What do you value most about Shutesbury?

- Value elevations (cooler summer)
  - Climate
  - Snow winter
  - Stayed for the community
- Rural Feel: Sense of space within community
- Lake Wyola: Activity
  - Proximity
  - 190/390 p-c
- Institutions: School (old Town Hall (school)), Scale
  - Administration
  - Scale community & proximity to larger 30k pop/Amherst 10min/20min
- Small population 2010 9,771
- Open Space → Ac. “Farming”
- Nature & community combination → gathering spaces (Nature)
What do you value most about Shutesbury?

- Rural setting: Beauty, Quiet, dark sky, Deer land, wildlife, Respect
  - Open Town mtg: ATM May, Every vote counts
  - Wildlife
  - Small town have opportunity for Individual, to contribute/participate committees
  - Sirius → 25/30 residents
  - Local mrkts/town hall
- Historical Resources: Old town hall → holds a lot of history
- Education → School system well supported
  - Public Safety
  - Neighborhoods → interdependence
  - Library: Sponsors cultural activities
  - State Park → Shutesbury shares w/ everybody
  - State owned land
What do you value most about Shutesbury?

- Rural character: Experience of Beauty
- Historic Resources: Buildings, Stone Walls, Dams, Foundations
- Connection to people: You are known/not anonymous, Connectivity w/each other
- Spaciousness: Nature, Physical space
- Nature: Trails, Library
- Nurturing: Happy, joyful, grounding
- Progressive minded: Considering greater good
- Large/open tracks of land/trails
- Quiet/Dark skies: Peaceful
- Elem. Schools w/local control: 50 staff/120 students
- Natural Resources available: To residents, non-residents
- Volunteerism
What do you value most about Shutesbury?

- People: Well-educated, Neighborly, Involved, Explore history, Families w/generational
- Variety of ways to connect socially
- Lake Wyda after Social Summer
- Rural / location wooded / Amherst
- "The Hill" for Bicycle community building opportunities
- Sirius Community
- Woodlands for Beauty, hiking exercise
- Diversity of population for Backgrounds Space for Surroundings, aged
- Splend of Rural knowledge
- Waterfront for everyone participates
- Natural Resources
- Environment(s) for raising school aged/grandchildren
- Reservoir
- Familiar Faces for Knowing many
- Feeling of safety
- Tenacity of getting thru conflicts
- Elementary School / library as resources
- Proximity to 5 college communities: Amherst, Hampshire, Umass, Mt. Holyoke, Smith
What do you value most about Shutesbury?

- 90ac Sirius organic gardens
- Eco Village
- Educational workshops
- 35 years Baker Rd.
- Educational Center
- Close to Quabbin Res
- Lake Wyeola
- 3 Conf centers retreats
- Privacy of setting surroundings
- Community Knowledge of people
- Shutesbury Athletic Club
- Sirius community w/in Shutesbury
- Natural Beauty

- Independent thinking
- Families Generational history presence
- Library Kayak
- Heartstone Village
What is your least favorite thing about Shutesbury?

- Small
- Lack of new library
- Lack of community with younger generations
- Lack of sports teams
- Lack of community center (illness)
- Lack of public transportation
- Lack of public space
- Low speed limit
- Theft of cars
- Property tax burden
- Lack of all types of interest
- Invasive plants
- No women's group
- Not having a community to call home
- Bad community relations
- Lack of playgrounds
- Lack of children
- Lack of parks
- Lack of employment
- Lack of attendance and friends
What is your least favorite thing about Shutesbury?

- Lack of a place to take a walk
- Lack of industry
- Board sales of a small toy that used to be a industry commercial
- Under utilized commons
- Old vs. New - conflicts of opinion about community growth, gentrification, increasing taxes
- Debates where people don't feel listened to or heard
- Diversity + alienation
- Absence of an accepted space to reside
What is your least favorite thing about Shutesbury?

- Library too small
- No bike paths (road)
- Library adequate to serve community
- Lack of awareness or economic diversity - lack of understanding or economic disadvantaged
- High property taxes
- Lack of physical infrastructure (senior center, library, boys & girls club, etc. access)

Dirt roads
- Road maintenance
- Walking on roads - no place to walk - need sidewalks
- No broadband
- No town center - dysfunctional downtown - no barber shop/coffee shop
- Far from normal conveniences
- No takeout
- Divisive communication over issues people are passionate about
- Us vs. Them, old vs new
- No assisted living
- No public transportation

No survival center services for poor
What is your least favorite thing about Shutesbury?

- Having to drive everywhere
- Lack of services - limited library, internet
- Lack of open government and tolerance
- Citizens are judgmental
- We have a hard time understanding
- Lack of common narrative
- No Broadband

VERIZON

Corporations

Confederate flag on Montague Rd.
What is your least favorite thing about Shutesbury?

