable.
6039266421	This question is really difficult to answer without having tangible goals of what needs to get done. I know you're asking "how" to make the vision happen but without knowing what the vision is, there is no reasonable way to answer this yet.
6039271378	Civility would be a plus
6039277653	TA, Selectman and Boards required to apply for grants, with records quarterly published.
6039278838	community groups work on getting grants,etc.
6039283566	<p>The library trustees identified and reached out to individuals in all pockets of the community such as the lake folks, elementary school families, SAC, church and Sirius, conducted surveys online and at every town event, made presentations at town meeting throughout. They talked to the previous building committee and visited libraries throughout the state. Shutesbury was awarded a planning grant with the support of 3/4 of the town and received 89% town meeting approval for the plan for a new library. The small group opposed to the new library, many the same who opposed it in '01 mobilized at the last vote on funding. No pledge of civil discourse would have made a lick of difference. People who aren't invested will oppose improvement and the people who work hard to make change get burned out and stop trying. Good luck finding a solution and when you do, share it with the world. In my opinion this visioning committee is just pussyfooting around, trying to reconcile the anger that came from the opposition to the new library. Those of us who wanted and still want a library will not be reconciled until this need is addressed. While I appreciate the effort of diplomacy, avoiding the subject by taking a huge step backward is an annoying waste of time.</p>
6039289977	Both examples are good
6039296617	grants and donations. Is there any way to keep taxes from being so high? Pledge is a good idea, though I have doubts that all residents know what "respectful discourse" means or looks like
6039299653	Keep speech free. Respectful is as respectful does. Town Manager should coordinate all grant opportunities.
6039313428	There is no way to guarantee civil discourse, and as such, I want nothing to do with town projects any more
6039326938	We live in a wonderful town! We need to be able to meet as groups--maybe work together on projects--to regain respect for each other in non-confrontational settings. The Shutesbury Athletic Club can only do so much.
6039338583	Paid Town planner position. Arts coordinator in conjunction with Town Library. Residents pledge to civil discourse; town officials pledge transparent and responsible actions, real listening.
6039359631	Various community groups apply for community improvement grant monies, plan annual fundraising events and determine fair meeting room rental fees to cover town improvement costs

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6039361765	Allowing shutesbury residents to volunteer for needed community service to reduce their property taxes.
6039363163	examples 1 and 2
6039402856	Shutesbury comes to grips with its heavy property tax burden upon its citizens and begins to budget within its means - select board and finance committee.
6039434201	We need true leadership. We need to stop hiding from the truth about our divided community, about water pollution, about land use. A leader who can lead us all together. Someone who can bring library huggers and deer hunters together for a leg of lamb dinner. I think Nextdoor has been one of the best things to happen for Shutesbury .
6039448309	Why are you always trying to put everyone in to little groups? A lot of shutesburians just want to be left alone. Leave me alone.
6039667242	Ask for volunteers and working groups first. Think about paying for these valuable jobs second. May have to put money in to get something out, but I pay taxes to be able to have these things. People could stop saying no to others' ideas and instead come up with suggestions to better mold the ideas. Progress with ideas instead of squashing them. Need a clear idea of what comes from these meetings and surveys and put out suggestions of "teams" or "committees" needed to undertake certain projects. Utilize the expertise we have in town and look outside if necessary.
6039701993	I have seen the positive effects of citizens getting involved in community activities - initiating or participating in programs and volunteering for town government. The Shutesbury Athletic Club, the Community Church, the Library and the School all provide opportunities for diverse populations to connect. I think these platforms should be utilized. I find the social media to be counter-productive. As a society we have not yet mastered the manner/culture of instant messaging, Facebook, etc. I know newspapers are becoming passe and have not been a feature of Shutesbury, but at least journalism had evolved some professional guidelines and standards, creating boundaries that I think were better at creating responsible communication. I feel that opportunities to do productive, altruistic work is the best way to facilitate community bonds.
6039750082	Increase tax base by having more permanent residents
6039786318	Example 1.
6039797184	Community to pursue grants with knowledgeable grant writers! NOT just town administrator.
6039820859	This is the first step, right? Assess priorities and make broadcast results. As community groups seek grants, publicize how it's addressing the needs and priorities of the town. Pursue those with the most broad support first to build community connections.
6039863407	??
6039928028	Open up paid positions to do this work--use some of the 'retirement' fund monies you have tucked away--to pay people to actually do some real work for this town--befoe it is too late--before it becomes 'regionalized' and territories along with Amherst.

