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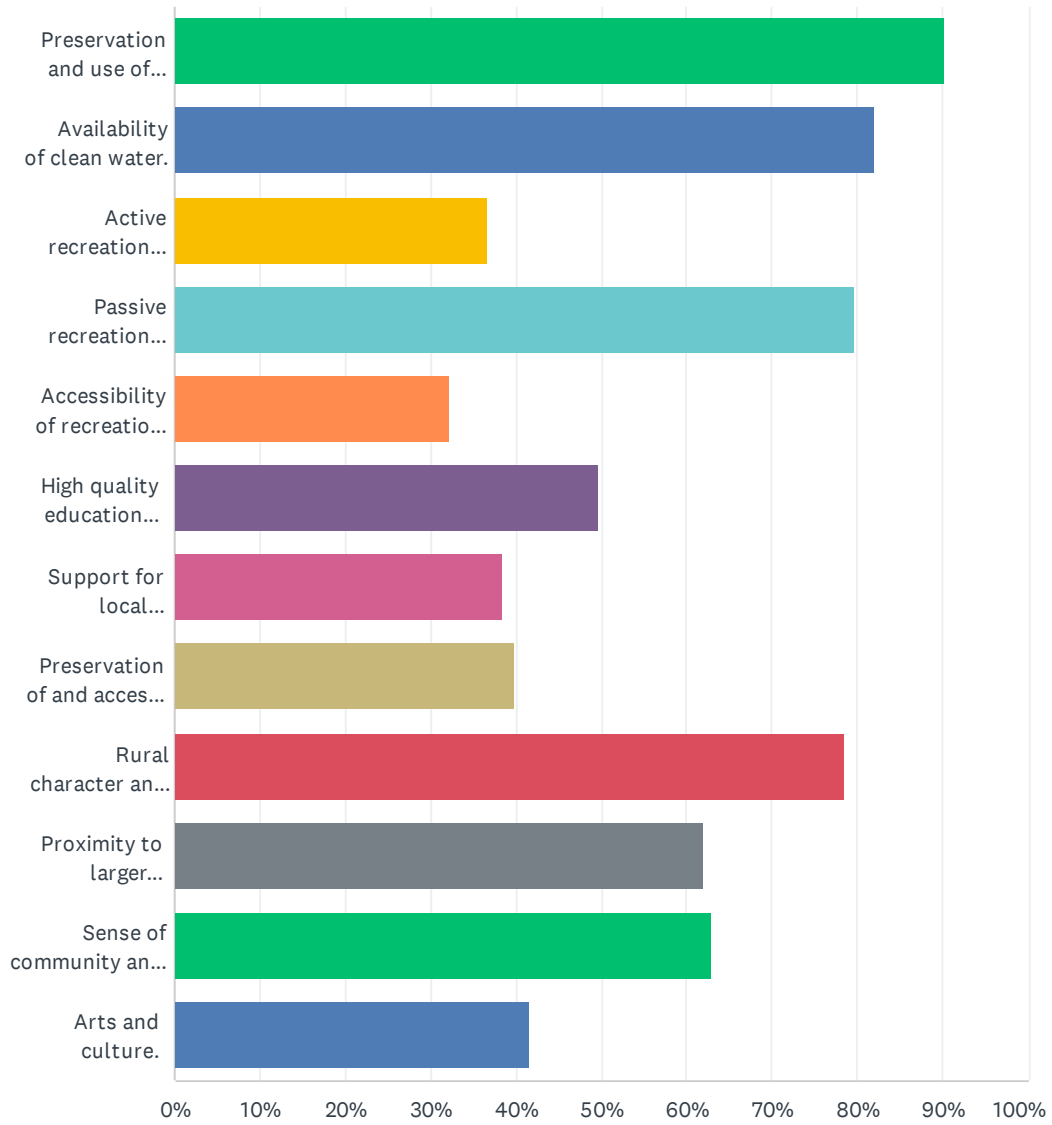
2023 SURVEY RESULTS

TOWN OF LEVERETT

OCTOBER 17, 2023 - DECEMBER 16, 2023

Q1 Which of these contribute positively to your quality of life in Leverett?

Answered: 404 Skipped: 7



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Preservation and use of nature and forests.	90.10%	364
Availability of clean water.	82.18%	332
Active recreation activities (sports fields, playgrounds, play courts, boating/swimming, etc.).	36.63%	148
Passive recreation activities (trails, picnic areas, etc.).	79.70%	322
Accessibility of recreation opportunities.	32.18%	130
High quality education opportunities.	49.75%	201
Support for local businesses.	38.37%	155
Preservation of and access to historic and cultural resources.	39.85%	161
Rural character and rural way of life.	78.47%	317
Proximity to larger communities.	62.13%	251
Sense of community and strong social ties.	62.87%	254
Arts and culture.	41.58%	168
Total Respondents: 404		

#	WHAT ELSE IS IMPORTANT TO YOU?	DATE
1	We are very fortunate not to have too much traffic, although it has definitely increased in recent years. It would be such a shame for this little town to get overly developed. I would move on.	12/15/2023 10:25 PM
2	A strong sense of community. A culture that accepts diverse views and opinions. Voluntary activities that support the town.	12/15/2023 9:40 PM
3	Of those listed above, Community, rural way of life, and a high quality elementary school are the most important	12/15/2023 8:54 PM
4	Privacy, space and quiet. Less is more and nature is happiness.	12/15/2023 7:30 PM
5	Diverse population, income levels and ethnic origins, even moreso than now. Important. larger variety of housing options for all ages, income levels. Important	12/15/2023 5:51 PM
6	Be able to safely walk our roads, lowering the speed limit on major side roads to 35 MPH rather than 40 MPH	12/15/2023 3:27 PM
7	diversity	12/15/2023 3:04 PM
8	Knowing my neighbors, being friendly with my neighbors, Leverett Library!!! Clean air, peace and quiet, living near Leverett Safety complex + Library, Police and Fire dept doing a good job at keeping town safe. Foot care at Town hall. Community Spirit.	12/15/2023 2:44 PM
9	darkness	12/15/2023 2:15 PM
10	Quiet	12/15/2023 2:15 PM
11	Sense of community	12/15/2023 2:04 PM
12	Sustainability	12/15/2023 1:10 PM
13	All of the above in moderation & financial / fiscally responsible. AFFORDABLE. (NOT raising taxes)	12/15/2023 12:53 PM
14	Community activities	12/15/2023 12:02 PM
15	the transfer station and post office	12/15/2023 10:14 AM