- Lack of Internet
- Painful Politics
- Lock of Transportation/Congestion
- Lack of bus service
- Lack of convenience goods
- Land development, uneven roads
- Lack of police help
- Lack of property tax
- Street light inadequate
- Poor cell phone service
- Small town volunteer fire
- Revenue that brings value
- Lack of interest in bringing revenue
- Small town volunteer fire
- Lack of police help
- Lack of cell phone service
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- Lock of Transportation/Congestion
What would you change about Shutesbury?

- Better connections closer to ocean
- Nice big library/community meeting space
- More adequate town buildings - functional, contemporary, better maintained, modern facades
- Place less restrictive housing/family restrictions - extended
- Shared living accommodations
- More aging in place services
- Easier access to basic staples - bread, milk, etc
- Coffee shop
- Better internet & cell service
- Change dynamics around issues
- Improve public discourse engagement at younger people - gov’t, social, economic
- Public transportation
- Ability to bike, walk, run safely on roads
- More fire & ambulance service
- More opportunities for social gatherings/activities
- Comfortable meeting/activities space
- More utilization of senior lounge
- Erase US vs. them attitudes - find common ground
- Attract young families to town
- More affordable housing
- Raise awareness of economic differences
- Shelter for those who have these needs
- Provide services for people in need

Apply for more grants
Rely less on volunteers more on paid employees
Have a Makers Space
Replace School auditorium curtain
What would you change about Shutesbury?

- Have a little store
- Bike/walking paths on main streets
- Limit motor boats on Lake Wayoka - rye, speed
- Lower property taxes
- Make Internet happen
- Bring more people to farmers market
- More sustainable energy - homes, public land, geothermal
- Charging stations
- Public transportation
- See more people in volunteering (e.g., reading)
- More community space
- New library
- Municipal solar farms
- Long range planning for self-sustaining energy
- Senior housing
- More aging in place services
- Support services for elderly, disadvantaged, neighbors
- More family attractions
- Space for small business & artists to work
- More public gardens
- Get rid of invasive species
- Get rid of mold in buildings
What would you change about Shutesbury?

- Lower taxes
- Less polarized town
- Better cell & Internet reception
- Unusually community gathering space
- Pleasant " " "
- Increased civic engagement
- Lower energy costs
- Encourage small businesses
- Internet cafe
- Cushman type location (Cushman Market)
- Bigger library w/ cafe, internet,
- Better Senior Services - housing, meals on wheels,
- Attract young families to live here
- "Take it or leave it" location
- Less invasive species
- Take better care of dirt roads
- Post police blog
What would you change about Shutesbury?

- Improve Internet Service
- Encourage local business - have locals shop here - general store
- Start public transportation
- Increase utilization of town buildings including School
- Public water supply well for clean water
- Private drinking water protection assistance
- More respectful delay/ transparent
- More places for community events
- Greater inclusion of Sirius residents
- Car pooling
- Visiting nurse service
- Increase Intergenerational Support
- Increase community participation
  - Create needs + offering system directory
  - Provide childcare @ town events
- Town sponsored workshops + events (CPR, 1st Aid)
- Organize town communication group
What would you change about Shutesbury?

- Redo Pelham Hill rd to the way it was
- Sidewalks/Bike paths
- Build town center - gen. store, fountain, bandstand, pavly
- Change the way we have discussion about divisive issues - build consensus
- Better communication
- Better communication about new issues
- Find ways to access/inform public about issues
- Elderly support
- Frame problems
- Greater involvement of residents
- Ability to agree on common ground & vision
- Make town more affordable
- Lower property taxes
- Find different funding sources
What about Shutesbury should stay the same?

- Rural living in the woods → walk in woods who being in someone's backyard.
- Population (not more, not few) → but grow w/ young families.
- Keeping school independent → control, big asset to community, independence, local (in school pop)
- Natural beauty → nights are dark (no light pollution), lake Wyola, sunset @ top of hill @ town hall
- Community spirit → celebrate Shutesbury, dancing + dinner @ AC, ukeulele jam
- Large tracks of forested land
- Listening to the community

- Volunteer involvement
  - Governance largely by volunteers (not professionals)
  - Helpful + pleasantness of people at library + Town Hall
  - Civil servants - fire, police
- Four season recreational opportunities
  - Skiing, biking, hiking, swimming, paddling, snowshoeing, sledding
- Keep paths + trails we have

Shutesbury Athletic Club
- Library + kayak → active + interesting library
What about Shutesbury should stay the same?