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6039933875	Vision this please--a harmonious town hall--elementary school--where people do not walk up behind you and whisper in your ear--oh--you cannot come in here with that 'fragrance' on...or you cannot burn that sage(outdoors mind you) because someone might go hysterical over it's aroma. And vision this--children of color having teachers of color who are awake to the nonsense of Euro-American historical oppression of the very people whose back and blood this nation was built on the first place. Thank you!
6040002311	community groups pursue grants Residents sign a pledge for respectful discourse
6040009121	Recognize presence of native peoples
6040044586	Lobby Sen Rosenberg and Rep Kulick to be actively involved in fast tracking internet.
6040443999	I support both of the examples you note above. I have stopped being a part of Next door Shutesbury because of the angry vitriol that is a part of that site. Doesn't feel safe to disagree. Not sure if a pledge is enough-a neutral mediator may be needed. It's ok to disagree, but no need to threaten lawsuits or explode at people who don't agree.
6040546205	I actually think the town needs to sit down with a mediator with various constituencies so that we all can learn the language of respect. A pledge once that is done makes more sense to me. We all know what happens to New Years Resolutions.
6040778691	Resident volunteer programs so everyone has a stake
6041654834	Community groups and town committees pursue grants
6041942833	Try to include all age groups together to find a common ground at the beginning. Start with small project that all agree on then build from there.
6043174790	Grants to reuse old structures and resources would be great. People need to vote with their feet - if they don't like it here with the way it is they should move to a town with the services they like.
6043716498	Residents participate in workshops, hearings, surveys, etc.
6046856456	Community grants Create norms for meetings -- and use them Ability to vote the cranks out when they shut down forward movement
6046860435	all of the above
6046906476	We should always begin with a brief meditation, a moment of silence and gathering, giving mutual respect to one another, to remind us of this pledge of civil and respectful discourse. Let's face it, it is not just a given thing. We must stop a moment and create a special space in a place of realization that we are all apart of this, no one higher, no one lower. Yes, it sounds so corny, but I've heard many judges do it in a court of law (reminding us of what Civic Duty is. Our children are not being taught a lot of this at school these days -i.e. how to be a citizen/steward. There has been a marginalization of social studies and history overall, never mind courses in civil rights, liberties and responsibilities (as Citizen of the World Ralph Nader has put forth in his writings and teachings). We need a few egoless mediators/communicators who can keep the group together and talking, by balancing opposing energies -a fulcrum if you will. Equality enforced by guidelines of politeness, like a forensics team uses to control discourse, with everyone knowing and understanding the rules each time we assemble and begin to talk.

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6046938133	taxes, fund drives, respectful discourse, trust in one's neighbor
6046979671	Community groups should certainly pursue appropriate external funding. The rest of town should appreciate their efforts (though not rubber stamping everything, of course). Respectful discourse is essential, but signing a pledge is too much.
6047019995	1
6047034037	Having community groups pursue grants for special projects and development would be useful, as long as funding sources do not have requirements that result in property tax increases. We have to stop increasing the Shutesbury cost of living for residents whose wages/wealth have suffered stagnation and decline due to policies that have transferred wealth upward to the upper classes. In terms of civil discourse, here's an foundational idea: wealthy, white people sign a pledge to not use their social privilege to overpower the interests of people of color and people with low- and working-class incomes. (Of course, this would include protection for Native people's interests in identifying and protecting historical and sacred sites.) Then, I believe we would be able to rely on everyone uniting around the value of civil and respectful discourse.
6047251326	BOTH... People who have not stepped up to help, especially, but have lots to complain about when the vote happens.
6047362577	both of the above
6047401653	Grants are dangerous creatures. Be careful. I've worked with them.
6047653602	Sure, could be that community groups pursue grants. Also, I think that there could be a pool of skilled facilitators available for citizen boards whose meetings result in lots of tension and un-civil discourse. These particular meetings should be required to invite in skilled facilitation, which may need to be paid for--Contentious issues need to be carefully and skillfully dealt with, as a priority for the atmosphere in the town. Also, meetings could contain a training element, so that people in attendance show up with the understanding that they are coming not only to a "random, poorly-facilitated meeting", but to a laboratory for civil discourse--wherein people will be held accountable for their behavior, given feedback, etc. It will be a learning environment, because clearly we as a culture need to learn how to meet and greet and find common ground for dissenting points of view--in a constructive, respectful environment. How might roles and responsibilities and expectations of meeting attendees be clearly structured? Civil and respectful discourse is truly a priority, in my mind.
6050255203	Town residents actively engage in decision making processes
6051271741	Both examples are essential. I also think this survey is great. Before starting it, I assumed I didn't have any opinions or anything to say! Thank you!
6051517393	Pursuing grants is a wonderful idea...
6052570596	Work together to reduce expenses and figure out how to better utilize existing space.