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16	Non-commercial atmosphere, preservation, colonial heritage, quiet, night sky, dirt roads, abundance of wild life	12/15/2023 10:06 AM
17	Easy access to trails on which I can walk my dog off-leash.	12/15/2023 9:49 AM
18	Generally, the shared values that the vast majority of residents express, is reassuring and unifying in a very polarized society.	12/15/2023 9:43 AM
19	Be need to have more more diversity in population	12/15/2023 9:30 AM
20	dirt roads	12/15/2023 9:24 AM
21	Sense of safety	12/15/2023 9:01 AM
22	Inclusivity of people of diverse economic situations	12/14/2023 9:59 PM
23	Organic management of natural features - such as ponds and roadsides. Support for local business by providing affordable work locations/facilities - studio, office, shop spaces.	12/14/2023 6:14 PM
24	See attachment	12/14/2023 5:59 PM
25	diversity of population - age, race, socioeconomic and other differences / air quality / low light pollution at night / low noise level / community events	12/14/2023 5:31 PM
26	Use of pond for recreation, which is being compromised by spreading weed infestation and is not considered in the Wetland Protection legislation.	12/14/2023 5:07 PM
27	Living on a dirt road - not suburbial!	12/14/2023 4:58 PM
28	Arts & culture associated with area schools - especially with Holyoke Smith, Amherst, UMass events in Boston + New Haven, Hartford + North W river Valley are also easily accessible.	12/13/2023 5:15 PM
29	Availability of a rustic, historic site to attend / home venues for groups of @ 100	12/13/2023 4:41 PM
30	- Transportation	12/13/2023 11:51 AM
31	- More affordable housing. - Mass transportation: bus service or cooperative ride-sharing.	12/13/2023 11:24 AM
32	I often find myself hiking across private land not backyards or anything but large chunks of acreage. I worry about 1. getting in trouble for tresspasing 2. The land going up for sale + missing an opportunity to buy it or having the town help parcel it so I could have a chance to add to my property.	12/13/2023 10:09 AM
33	Access /n diversty of homeowners	12/13/2023 9:52 AM
34	Being part of a well-managed town.	12/12/2023 7:54 PM
35	A sense of community would be important to me but as someone who doesn't have kids it has been hard to create. The Leverett Chorus has been my main way to do this.	12/9/2023 12:01 PM
36	Proximity to UMass	12/8/2023 9:34 PM
37	Teawaddle Hill Road desperately needs to have completed up to date total shiney new steamrolled blacktopping of they. Manageable unimproved dirt stretch from East to finished west end next year asap to modernize with Kitteridge Meadows nearby..!	12/8/2023 3:15 AM
38	Library and activities for young children	12/7/2023 6:13 PM
39	Fragrance free rental	12/7/2023 4:37 PM
40	This is a great selection - truly all contribute!	12/7/2023 6:45 AM
41	Looking ahead: affordable Senior housing.	12/6/2023 9:17 PM
42	quick and easy supply of generosity	12/6/2023 2:36 PM
43	Local democracy	12/6/2023 8:48 AM
44	Living in Massachusetts which,along with Vermont and somewhatless so, Maine, are the most progressive states in the USA.	12/5/2023 9:03 PM
45	More school subjects other than outdoor	12/4/2023 2:02 AM
46	Housing for lower income people and help with getting a mortgage.	12/2/2023 1:46 PM

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47	That lever at not become an enclave of the wealthy	12/2/2023 10:51 AM
48	Preserving wildlife habitat	12/2/2023 9:23 AM
49	The sheer physical beauty of the place	12/1/2023 5:36 PM
50	Respect for neighbors	12/1/2023 2:36 PM
51	historical and cultural resources in what context? colonist centered?	11/30/2023 3:35 PM
52	Low density, low traffic, peace, and quiet.	11/30/2023 2:01 PM
53	small rural town	11/30/2023 11:16 AM
54	good internet, privacy, low road speeds being enforced (which is not currently consistently happening)	11/29/2023 8:09 PM
55	Quiet	11/29/2023 1:57 PM
56	less taxes	11/29/2023 9:28 AM
57	Ability to afford to stay here. Lower taxes and restraint on spending.	11/28/2023 8:07 PM
58	Right to Farm	11/28/2023 1:53 PM
59	well maintained roads, town transfer station	11/24/2023 2:00 PM
60	I think we need a larger tax base by adding more business friendly zoning and smaller home lot sizes.	11/23/2023 9:08 AM
61	Spontaneous ways to meet up with people.	11/22/2023 6:59 PM
62	Great people serving town through committees, boards, and paid positions!	11/22/2023 2:36 PM
63	The library	11/22/2023 1:42 PM
64	overall level of intelligence in our community	11/22/2023 1:31 PM
65	Lower cost of living. Lower property taxes. Town needs spending to accomplish lower taxes.	11/21/2023 4:31 PM
66	I would like the town of leverett to change some of the zoning	11/19/2023 11:36 AM
67	Because I'm retired, I chose items I used but all of those listed are important	11/17/2023 6:50 PM
68	high speed fiber optic accessibility	11/17/2023 6:47 PM
69	More things for kids	11/16/2023 9:04 PM
70	Lowered taxes	11/16/2023 6:55 PM
71	Leverett Coop	11/15/2023 4:23 PM
72	wild land, forests	11/15/2023 9:40 AM
73	Working together to creat community solar project for our electricity	11/13/2023 8:11 AM
74	affordable housing, diversity	11/13/2023 7:40 AM
75	Wildlife, safety	11/12/2023 6:52 AM
76	peace and quiet	11/11/2023 11:50 AM
77	Hard not to check all of the boxes above. I would like to see Leverett develop more possiblilites for arts and cultural projects.	11/11/2023 10:26 AM
78	Climate resilient community	11/10/2023 8:36 PM
79	Sidewalks on main roads	11/10/2023 1:36 PM
80	democratic and accessible town government	11/9/2023 5:24 PM
81	this is just a test	11/7/2023 3:09 PM
82	As the town removes land from the tax roles and places them in some other recreation or preservation role, they should be developed for those roles along with increased access for	11/7/2023 9:24 AM

