

Q1. Please indicate which of the following (if any) MOST CONTRIBUTE to what you value about the PHYSICAL aspects of the Town's rural and small town character. Please select up to 5.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
open spaces	33.9%	192
historic buildings	28.2%	160
forests	21.0%	119
active farms	48.5%	275
undisturbed natural areas	47.8%	271
protected conservation lands	32.3%	183
scenic views	36.9%	209
stonewalls	24.2%	137
low density development	40.2%	228
scenic roads	24.7%	140
village centers	16.8%	95
town center	32.6%	185
lakes, ponds, waterways	50.1%	284
mill buildings	4.8%	27
Other (please specify)	4.4%	25

Q2. Please indicate which of the following (if any) MOST CONTRIBUTE to what you value about the SOCIAL aspects of the Town's rural and small town character. Please select up to 5.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
quality of schools	41.8%	237
volunteerism	4.4%	25
town governance	13.4%	76
local festivals / celebrations	29.3%	166
safe and secure	74.3%	421
sense of history	39.0%	221
family oriented	38.6%	219
friendliness	33.0%	187
sense of community	34.4%	195
population size	38.6%	219
privacy	36.9%	209
town meeting	8.6%	49
mix of ages	10.9%	62
mix of long-time residents and newcomers	13.6%	77
Other (please specify)	1.9%	11

Q3. Please indicate which of the following (if any) BEST DESCRIBE the Town's HISTORIC character. Please select up to 5.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
village centers	41.6%	239
farmland	70.1%	403
forests	21.9%	126
historic structures	49.9%	287
scenic roads	45.0%	259
stonewalls	49.9%	287
historic landscapes	37.9%	218
natural features	39.8%	229
mill buildings	19.0%	109
open spaces	32.7%	188
Other (please specify)	2.8%	16

Q4. Consider what you believe are the essential ingredients that make the Town special (without which town character would be degraded.) Is anything missing that isn't covered by the above statements?

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Q5. I support the development and/or expansion of village centers that is in keeping with town character.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree	8.4%	50
Mostly disagree	11.3%	67
Unsure	11.5%	68
Mostly agree	44.5%	264
Strongly agree	24.3%	144
Comments		90

Q6. I am satisfied with our current land use regulations that shape how the Town is developed.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree	3.2%	19
Mostly disagree	10.4%	61
Unsure	33.4%	196
Mostly agree	46.2%	271
Strongly agree	6.8%	40
Comments		87

Q7. The following strategies have been recommended to support the above Land Use goals. Please rate the strategies based on level of importance.

Answer Options	0 (not important)	1	2	3	4 (very important)	Don't know	Rating Average	Response Count
Adopt design guidelines or other zoning mechanisms to guide size, scale, and character of buildings that is appropriate for the context of the location.	22	12	67	138	304	41	3.27	584
Allow for a mix of local / neighborhood services in village centers	29	24	87	176	220	51	3	587
Comments	38							

Q8. We need to strengthen and improve existing commercial and industrial areas.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree	6.3%	37
Mostly disagree	9.8%	58
Unsure	10.6%	63
Mostly agree	39.4%	233
Strongly agree	34.0%	201
Comments	84	

Q9. We need to foster a balanced local economy serving the shopping, service, financial, and employment needs of the community.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree	5.2%	30
Mostly disagree	9.0%	52
Unsure	8.5%	49
Mostly agree	40.7%	235
Strongly agree	36.6%	211
Comments	66	

Q10. The following strategies have been recommended to support the above Economic Development goals. Please rate the strategies based on level of importance.

Answer Options	0 (not important)	1	2	3	4 (very important)	Don't know	Rating Average	Response Count
Work with owners of existing underutilized commercial properties to ensure future redevelopment is mutually beneficial	15	10	63	148	326	14	3.35	576
Identify changes to water and sewer services that would improve existing or future development sites.	24	30	58	136	294	32	3.19	574
Comments	47							

Q11. What types of commercial or industrial development would you like to see more or less of in Town?