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6053347648	There are strings attached to grants. There will be no respectful discourse with Ferro & Shillings harassing people, lying, and making false accusations and defamation of character to volunteers. Maybe a Shutesbury T.V. station for people to watch the meetings from home. Minutes of meetings and police log on the shutesbury site.
6054248642	Slow down and enjoy country life
6055344458	The problem with the pledge idea is that the people who are the problem wouldn't sign it anyway. But it'd be nice to have community working groups of volunteers to take on issues that have come up and been contentious in the community and figure out if, and how, improvements can be made.
6055361232	Encourage projects that provide income in lieu of taxes. Apply for grant moneys
6055380116	Remove repeat ranters from Nextdoor Shutesbury
6055399925	Pursue grants
6055513171	The only resindet who needs to sign this 'pledge' is Pill.
6055575572	Grants sound good as long as they aren't to be supplemented with tax increases. People shouldn't have to sign a pledge. Civility and respectfulness should be a given. Sad that this is even a suggestion.
6055628929	Volunteers(?) to look at grant opportunities. Or just guidance for those in paid positions to look into those. Rethinking our revenue and where it's going. Helping those that need the most first (children, elderly, impoverished).
6055668347	It will take a long time before everyone will speak to everyone, after the library fight. Need to have more opportunities to share time at ease together- community sponsored walks or talks, concerts. Needs to be more communication between school and rest of non-school community. Make their newsletter available on town website so we know what is happening each week at elementary school.
6055964397	A community preservation grant for renovating Old Town Hall to make it a shared workspace The Community for Social Responsibility that was started after the Columbine School shooting has regathered after many years of dormancy to try to model civil discourse. But where can we meet and have people join us? The AC is NOT a place that everyone can or possibly would want to gather. And the school, is ...just a school - not a comfortable place for evening meetings.
6056154563	Provide home owners with tax relief for volunteering to do priority tasks in town especially where professional knowledge skills and abilities are required
6056176319	Representatives from various groups/organizations and institutions in town should be involved with/consulted on community planning. (ie: School, Library, Residents, Council on Aging, Sirius Community)
6056521794	Town helps with grant writing. Yes to the pledge with strict removal for breaking
6057392586	Interested parties should pursue grants to support their own ideas. As should town government for things that are of general interest to the majority of town. While civil discourse should be encouraged asking someone to sign a pledge seems condescending or at least doesn't feel right.

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6058497168	The vision is for a town with minimal population that doesn't create a need to build more housing, a town focused on not being a mini-Amherst but a truly rural town, a town using the natural resources of the area to provide income and existence for residents. This type of vision doesn't need grant money or committees to achieve the vision. It needs an awareness, expectation and acceptance of Shutesbury being a small rural community.
6059420195	Community groups to pursue grants is a positive endeavor. The only people that will sign a pledge already believe in civil and respectful discourse. I don't have any confidence that will work. It just seems so politically correct. On the other hand, I hear the folks in town governance were subject to a fair amount of abuse on past controversial issues. Maybe we could require people to sign/initialize a pledge on the way into a town meeting? As a requirement to participating. How about passing out pot at all town meetings? Tah! Just kidding.
6060288686	Hire someone to vision, design and build Senior Center, tapping into grants and all available funding sources. Current staff are incapable of doing this sort of project.
Paper 1	I would work on a committee to use Lake Wyola land and buildings for Shutesbury's benefit (fernanob@gmail.com)

Imagine yourself 15 years in the future. . . What would you like a newspaper headline to read for an article about Shutesbury?