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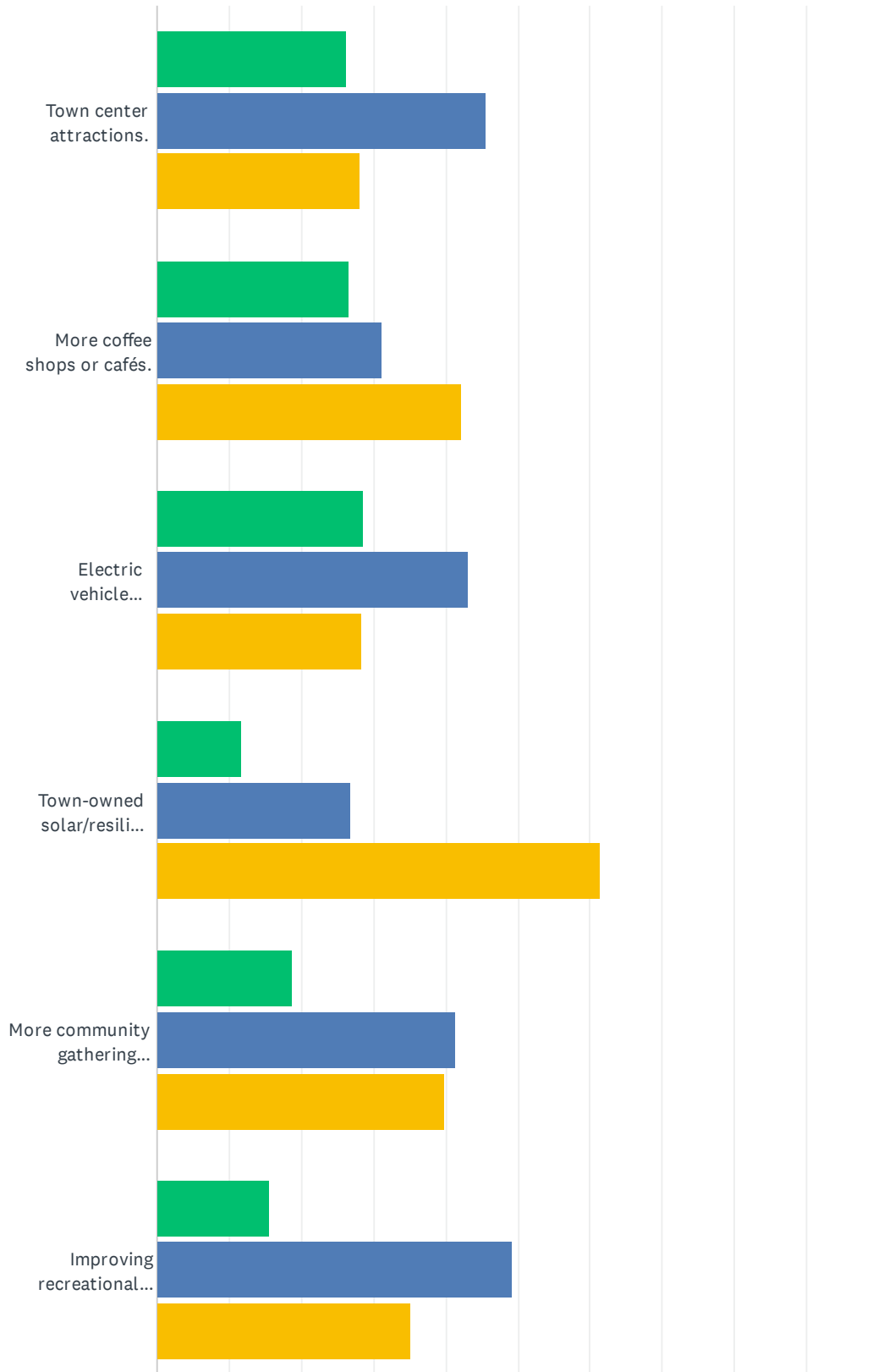
	hunting , trapping, and fishing.	
83	Representative town government	11/4/2023 10:05 PM
84	Potential for development of a commercial district along route 63/Long Plain road	11/4/2023 8:09 PM
85	Keeping total population growth as near to zero as possible.	10/31/2023 2:54 PM
86	access for trails to ride atv or other off road vechicles	10/31/2023 1:48 PM
87	Community Chorus; Leverett Co-op	10/30/2023 4:40 PM
88	Safety	10/30/2023 9:30 AM
89	good policing, good road maintenance, great neighbors	10/30/2023 5:57 AM
90	there should be a gas station	10/29/2023 11:38 AM
91	I would like to see low income housing offered, so that Leverett doesn't evolve into a wealthy enclave.	10/29/2023 10:40 AM
92	Crowded new housing	10/29/2023 9:29 AM
93	Support for seniors and veterans	10/29/2023 8:32 AM
94	Small population	10/24/2023 6:11 PM
95	Affordable housing	10/24/2023 11:42 AM
96	affordable housing	10/23/2023 9:14 PM
97	Generally progressive politics	10/23/2023 2:39 PM
98	friends and neighbors nearby, meetings and church services available via zoom or other platforms, our wonderful public library	10/23/2023 2:22 PM
99	Affordable housing	10/23/2023 11:50 AM
100	Roads	10/23/2023 10:48 AM
101	No big business! I like our small town feel & wouldn't change anything!	10/23/2023 6:53 AM
102	The welcoming nature of the community. As we are new here in town, this means a lot to us.	10/23/2023 6:49 AM
103	Less light pollution, beautiful night skies; good quality roads and road services; wildlife and natural beauty	10/22/2023 9:05 PM
104	Unclear about "Support for Local Businesses" I'm in support of the Coop, but what other local businesses?	10/22/2023 8:09 PM
105	Safe streets for driving, walking, biking. People drive distracted and way too fast and aggressively on Leverett (and most) streets.	10/22/2023 7:40 PM
106	People listening to one another. People caring about the rights of animals living near us. Awareness of this area before 250 years ago.	10/22/2023 4:42 PM
107	Town Governance, Leverett Connects, Library	10/22/2023 11:58 AM
108	Agriculture	10/21/2023 4:01 PM
109	having Leverett retain it's rural character and not be destroyed like Amherst for example	10/21/2023 2:23 PM
110	Freedom and safety	10/21/2023 10:47 AM
111	Independent thinking, creative solutions to issues that arise, diversity of perspectives.	10/21/2023 9:44 AM
112	Involvement in local government. Town Meeting!	10/21/2023 9:05 AM
113	The size of the town allows for opportunities of working together on social justice issues, climate issues, supporting neighbors, etc.	10/21/2023 6:57 AM
114	Accessibility demands transportation. Lack of any form except private cars is a negative for people living in Leverett.	10/20/2023 6:20 PM
115	making Leverett a Net Zero Community on the ISO New England electrical grid	10/19/2023 1:55 AM