Answer Options	Less	Stay the same	More	Don't know	Response Count
any commercial uses	62	165	234	59	520
services that serve daily needs of residents	19	133	378	21	551
gas stations	68	382	77	10	537
grocery stores	32	174	341	17	564
eateries	15	100	435	19	569
entertainment options	40	228	229	38	535
"green" businesses	21	126	333	52	532
variety of uses around Town Center	23	200	264	47	534
other (please specify below)	3	7	16	21	47
Comments	57				

Q12. We need to encourage the development of housing that meets the varied needs of residents.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree	14.3%	83
Mostly disagree	18.2%	106
Unsure	19.8%	115
Mostly agree	33.7%	196
Strongly agree	13.9%	81
Comments	78	

Q13. The following strategies have been recommended to support the above Housing goals. Please rate the strategies based on level of importance.

Answer Options	0 (not important)	1	2	3	4 (very important)	Don't know	Rating Average	Response Count
Develop clear directives (standards and review processes) for housing developments.	27	29	57	138	275	42	3.15	568
Complete a Housing Planned Production Plan (state approved plan that identifies ways to increase affordable housing and meet state housing goals).	74	49	79	119	183	63	2.57	567
Comments	52							

Q14. What types of residential development would you like to see more or less of in Town?

Answer Options	Less	Stay the same	More	Don't know	Response Count
Large single-family residential (3+ bedrooms)	93	291	137	21	542
Small Single-family residential (1 to 2 bedroom)	47	250	227	21	545
Rental units	186	217	86	40	529
Multi-Family dwellings / condominiums	225	192	94	25	536
Over-55 (age-restricted) housing	82	186	257	30	555
Assisted living	79	203	203	57	542
Affordable housing	124	196	183	34	537
Accessory apartments	159	191	78	97	525
Other (please specify below)	5	3	8	24	40
Comments	30				

Q15. We need to make improvements to our community services such as education, waste management, public transportation, youth programs, programs for the elderly, or other social services.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree	5.2%	30
Mostly disagree	10.3%	59
Unsure	15.0%	86
Mostly agree	44.7%	256
Strongly agree	24.8%	142
Comments	78	

Q16. We need to improve municipal facilities for the Police Department, Department of Public Works, and the Library to accommodate needed space and upgrades for provision of essential community services.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree	7.7%	45
Mostly disagree	13.4%	78
Unsure	15.1%	88
Mostly agree	38.7%	225
Strongly agree	25.0%	145
Comments		61

Q17. We need to do a better job of informing residents about community services and programs.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree	1.9%	11
Mostly disagree	6.8%	39
Unsure	13.4%	77
Mostly agree	44.2%	254
Strongly agree	33.7%	194
Comments		48

Q18. The following strategies have been recommended to support the above Community Services and Facilities goals. Please rate the strategies based on level of importance.

Answer Options	0 (not important)	1	2	3	4 (very important)	Don't know	Rating Average	Response Count
Pursue grant opportunities to fund improvements to municipal facilities.	21	16	61	114	342	20	3.34	574
Pursue Massachusetts 2013 Library Design Grant.	50	43	78	95	257	50	2.89	573
Commence design process for improvements to Department of Public Works facility.	45	50	127	129	154	59	2.59	564
Commence design process for improvements to Police facility.	55	41	115	146	168	40	2.63	565
Create a brochure and post information on-line and on local access channel regarding community services and programs.	44	27	92	156	222	17	2.9	558
Comments	37							

Q19. We need to improve the safety and maintenance of our bridges and roads.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree	2.2%	13
Mostly disagree	7.2%	42
Unsure	11.0%	64
Mostly agree	44.4%	258
Strongly agree	35.1%	204
Comments		64

Q20. We need to improve traffic flow and safety at high traffic and congestion areas.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree	4.6%	27
Mostly disagree	10.2%	59
Unsure	8.6%	50
Mostly agree	36.1%	210
Strongly agree	40.4%	235
Comments		127

Q21. We need to provide other forms of transportation opportunities such as bikeways, trains, buses, etc.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree	9.5%	54
Mostly disagree	21.2%	120
Unsure	17.1%	97
Mostly agree	32.8%	186
Strongly agree	19.4%	110
Comments		95

Q22. The following strategies have been recommended to support the above Transportation and Circulation goals. Please rate the strategies based on level of importance.