ID	Imagine yourself 15 years in the future. . . What would you like a newspaper headline to read for an article about Shutesbury?
6039251413	Shutesbury, still crazy after all these years.
6039266421	Shutesbury One of the Top Towns Under 2000
6039271378	Town finally got a new library
6039277430	Taxes lowered! This is the most critical consideration. We cannot draw middle class families to this town with no internet and high taxes.
6039277653	Shutesbury Mayoral race has diverse candidates spar at town hall debate.
6039278838	Shutesbury is a burgeoning example of renewable, attractive and affordable wind and solar energy with local farms and homesteads in each neighborhood offering delicious fruits, meats and produce.
6039279339	Shutesbury: Fastest internet in the country.
6039283566	This is a repeat question to which I will give the same answer: Town celebrates 10 year anniversary of the construction of the new library with a parade almost as spectacular as the 250th anniversary in 2011.
6039289977	Shutesbury Celebrates 15 Years of Broadband
6039290683	Welcoming to all
6039299653	Shutesbury Supports Small Business Development
6039313428	"Lucky 13: MN Spear Celebrates its 13th Year"
6039322261	Would for there NOT to be headlines about Shutesbury. :)
6039326938	Still a wonderful town!
6039334563	Shutesbury stayed true to it's rural roots once again voting down the paving of Montague RD. or Shutesbury visioning plan once again shows Most residents like Shutesbury the way it is!
6039338583	Shutesbury meets zero-carbon budget for all municipal facilities and residential properties, thanks to innovations in energy production and consumption technologies by local residents .
6039359631	Shutesbury, MA Community involvement helped one small, historic, Western MA village maintain its beautiful New England charm as it addressed 21st Century community needs
6039361765	Shutesbury residents, the happiest residents in the country
6039402856	Shutesbury goes 100% off the grid; generates all its own electricity
6039434201	Broadband, Finally. (but not fifteen years, how about two years) Lake Wyola fishing derby winners Public use horse trails open on Cowles land. Snowmobile club seeks new members to help complete trails and warming huts in trail around Quabbin Reservoir. Shutesbury town water system built to provide clean drinking water to toqn buildings and homes that need it. Old town hall (previously the town school) renovated for new town library.
6039448309	Shutesbury man wins powerball jackpot!!! 1 billion dollars!!!!

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6039667242	"Shutesbury: Best maintained town buildings in the world....New library, safety complex, and town offices have boosted moral making for a more peaceful town, getting folks to get of their houses and create community with neighbors!" OR "Shutesbury Woman Wins Powerball Jackpot of \$1 Billion Dollars!!!!!!!!!"
6039701993	New Municipal Building Opens to Welcome Community
6039797184	Shutesbury a Town of Country Living and Low Affordable Taxes
6039814003	"Remarkably Happy and Healthy Shutesbury resident wins Powerball Jackpot!"
6039820859	Shutesbury native selected superintendent of Amherst Regional Schools. Pledges snow days when the weather's bad up the hill. Modest home in Shutesbury sells for record value. Buyer cites natural beauty of landscape, sense of community as key features.
6039863407	Resident Donates House to Town for New Library subtitle: Vacant Mansion in Town Center to be Renovated
6039875916	sorry, I got nothing
6039928028	We do not read or buy the 'newspaper.' They do not write truth, nor do they write on behalf of [poor people or people of color. Sad thing, really it is.
6039933875	--That this town did right by its original peoples and did not allow money mongers to desecrate holy grounds.
6040002311	community is working together to make change in a democratic way with respect.
6040007101	Town reduces taxes and provides services for residents over age 65
6040044586	"15 Years Ago Broadband Came to Town!" (for everyone)
6040347908	shutesbury wears a GIANT SAFETY PIN! and PEACE SIGN!
6040443999	In 15 years I will be 79-certainly an elder in this community. Shutesbury-A town that values ALL citizens. A town that is a safe place to live. A town that embraces diversity!
6040546205	Shutesbury - A model town for getting great things things done well.
6040778691	It's still cooler here! Because the neighbors have built community
6041284262	A quiet little town where people get along and go out of their way to help each other.
6041654834	Shutesbury opens senior housing complex and inaugurates bus service to and from Amherst and Greenfield!
6043174790	Shutesbury residents do amazing things to reuse old buildings for future use.
6044535072	Congratulations to Shutesbury for having the vision 12 years ago to build a new library -what a difference it has made for the entire community!!!!
6046625916	An efficiently run town that has succeeded in reducing the tax rate with state of the art broadband for education and home business.
6046847608	Shutesbury finally gets broadband. Shutesbury again votes down library.
6046856456	High Speed Internet Solar energy Award winning school/community center
6046860435	nothing no news is good news and the current news is depressing about how our town fights internally no compromises