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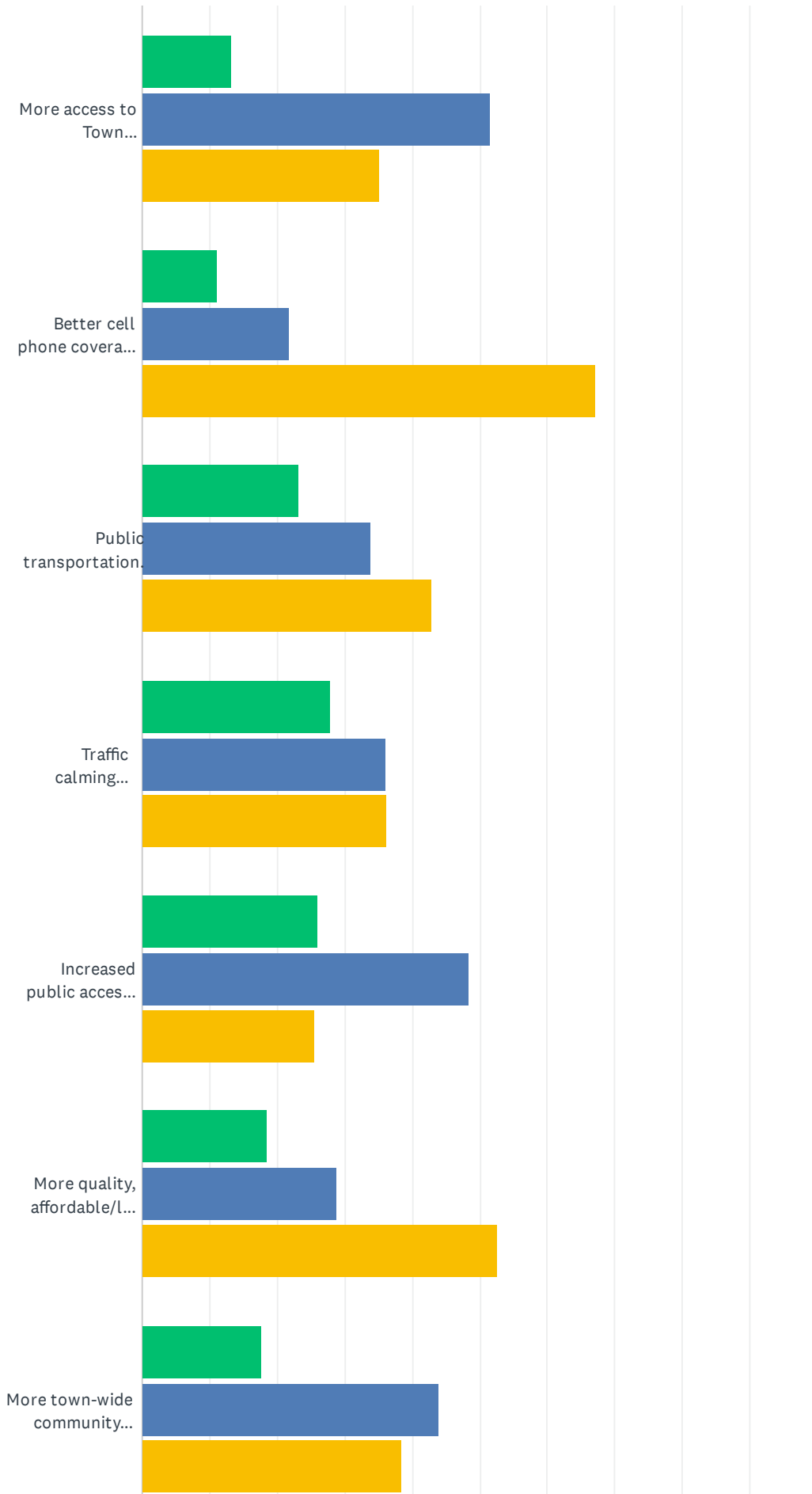
116	Having parks.	10/18/2023 10:07 PM
117	safe community, little crime	10/18/2023 5:36 PM
118	Sustainability and increasing our revenue in town not just through taxation	10/18/2023 5:26 PM
119	I would like to see more effort to combat dumping of trash in the woods	10/18/2023 7:03 AM
120	SIDEWALKS	10/17/2023 10:09 PM
121	High-speed internet. Active, engaging community listserv.	10/17/2023 8:41 PM
122	It's beauty and historic character. That is is a gathering place for many diverse spiritual/faith communities.	10/17/2023 7:39 PM
123	Ability to separate from the fast pace rat race world	10/17/2023 7:29 PM
124	Peace and quiet.	10/17/2023 7:06 PM
125	Relatively moderate weather	10/17/2023 2:11 PM
126	Affordable high speed internet, Low noise and light pollution	10/17/2023 11:28 AM
127	well maintained roads, Leverett fiber internet	10/17/2023 11:10 AM
128	Sidewalks	10/17/2023 11:01 AM

Q2 Which of the following do you think would improve your quality of life in Leverett? Please rate your answers from not important to very important.

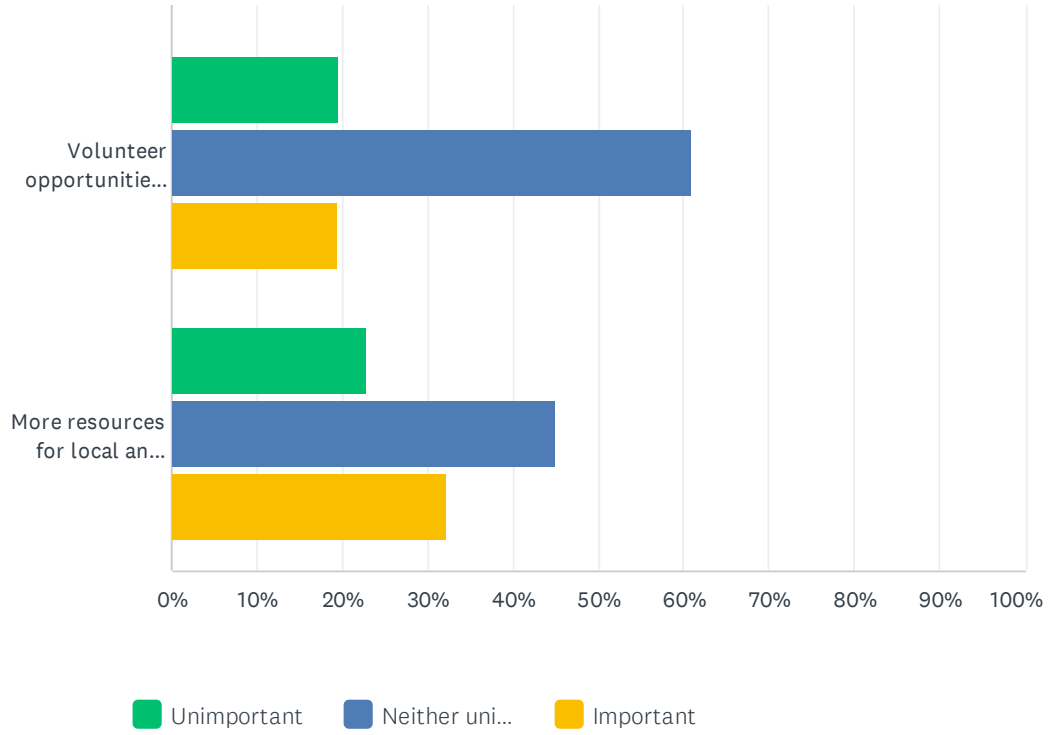
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	UNIMPORTANT	NEITHER UNIMPORTANT OR IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Town center attractions.	26.29% 102	45.62% 177	28.09% 109	388
More coffee shops or cafés.	26.65% 105	31.22% 123	42.13% 166	394
Electric vehicle charging stations.	28.61% 111	43.04% 167	28.35% 110	388
Town-owned solar/resilient community energy infrastructure.	11.73% 46	26.79% 105	61.48% 241	392
More community gathering spaces.	18.78% 74	41.37% 163	39.85% 157	394
Improving recreational spaces.	15.50% 60	49.35% 191	35.14% 136	387
More access to Town information.	13.28% 51	51.56% 198	35.16% 135	384
Better cell phone coverage and/or wi-fi.	11.14% 44	21.77% 86	67.09% 265	395
Public transportation.	23.21% 91	33.93% 133	42.86% 168	392
Traffic calming measures.	27.86% 107	35.94% 138	36.20% 139	384
Increased public access to Leverett Pond.	26.03% 101	48.45% 188	25.52% 99	388
More quality, affordable/low cost housing.	18.58% 73	28.75% 113	52.67% 207	393
More town-wide community events.	17.66% 68	43.90% 169	38.44% 148	385
Volunteer opportunities and recognition.	19.69% 75	60.89% 232	19.42% 74	381
More resources for local and home-based businesses.	22.81% 86	45.09% 170	32.10% 121	377