Answer Options	0 (not important)	1	2	3	4 (very important)	Don't know	Rating Average	Response Count
Continue to work with Mass DOT and legislators on grade separated fix for Route 146 and Boston Road.	14	18	40	105	375	28	3.47	580
Pursue installation of sidewalks around the school to provide safe routes to school for those living within 1 mile.	38	41	75	132	282	13	3.02	581
Pursue installation of sidewalks within village centers.	53	53	118	135	204	13	2.68	576
Develop bike trails within Town.	89	54	105	130	185	13	2.48	576
Facilitate use of the railroad spur.	95	64	105	85	96	115	2.05	560
Improve and add sidewalks and renovate Manchaug Road bridge as recommended by Manchaug Master Plan.	57	70	110	126	130	73	2.41	566
Actively work with Federal and Massachusetts officials and legislators to finish Blackstone Valley Bikeway.	46	46	110	132	226	17	2.8	577
Make repairs to Depot St and Blackstone St bridges.	16	34	109	177	178	63	2.91	577
Comments	35							

Q23. We need to consider the potential for natural and cultural resources to act as revenue generators for the Town.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree	4.7%	27
Mostly disagree	4.3%	25
Unsure	23.7%	137
Mostly agree	48.4%	279
Strongly agree	18.9%	109
Comments	28	

Q24. We need to protect and maintain the Town's existing natural and cultural resources.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree	1.4%	8
Mostly disagree	2.6%	15
Unsure	6.9%	40
Mostly agree	49.6%	286
Strongly agree	39.5%	228
Comments		13

Q25. The following strategies have been recommended to support the above Natural and Cultural Resource goals. Please rate the strategies based on level of importance.

Answer Options	0 (not important)	1	2	3	4 (very important)	Don't know	Rating Average	Response Count
Update the Town's self-guided tour booklets for historic areas.	61	69	162	170	90	24	2.29	576
Complete the processes to place Wilkinsonville and Manchaug villages on state and national registers of historic places.	50	62	138	180	119	32	2.47	581
Explore use of wind, solar, and water resources for green energy.	42	30	68	138	294	9	3.07	581
Explore renovation and reuse of the historic Methodist Meeting House (Beehive) adjacent to Sutton Center Store.	64	51	127	164	128	45	2.45	579
Comments								36

Q26. We need to promote, maintain, and maximize the potential economic benefit of open space and recreation resources.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree	2.3%	13
Mostly disagree	5.1%	29
Unsure	11.2%	64
Mostly agree	47.1%	269
Strongly agree	34.3%	196
Comments		25

Q27. We need to protect and maintain the Town's open spaces.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree	1.4%	8
Mostly disagree	2.4%	14
Unsure	7.1%	41
Mostly agree	44.5%	258
Strongly agree	44.7%	259
Comments		25

Q28. The following strategies have been recommended to support the above Open Space and Recreation goals. Please rate the strategies based on level of importance.

Answer Options	0 (not important)	1	2	3	4 (very important)	Don't know	Rating Average	Response Count
Create a brochure with information on public recreational access including waterways and state and local parks.	55	60	139	180	122	14	2.46	570
Create brochures detailing park and recreation locations and contacts.	53	55	136	181	131	12	2.51	568
Actively evaluate opportunities to work with private landowners of active farm, forestry or outdoor recreation land (Chapter 61 lands) to consider possible Town acquisition or other land protection options.	36	49	124	150	174	35	2.71	568
Complete implementation of Marion's Camp Master Plan recommendations in coordination with Lake Association.	24	35	107	164	181	64	2.87	575
Pursue completion of Shaw Farm Master Plan.	29	36	106	150	149	99	2.75	569
Comments								48

Q29. What other opinions or ideas would you like to share?

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Q30. Which area in Sutton (shown on the map) do you live?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Area 1	7.4%	42
Area 2	16.5%	93
Area 3	9.9%	56
Area 4	28.5%	161
Area 5	5.7%	32
Area 6	6.7%	38
Area 7	4.8%	27
Area 8	3.5%	20
Area 9	7.1%	40
Area 10	9.8%	55

Q31. How long have you lived in Sutton?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0-4 years	11.7%	68
5-9 years	17.0%	99
10-19 years	25.9%	151
20 years or longer	32.3%	188
Members of my family have lived here for multiple generations	14.3%	83

Q32. What is your total household income?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Under \$35,000	8.9%	47
\$35,001 – \$50,000	9.5%	50
\$50,001 – \$75,000	14.4%	76
\$75,001 – \$100,000	15.4%	81
\$100,001 – \$150,000	25.5%	134

Q33. Do you have children under the age of 18 living with you?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
yes	39.1%	216
no	60.9%	337