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6046906476	"same old, same old" ...and thriving! shhhh
6046938133	A tranquil place to live with caring neighbors. Excellent public services for all.
6046979671	Shutesbury elementary school is reaching capacity, due to the excellence of its staff and program
6047019995	leveled
6047034037	I'm not sure about 15 years into the future, but within the next year, I would like to see a headline that reads, "Inspired by Forgiveness/Healing Ceremony at Standing Rock, Shutesbury Holds Own Forgiveness Ceremony to Facilitate Healing Relationship with Local Native Peoples, Leading to Numerous Sustainable Development Initiatives."
6047251326	Revival of town center of Shutesbury: Library, Grocery, Pub, and Artist workshops thrive around a green and sustainable community!
6047362577	Shutesbury opens new, grant subsidized, all green, community building which houses community health clinic, rental space for artisan workshops, high speed internet library/cafe, and a spacious meeting room for classes and gatherings.
6047401653	How well they work together as a town.
6047653602	I am done--my brain doesn't want to go there right now!
6050255203	Shutesbury Celebrates Ten Year Anniversary of Shutesbury Library, a Project Built with Unanimous Support of the Community
6051271741	I was agnostic about a new library, because we all have free use of a highly accessible major library system: Jones and its branches. "Neighborhood library within walking distance" is a fantasy, because most Shutesbury residents don't live within walking distance of town center. Also, those driving elsewhere, frequently have to drive through Amherst to get anywhere else -- so they could just stop at Jones on the way! On the other hand, Shutesbury does need a town center gathering place, and a new library could serve that need beautifully if it included meeting spaces, small consultation or tutoring rooms, etc. In other words, a community center. Hopefully save money by combining with other Town facilities: saving on construction and ongoing energy costs.
6051517393	Great place to live, excellent schools, small town charm and affordable living.
6052570596	A rural community that has exquisite natural resources.
6053347648	In the Peaceful town of Shutesbury, where you can get away from the surrounding cities/towns.
6054248642	Shutesbury maintains small town rural virtues
6055327420	high home values
6055331071	Shutesbury has been enjoying High Speed Internet for 14 years !
6055344458	10th anniversary celebration of a spiffy new library?
6055361232	A unified presence of Shutesbury residents gathered to enjoy music, games, and each other's company.
6055380116	I dream of a pleasant, comfortable library with an adult reading room, meeting room(s) for all sorts of groups, along with an adjacent play ground and park before my time in Shutesbury comes to an end
6055399925	The most technologically advance, forward thinking town.

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6055429561	Shutesbury's music scene is the best of the valley "Shutesbury the cleanest town in Massachusetts"
6055471107	They finally got internet
6055509122	Still wooded and beautiful, eco-conscious community uses green and renewable energy to power our town.
6055513171	It is sad--but our family will not be living here. And since we do not endorse 'newspapers' in this area--it really doesn't matter what one might say--They print misinformation to make the reader think what ever peachy keen idea they start out with --which is nine and half times out of ten--not the turth. :(But if I may--I would love to read that the planning board came to their senses and withdrew the permit they issued to Lake Street Mongers--That they saw the light of their terrible, terrible act against our Native American brothers and sisters who lay buried for hundreds of years, in our Mother earth where they want to dig up and tear apart. Just think if they were given a permit to do that in the Jewish Cemetary in town. smh--Just think--please try. And if, as a town, you can over turn that vote for the library not to be built, then by hook or by crook--you can overturn the decision to issue that permit!
6055575572	No more squabbles in Shutesbury over individuals telling landowners how to manage their private properties (solar discourse).
6055628929	The Town That Has It All! Happy People, Beautiful Outdoor Space, Brilliantly Constructed and Well-Maintained Town Buildings...a Great Place to Live!
6055668347	Shutesbury maintains rurual character despite passage of time.
6055964397	A vibrant active town of citizens from all generations and ethnicities working together to create a sustainable, environmentally friendly, safe, cooperative community.
6056107008	"Shutesbury Athletic Club: The Valley's Best Music at the Top of The Hill"
6056113657	Shutesbury got high speed broadband internet way back in 2017. Currently getting upgraded to light speed available free to everyone.
6056154563	Internet in town is free and faster than neighboring towns
6056176319	Shutesbury residents celebrate anniversary of new library/community center and tout preservation and use of public lands.
6056521794	Town overcomes hostilities. Works together to make Shutesbury a healthy, happy, diverse supportive community for all
6057174642	Shutesbury cares for its neighbors
6057392586	A quiet peaceful town where one steps back in time. A wonderful location for outdoor recreation.
6058497168	Shutesbury again ranked number one in towns in Massachusetts for self sufficiency and rural charm.
6059420195	Exemplary community initiatives, possibly in emergency management, shared workspace, economy, environment or affordable housing.
6060132373	Top 10 places to live in the US: Shutesbury MA: a small town where old school town hall meetings coexist with a modern, self-sustainable infrastructure. An affordable community that veered away from the path toward a dormitory for middle class professionals which is found it self in the early 2000's. Shutesbury succeeded by investing in sustainable practices and inviting small local businesses to share the tax load, which had become a major burden for many of its long time residents.
6060288686	New Senior Center celebrates it's tenth year! Retirees still able to pay taxes without facing foreclosure!

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