#	WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU ADD AND WHAT RATING WOULD YOU GIVE IT?	DATE
1	Many people in this town are extremely sad about the hunting season. It is heartbreaking. Another thing that is very important is that we are an aging community. It isn't everyone, obviously... But there were so many silver and white haired people here now. We simply have to look at that honestly. There's no way to make the entire town accessible. A large swath of good building land is such a rare opportunity. Instead of everyone having to move somewhere like Applewood or Christopher Heights in Northampton, wouldn't it be amazing if we had our own independent/assisted living Center that really reflected our cultural values?	12/15/2023 10:25 PM
2	Important: I like the way things are, and don't want any radical changes.	12/15/2023 9:40 PM
3	Community cooking event - important,	12/15/2023 8:54 PM
4	No developments! The town has a beautiful equilibrium and balance that creates it charm - Important	12/15/2023 7:30 PM
5	Easy transportation options for many who can't/shouldn't drive. Bravo to Village Neighbors! More walking paths near roadways, not just into woods, to make it easier to visit friends without driving - for strollers, dog walkers, even runners, to get people off the roads. Maybe easements from homeowners? Important.	12/15/2023 5:51 PM

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6	a central space for coffee and tea that is a social space	12/15/2023 4:07 PM
7	bike lanes!	12/15/2023 3:04 PM
8	Since we can't have sidewalks in Leverett - it is super important to make our roads safe for walkers, especially Montague - where I live and walk - people speed on Montague Rd and use it as a throughway - often they don't see walkers until the last second + we have to jump onto the bank to get out of their way.	12/15/2023 2:44 PM
9	Co-op "Cafe" w. Bakery @LCA - Li/ry Town Hall kitchen	12/15/2023 2:20 PM
10	Keeping the town as is	12/15/2023 2:15 PM
11	Strong municiple resources highway, fire, police	12/15/2023 2:04 PM
12	More resources for local and home-based businesses: like what?	12/15/2023 12:53 PM
13	peace and quiet, escape from US values of progress and technology	12/15/2023 10:06 AM
14	We have had a coop with cafe for years it lacks support - people can't seem to drive up the hill.	12/15/2023 9:30 AM
15	Community Van Seniors	12/15/2023 9:01 AM
16	more opportunities to create deep community ties, right in Leverett, very important!	12/14/2023 9:59 PM
17	Expand transfer station, reuse options to reduce waste expenses - explore zero waste community options. Community garden space. Community food forest options.	12/14/2023 6:14 PM
18	I would like to see the town center activated. I would like an amphitheatre next to the library. I would add a more accessible practical co-op.	12/14/2023 5:40 PM
19	100% renewable electric resources. Better cell service. More 3phase possibilities. Taxes too high for low income.	12/14/2023 4:58 PM
20	It is important to broaden the tax base/somehow lessen to property taxes, though I'm not that sure now that can be accomplished. Important.	12/14/2023 4:47 PM
21	cell coverage throughout leverett	12/14/2023 9:56 AM
22	Incentives for industry to expand tax base less emphasis on sanctity of preservation/conservation	12/13/2023 5:15 PM
23	Cell phone coverage very important	12/13/2023 4:41 PM
24	Potential use of school gym for yoga and fitness classes - important	12/13/2023 11:51 AM
25	A center in a Town building dedicated to senior services, such as meals, coordinating medical + other services etc. I consider this an important need with an aging population.	12/13/2023 11:24 AM
26	Library 5* but could be open more hours	12/13/2023 10:27 AM
27	haha maditory Leverett connects	12/13/2023 10:09 AM
28	Sidewalks or footpaths that don't have poison ivy	12/12/2023 7:54 PM
29	Services that address the social and health needs of Seniors - Important	12/12/2023 6:54 AM
30	Active 5_H Clubss	12/8/2023 3:15 AM
31	For a housebound senior public transportation n is essential	12/7/2023 6:21 PM
32	When i felt as did for most questions here i said middle chiece as they arens simple and id need hear from others to get larger view befor make choices and	12/7/2023 4:37 PM
33	Sidewalks along montague road	12/7/2023 7:37 AM
34	spontaneously organized opportunities for READING ALOUD and/or scheduled volunteer opportunities to read and discuss to read some of the classics---Tolstoi, Faulkner, Emily Dickinson, Flannery O'Connor, Dante, Sophocles, Shakespeare, Jane Austen. NOTE: apology for my mostly unreadable ideas. Could clarify if I could figure participate in reading and discussing the great established writers like Tolstoi, Shakespeare, Emily Dickinson, Dante, Flannery O' read the great classics of literature (in addition, of course to book club discussions	12/6/2023 2:36 PM

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of contemporary books). I offered a Great Books-type monthly class for about 40 years. We stopped when covid came along. I would help getting another similar effort started. Collectively, pe e

35	It would have been useful to have a category here for "somewhat important"; that is how I feel about the "Neither unimportant or important" items.	12/6/2023 8:48 AM
36	increased offering of instrumental music at LES (important)	12/5/2023 9:09 PM
37	Greater support for elders to stay in leverett as in rezoning to allow for added development on existing lots. onttached	12/5/2023 2:56 PM
38	Let's support those entities that exist now. the co-op for example is a wonderful place for people together, to get coffee or a sandwich, etc..	12/2/2023 10:51 AM
39	The moves toward historical preservation are wonderful.	12/1/2023 5:36 PM
40	SENIOR HOUSING = IMPORTANT	11/30/2023 5:12 PM
41	More class and racial diversity: important	11/30/2023 3:35 PM
42	Restrictions on noise pollution (important)	11/30/2023 2:01 PM
43	co-working space, rating of important	11/29/2023 8:09 PM
44	Keep Leverett wooded and rural	11/29/2023 7:47 PM
45	Access to childcare/ preschool - important	11/29/2023 7:13 PM
46	Enlarging the tax base, more houses or business	11/29/2023 9:28 AM
47	Home based business should taxed at a higher rate.	11/28/2023 8:07 PM
48	Better communication to Leverett households about things that affect them by allowing various groups to add items to the town newsletter and by going back to mailing the newsletter since probably the majority of people don't bother to look online but used to read it thoroughly when it was a paper copy. People have grave misunderstandings about activities in Town and there is no forum to correct them. Town meeting only serves a proportion of the population but it seems important to try to reach all households with information.	11/28/2023 1:46 PM
49	Saving Leverett Coop very important - what about a tax break?	11/27/2023 8:08 PM
50	Creation of a gathering spot. Cafe, Pub, etc...	11/26/2023 11:47 AM
51	better existing town services. longer hours and expqnded services at the transfer station. more punctual snow removal from town roads. more frequent grading of town dirt roads. more frequent patching of potholes.	11/23/2023 10:54 AM
52	Bike friendly road improvements	11/23/2023 9:08 AM
53	Create a town beach or community pool and skating rink	11/22/2023 6:59 PM
54	A small beer/wine bar with a fireplace - very important! :)	11/22/2023 2:36 PM
55	Senior center and transport for srs	11/22/2023 1:42 PM
56	Most of the above would require higher taxes to pay for. With UMass in the next town, most activities are available there. Home based businesses should be taxed at a higher rate, as they take deductions on income taxes for home office etc.	11/21/2023 4:31 PM
57	more library events IMPORTANT	11/17/2023 6:47 PM
58	Better access to town officials / town clerk	11/16/2023 6:55 PM
59	Safer biking routes into Amherst = Important	11/15/2023 8:31 AM
60	I would love to see more small businesses, cell phone service and a public playground!	11/13/2023 2:35 PM
61	Senior Center important	11/13/2023 9:42 AM
62	I'd add that ONE sustainable/reliable cafe or social food establishment would be Important. The Leverett Co-op could serve this need if operated via a different model.	11/12/2023 6:52 AM