- Lack of traffic
- Open woodland - trees, quiet, wildlife undisturbed
- Hiking trails
- Lake cozy - tranquility
- Rural character - wooded, night sky, dirt roads, control
- Beautiful taken elementary school - local, great, quiet
- Clean drinking water
- Safety - crime rate is low, safe to raise children
- Climate - always cooler
- Programs - school, library, COA, hist. comm. CAC (Community Network for Children)
- Library programs - (but not buildings)
- Local control - long tradition, independence, self-governance, self-reliance
- Volunteering (including fire & police)

New zoning - open space, true center
- Low density (building) (population)
- Artsy nature (studio art tour, holiday gift)
- Farmers market
- Well kept secret
- Neighboreship
- Supportive nature of fire + police
- Friendly police dept.
What about Shutesbury should stay the same?

- Natural resources
- Trash collection: awareness
- Nature - paths, woods, so not door
- Diverse population - different backgrounds
- Large volunteer participation in Town government
- Liberal spirit
- Location - Quabbin Reservoir, ceremonial reservation
- Participation - access to 5 college community
- Unposted private land - no "No Trespassing" sign
- Lake - access to Lake Wyola (swimmers, kayakers); Wendell State Forest
- Magers free library, also fishing rods
- Farmers Market (unsung)
- Garden Tours - attract visitors
- Hiking trails, skiing, (y-country out back door)
- Welcoming

Privacy of settings of homes (low density of development)
- Bulky Waste Day
- Community Traditions - dancing, spaghetti supper, Celebrate Shutesbury
- Athletic Club - good resource, live music, meetings, Holiday Fair
- Rural Road Network (small, two roads)
- Distance to Boston

Annual Town Meeting - open
- Population (sustained)
- Unfragmented Back Land - huge blocks, acres
- Historic Assets - buildings, landscapes
- Monument on green, church, school houses
- History still part of present
What about Shutesbury should stay the same?

Elementary - heart of community; no lead - public water supply is clean - attractive to families.

Historic - old time New England, unspoiled, buildings.

People - woods, stars, abundant wildlife.

Athletic Club - free live music, benefits, food nights.

Library - historic building (but size).

Housy phone lines (bugle cracks).

Dirt roads that drop off (discovery cut marks).

Main roads in great shape (Town maintenance).

Incredible fire dept., police dept.

Bulky waste days - community.

Garbage pickup (curbside pickup).

Post Office - original instructions.

School house, Old Town hall.

Daniel Shay's - owned property.

Drinking water.

Neighborhood park - Sirius - attract outside.

Lake Wyke - skate beach.

Fireworks shows - 3rd of July, parade.

Bearfest - Craft Brewers.

Town Common.

Celebrate Shutesbury.

Farmers Market.

Small, home-based businesses - variety.

People not on top of each other.

Quiet, Clean Air at Night.

Village Co-op.

Dine - Tony Wendell.
What about Shutesbury should stay the same?

- Nature - walks in the woods, living amidst trees, enjoying wildlife
- Mix of ages & backgrounds in town
- Lake - healthy, accessible
- Rural feel - dirt roads, lots of trees, working farms, no streetlights
- Elementary school - great quality, community of kids, kids are known for lifelong friends
- Self-sufficiency, independent thinking - openness to new people & ideas
- Sense of cooperation when people are in need
- Extensive forest - big blocks of unbroken forest
- Informality, familiarity in community

Brightline library services
- Hire Town Meeting
- Focus on alternative energy sources - interest in continuing to make progress

Real open space (fields)
- Not Amherst - compact, walkable

Coming back up the hill
- Historical buildings
- Quality of air, water, environment
- S-curves
- Athletic Club
- Trails
- People are friendly
- Library - small but vibrant, meets needs, kid's space, other resources
- Post office
- Police & Fire doing a great job
- Farmers Market (but grow)
- Cider & doughnuts on Halloween
- Senior Potluck 1st Tuesday

Level of volunteering - giving of themselves to make Shutesbury work
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What factors will challenge Shutesbury now and in the future?

Internal
- Declining School Pop.
- Lack of internet/Broadband
- Decrease in property values
- Water Contamination
- Aging population/lack of infrastructure to age in place
- How to make Shutesbury more attractive to families
- Need for continued expertise in town government (volunteers) encouraging young people
- Developing a common narrative that respects differences

External
- Increase of cost of living/raising children
- Climate Change
- Energy prices
- Regional school issues (e.g. lead in H2O)
- Attracting more diverse Population
- Lack of Federal/State funding

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- Internet access
- Aging Population
- Challenge of paying property taxes
- Lack of commercial enterprises to support tax base
- Divisiveness among people in town
- Populations growth/loss
- Affordability for young people
- Sustainability of Natural Resources
- Water Quality issues/drought

External:
- Change in Revenue
  - Non sustainable funding
- Loss of State Revenue
- Climate change
- Ecological sustainability
- Animal habitat loss
  - Animals encroaching
- Fear of change
  - Adapting to non-fossil fuel paradigm
  - New economic imperatives
- Changes with 5 colleges (employers)