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63	Traffic speeded control on route 63 (important)	11/11/2023 11:50 AM
64	I think the scaling would make more sense if it was “strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree, strongly agree”. This doesn’t capture thinking well.	11/10/2023 8:36 PM
65	Sidewalks on main roads	11/10/2023 1:36 PM
66	Sidewalks on main roads!	11/10/2023 1:31 PM
67	this is just a test	11/7/2023 3:09 PM
68	Capacity of town staff to meet the needs of the population; making Town Hall a celebrated resource.	11/4/2023 10:05 PM
69	Property tax relief for the elderly - important.	10/31/2023 2:54 PM
70	Increasing density of living (tiny homes, in law apartments, ADUS, yurts, etc)	10/29/2023 8:23 PM
71	a gas station	10/29/2023 11:38 AM
72	I would like to see the town recognize the importance of its already existing assets, such as the Leverett Co-op, which plays an important role for our community. Some institutional support, such as a regular grant, would help assure its continued operations. The Co-op can provide meeting space and serve other important needs, as part of a mutually beneficial alliance. I would love to see that happen. I would give this a high rating.	10/29/2023 10:40 AM
73	Trail Networks throughout town	10/28/2023 9:35 AM
74	more active approach to climate crisis preparation	10/28/2023 9:02 AM
75	Just a comment that access to the pond would be more important if toxic chemicals were not used. In it	10/24/2023 11:51 PM
76	More DPW removal of Bittersweet vines, invasives, and mowing edges of the roads to prevent road kill.	10/24/2023 6:11 PM
77	A senior center	10/23/2023 10:22 AM
78	I wouldn't hanger anything in our town except improve upon recreation spaces that are already there. They need to be maintained better!!	10/23/2023 6:53 AM
79	keeping the rural feel of the town - imprtant	10/23/2023 6:49 AM
80	Community Garden or Food Forest: Important which is also a defacto community gathering space	10/22/2023 9:05 PM
81	I find these questions difficult to answer...because not enough details...and the devil's in the details!	10/22/2023 8:09 PM
82	Some sidewalk in town center, crosswalks in the center, stop sign or reconfigure “town Square” very important to me	10/22/2023 4:42 PM
83	Accessible housing for the elderly and disabled	10/22/2023 11:58 AM
84	More affordable workshop/studio artisan space is important.	10/22/2023 11:32 AM
85	Ageing in place support	10/21/2023 4:01 PM
86	what is meant by resources specically.	10/21/2023 2:23 PM
87	Not raising property taxes any higher, important. Free garbage and recycling pickup, important. Maintenance of roads, important.	10/21/2023 10:47 AM
88	More open-minded approach to diverse points of view on topics that impact the whole community; turn down the volume on ideologues.	10/21/2023 9:44 AM
89	More focus on needs of the older people who are a major Leverett demographic.	10/20/2023 6:20 PM
90	Municipal Micro-grids, Municipal Water and Sewer systems fishing and hunting opportunities in Leverett	10/19/2023 1:55 AM
91	Need less conservation land, we are pulling too much land out of the tax income stream and limiting land for new homes and businesses	10/18/2023 5:26 PM

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92	It should be unacceptable to speed in Leverett. Period. I believe it's to establish a town known to not tolerate speeding.	10/18/2023 2:40 PM
93	Better public safety 24 hour staffed fire department	10/18/2023 7:43 AM
94	Bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements	10/18/2023 7:03 AM
95	What are the town center attractions?	10/17/2023 10:09 PM
96	Important: Preserving historic buildings.. Keeping our COOP alive and thriving. Creating a more cooperative and collaborative community. Senior services.	10/17/2023 7:39 PM
97	Bylaws changed to allow ADU's	10/17/2023 7:05 PM
98	putting as much land into conservation as possible - very important	10/17/2023 12:59 PM
99	more strict leash rules for dogs	10/17/2023 12:58 PM
100	senior center	10/17/2023 11:10 AM

Q3 What other topics would you like to address during this process? Please feel free to share your ideas and thoughts.

Answered: 148 Skipped: 263

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Adding small living units to existing properties	12/15/2023 10:29 PM
2	To me what is the most special about this town is the natural setting and thriving wildlife. I do think that a wide, well-built side path that is also wheelchair accessible would be a wonderful addition that would be used by many. I'd love to see that happen. We would gladly give up an area in front of our property if need be.	12/15/2023 10:25 PM
3	If people need newly-constructed low-income housing, let them move to towns such as Holyoke or Springfield. Lots of great opportunities for them in such towns. Leveret already has lots of low-income housing in semi-legal tenancies, and that is fine with me.	12/15/2023 9:40 PM
4	Realistic tax revenue generation, resources for seniors (I'm not a senior citizen, but I love my neighbors), coordination with other towns (Amherst) - methods to discourage through traffic of people heading to 202 and the Boston area	12/15/2023 8:54 PM
5	As someone who represents the next generation of people who seek to live in Leverett indefinitely, I am here because of how it is today. I value the quiet rural area and the joy placed on natural beauty by the people in the town. Leverett no doubt has ties to Amherst, but it is a complimentary relationship and easily accessible. Leverett does not ever want to be more like Amherst; instead, its strengths should be retained and fostered with the idea that there are pros and cons to every town.	12/15/2023 7:30 PM
6	Senior housing and activities like Hadley	12/15/2023 6:41 PM
7	I'm concerned about 'light pollution'. If more development occurs, limiting excessive lighting even though it may be solar supported or low energy LEDs... I don't like having properties look like a parking lot or shopping mall with excessive lighting. Ex: new modern house at bottom of Cave Hill / Montague road. About a dozen exterior lights. 🗨️	12/15/2023 5:46 PM
8	Guiding values and principles of future development.	12/15/2023 4:38 PM
9	Preservation of natural resources, rural lifestyle, supporting our seniors, wildlife & animal care.	12/15/2023 4:10 PM
10	community character	12/15/2023 4:07 PM
11	Zoning for commercial spaces. We could promote small businesses that address local needs. The Co-Op is great, but struggles with commercial viability because of its location with Rattlesnake Gutter closing, it isn't convenient to a lot of folks in East/South Leverett	12/15/2023 3:48 PM
12	The potential development of the Kitteredge estate.	12/15/2023 3:12 PM
13	I'd like to see more health services for seniors - The foot care program is great. How about flu shot and covid shot clinics, so we wouldn't have to rely on pharmacies to access them. Our health care system (Valley Medical) doesn't even offer flu shots anymore. They are sending people to the pharmacy. Maybe we could increase the town nurse hours - and partner with Amherst Health dept.	12/15/2023 2:44 PM
14	Town wide & Town sponsored Air BnB program to market our trails to Boston/N.Y.C - proceeds donated to school/town.	12/15/2023 2:20 PM
15	I wouldn't want more people encroaching in this town. The fact that it is near lake wyola too, we would have people from other cities and states that would be passing by and throw their trash on the side of the roads. That in itself is already a thorn on our side what more, more people with possibly no sense of responsibility for the environment.	12/15/2023 2:15 PM
16	Updating town bylaws. Planning board ad Con Com visibility	12/15/2023 2:04 PM
17	Infrastructure to prepare for coming collapse	12/15/2023 1:10 PM

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18	that Leverett does not support the Kitteridge project	12/15/2023 12:10 PM
19	What to do with the Kittredge Estate proposals. I am very distressed by the current proposal for development but am hoping that maybe this will jumpstart conversations about what the town might support, if anything.	12/15/2023 12:02 PM
20	No crazy development	12/15/2023 11:48 AM
21	Senior housing, Kittredge estate	12/15/2023 10:49 AM
22	Spray dirt road w. dust reducing agents to allow for clean air - detrimental to asthma patients + walkers.	12/15/2023 10:06 AM
23	Traffic Calming Please! Default dogs off-leash unless the dog needs to be restrained.	12/15/2023 9:49 AM
24	Diversity - its become a bedroom community	12/15/2023 9:30 AM
25	Blocking or denying Juggler Meadow Estates as proposed. Very important	12/15/2023 8:38 AM
26	Local sense of community, bringing together people whose ties to Leverett run generations deep and those who have more recently moved here.	12/14/2023 9:59 PM
27	Enforcable vehicle noise standards.	12/14/2023 6:14 PM
28	See attachment	12/14/2023 5:59 PM
29	Don't make Lev a tourist attraction, who knows what it will attract: developers.	12/14/2023 5:07 PM
30	low income residents should easily know of the programs that are available. Committees of similar concerns should meet to see what is common, then work together to address the concern together.	12/14/2023 4:58 PM
31	sidewalks and cell towers	12/14/2023 9:56 AM
32	Rehabilitation of historic places	12/13/2023 4:41 PM
33	- how we can continue to meet town's budgetary needs for services etc. without raising property taxes beyond what many people can comfortably afford. - what kind of housing development do most people in town support, approve of? (i.e. increased density in certain areas, tiny houses, (more) affordable housing for seniors and/or families, and what should this look like)(small multi-unit condo complex apartments, duplexes + multi-family units(3+), habitat homes...	12/13/2023 4:14 PM
34	Rural character and preservation	12/13/2023 12:52 PM
35	Regional cooperation	12/13/2023 11:51 AM
36	I do think more public forums on town issues would be important, even though I think we have enough other types of community events. For example, the issue of zoning + development and how both to honor the goal of more affordable housing and yet to conserve the rural nature of town + its conservation lands would be a good topic for a public forum. Also, other uses for existing town buildings to serve a range of needs, eg seniors.	12/13/2023 11:24 AM
37	High priority: public transportation + allow seniors to stay in Leverett	12/13/2023 10:27 AM
38	It would be great to have a recreation center that included indoor courts for pickleball, volleyball, and badminton. A place where people could meet to partake in group walks, runs, and bike rides.	12/12/2023 6:54 AM
39	I have a home in Leverett because I want to live in a quiet, rural environment.	12/9/2023 11:22 AM
40	light pollution	12/9/2023 11:21 AM
41	Leverett needs to bring todays unmodernized Teawy Hiill Rd with all the way new shiny blacktop	12/8/2023 3:15 AM
42	Importance of LCA to town. Maps of trails like those on Quaker meeting property.. Bird watching groups.	12/7/2023 6:21 PM
43	Do not allow valley cdc deelop housing there.	12/7/2023 4:37 PM
44	Responsible land development.	12/7/2023 7:37 AM

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45	I believe in the importance of quality education but also very important is high quality senior services and socialization	12/7/2023 12:51 AM
46	N/a	12/6/2023 6:42 PM
47	collective/neighborhood efforts to address local problems exacerbated by the climate crisis.	12/6/2023 2:36 PM
48	I like the size of our town and the character of it. I would like to see more affordable housing options so that young people who grew up here could afford to live here. I am worried about a 700 unit development on Juggler meadow. That's too big.	12/6/2023 2:18 PM
49	As mentioned above. Leverett has a population that is aging. It would be interesting to know the percentage of the town's population that remain in Leverett (or have returned to live) after high school. Other towns have opened limited development on property to allow for a "grandparent lot" provision which allows for families to remain together and offers the opportunity for some to return to leverett.	12/5/2023 2:56 PM
50	Trail development, Leverett pond access and swimming	12/5/2023 11:41 AM
51	Growth Planning	12/5/2023 7:48 AM
52	Is this town a suburb or ex-burb of the larger area towns? could we join with another small town to widen tax base and reduce costs? The school doesn't seem integrated with the town - is this just bc of covid or lack of continuity? there could be more signs around town about attractions, like trails, etc	12/4/2023 1:08 PM
53	An indoor recreational facility for winter where parents could meet for coffee and kids could play is a top priority for us in building community through the colder months. An unstructured, drop-in space.	12/4/2023 8:13 AM
54	Leave open spaces near the school. Don't cram so many activities in the library. Use the space around the church across from the town hall. Hire teachers who can prepare students for today's use -computer technology. Take students on field trips. Teach them forest management. How does rope climbing prepare them for the future?	12/4/2023 2:02 AM
55	Increasing town revenues and hopefully reducing taxes.	12/2/2023 1:46 PM
56	promoting the tax base vs. town obligations (schools) - what is the right approach to supporting our tax base without increasing our obligations	12/2/2023 10:37 AM
57	I just moved to Leverett from Northampton and enjoy the peaceful solitude of living in a forested area. Downtown Amherst is 10 minutes away; I don't think development of commerce beyond the community based resources that are already here are needed.	12/2/2023 9:47 AM
58	I would like to keep Leverett as rural and quiet as it's been my 55 years here. The thought of business development on Route 63 horrifies me. The calm that greets you after you cross the town line going north on 63 from Amherst is one of the great benefits of living here. Please do not develop Leverett.	12/1/2023 8:46 AM
59	8	12/1/2023 8:08 AM
60	Too often seniors who cannot manage to stay in their home for upkeep or for financial reasons just move out of town losing their community. Many times we have seen folks who have been very active on Leverett committees, etc. just have to leave and it is very sad.	11/30/2023 5:12 PM
61	What the town / town folks are doing to address decolonization and address land acknowledgement in concrete ways like putting our town lands where our mouths are. Meaning giving/deeding some of our town lands to Indigenous peoples.	11/30/2023 3:35 PM
62	Greater protection of forest and openspace	11/30/2023 11:16 AM
63	Keeping Leverett rural, low density housing, plenty of forests	11/29/2023 7:47 PM
64	With taxes so high the town should maintenance of the private roads around the pond and up laurel hill	11/29/2023 1:57 PM
65	None	11/29/2023 9:49 AM
66	Less taxes for people without children in school, and retired people	11/29/2023 9:28 AM
67	Nonsense spending	11/28/2023 8:07 PM

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68	The Town Meetings moderator should allow people to fully explain areas of contention. It is poor practice to cut people off with the facts while allowing others to go on and on with repeat commenting as well to vent their spleens but not allowing those with the facts to speak thoroughly or answer questions or concerns and correct misunderstanding by the public. For example, most people in Town do not realize that there is nearly \$1.5 MILLION dollars in the Community Preservation Fund just sitting there, waiting for members of the Leverett to come up with ideas of how to spend it. Instead many residents think it will come out of the Town budget or increase their taxes. Also some residents act as if you are trying to take the money for your own benefit rather than doing a community service. It makes Town citizens reluctant to bother doing things for the community if that is the treatment they receive.	11/28/2023 1:46 PM
69	As a senior citizen it would be wonderful to have a senior center in town to hold activities and events.	11/28/2023 11:11 AM
70	Taxes	11/26/2023 11:47 AM
71	Move the coop to the Leverett crafts or have a store and cafe near the post office or near the school. Or a Community garden, playground and covered meeting area and cafe across from the town hall.	11/22/2023 6:59 PM
72	It's tough attracting business to the town because there really are few places to put a business and not too much through traffic. Be interested in ideas from other rural towns about revenue options. Also a list of town assets, e.g. land that might spur ideas for revenue production.	11/22/2023 2:36 PM
73	Graying population needs more activities geared to them.	11/22/2023 1:42 PM
74	Just to emphasize the value of cafes or comfortable gathering places for talk, games, lectures and music	11/22/2023 1:31 PM
75	The town must stop spending like drunken teenagers on their parents credit card.	11/21/2023 4:31 PM
76	Main town roads widened for designated bike lanes	11/18/2023 7:55 AM
77	I guess I should have saved my comment for this box. I think everything is important but I only use the ones checked	11/17/2023 6:50 PM
78	Leverett centenary celebrations should include print publications and documentation. Leverett Coop should be linked to Noho and Easthampton Coops (one membership card to share discounts and benefits)	11/17/2023 6:47 PM
79	I just want to stress that the traffic calming measures is very important to us. Without sidewalks we need to walk in the street and it isn't safe. A lot more traffic and speeding trucks and cars.	11/17/2023 7:18 AM
80	Hunting and fishing support	11/16/2023 9:05 PM
81	-keeping the small rural town community -boosting local business -high quality education based on researched methodology, not opinion -more community based input for education	11/16/2023 6:55 PM
82	elderly housing opportunities and transportation for the disabled or elderly	11/14/2023 4:54 PM
83	In terms of improving recreational spaces, I'd love to see some pickleball courts in Leverett. This sport is very popular among Leverettites!	11/14/2023 1:22 PM
84	A public playground where families could hang out with their children.	11/13/2023 2:35 PM
85	Realizing that 50% of our residents are reaching retirement age and many would like to age in place we need to be planning accordingly. The non-profit that has been formed to raise funds for the school is wonderful but it shouldn't actually be necessary. Legislative work at the state and federal level is extremely necessary to address the inequities in our country. Trickle down to local towns is just not happening. Our "democratic" model is no longer working.	11/13/2023 9:42 AM
86	strategic sidewalks on some of the main roads would increase our ability to walk places safely...	11/13/2023 7:40 AM
87	Adding sidewalks to main roads	11/11/2023 8:50 PM
88	I think one of the best run resources is our Transfer Station. Highly social gathering place w/ loads of recycling.	11/11/2023 10:33 AM
89	We must find a way to support the Leverett Coop other than through volunteerism.	11/11/2023 10:26 AM

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90	Climate!	11/10/2023 8:36 PM
91	Sidewalks on main roads	11/10/2023 1:36 PM
92	Sidewalks	11/10/2023 1:31 PM
93	I'm interested in how Leverett can join with surrounding towns in a regional planned response to climate change. We should be part of a group that studies Meredith Hoffer's Report and towns should provide paid and volunteer positions to make the goals a reality. No time to waste!	11/9/2023 5:24 PM
94	My rent is too high, and cell service is bad. Thats about it	11/7/2023 3:43 PM
95	this is just a test	11/7/2023 3:09 PM
96	Reduce the zoning restriction designed to limit building. Title 5 restriction requirements should also be reduced to match the state requirements. Everything that can promote positive affordable building to help new homeowners build in Leverett.	11/7/2023 9:24 AM
97	Ban of the use of pesticides on land or in water in leverett. Ban the use of drawdown in ponds.	11/5/2023 11:18 AM
98	Thoughtful planning process so a fervor for x, y, and z doesn't displace a longer sustainable future.	11/4/2023 10:05 PM
99	The potential for a commercial zoned area along the route 63 to improve property values and create investment opportunities.	11/4/2023 8:09 PM
100	Speed control on route 63	11/3/2023 4:43 PM
101	Affordable housing for new and existing low income residents	11/2/2023 1:39 PM
102	I love our little rural town-and almost all things about it. But it's hard to walk on our roads safely. Given that it's impossible to create sidewalks, I'm just mentioning it as the one thing I can think of that makes Leverett less than perfect.	10/31/2023 8:44 PM
103	keeping leverett's rural character is most important to me. it's a peaceful refuge for me.	10/31/2023 3:50 PM
104	Some sort of regulation of minimum property sizes and regulation on the amount of building to preserve the rural character of the town and as close to zero population growth as possible.	10/31/2023 2:54 PM
105	Less restritive zoning	10/31/2023 10:58 AM
106	Protecting Leverett from lithium batteries associated with solar electric installations. Keeping up with cultural and technological developments that might insinuate themselves against our wishes. Legal actions by big entities the town can't easy afford to fight.	10/29/2023 9:10 PM
107	Indoctrination of our children in public schools. Non-academic topics being forced on children.	10/29/2023 1:05 PM
108	a gas station, near the co-op	10/29/2023 11:38 AM
109	Avoid population density. The old-timers (pre-1960) did well in planning.	10/29/2023 11:24 AM
110	There should be options for voting after Town Meeting has concluded. Maybe an evening voting window?	10/29/2023 10:46 AM
111	I think the town needs to revisit emergency preparedness plans. We are living in "interesting times" and we need to think about what might happen if our wells run dry due to draught, or if there is a toxic freight train derailment on Depot Road, or if there is a toxic waste event upstream from us, which might effect our drinking water, etc.	10/29/2023 10:40 AM
112	I am very concerned about the environmentally destructive use of unnecessary toxic chemicals in Leverett Pond. I also am very concerned that their use is in violation of Leverett's bylaws.	10/29/2023 10:35 AM
113	Seniors need an active senior center, they also need a reduction in property taxes. Even with a modest rise in taxes, their on a fixed income and struggle to find that extra money. Veterans need to be thanks for their service.	10/29/2023 8:32 AM
114	Elder housing opportunities Check in system for elders living alone	10/28/2023 1:16 PM
115	Preservation of Backlands	10/28/2023 9:35 AM
116	Figuring out sustainable town revenue seems clutch. I hope that with some imagination and an	10/27/2023 9:59 AM

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entrepreneurial partnerships we could make some progress.

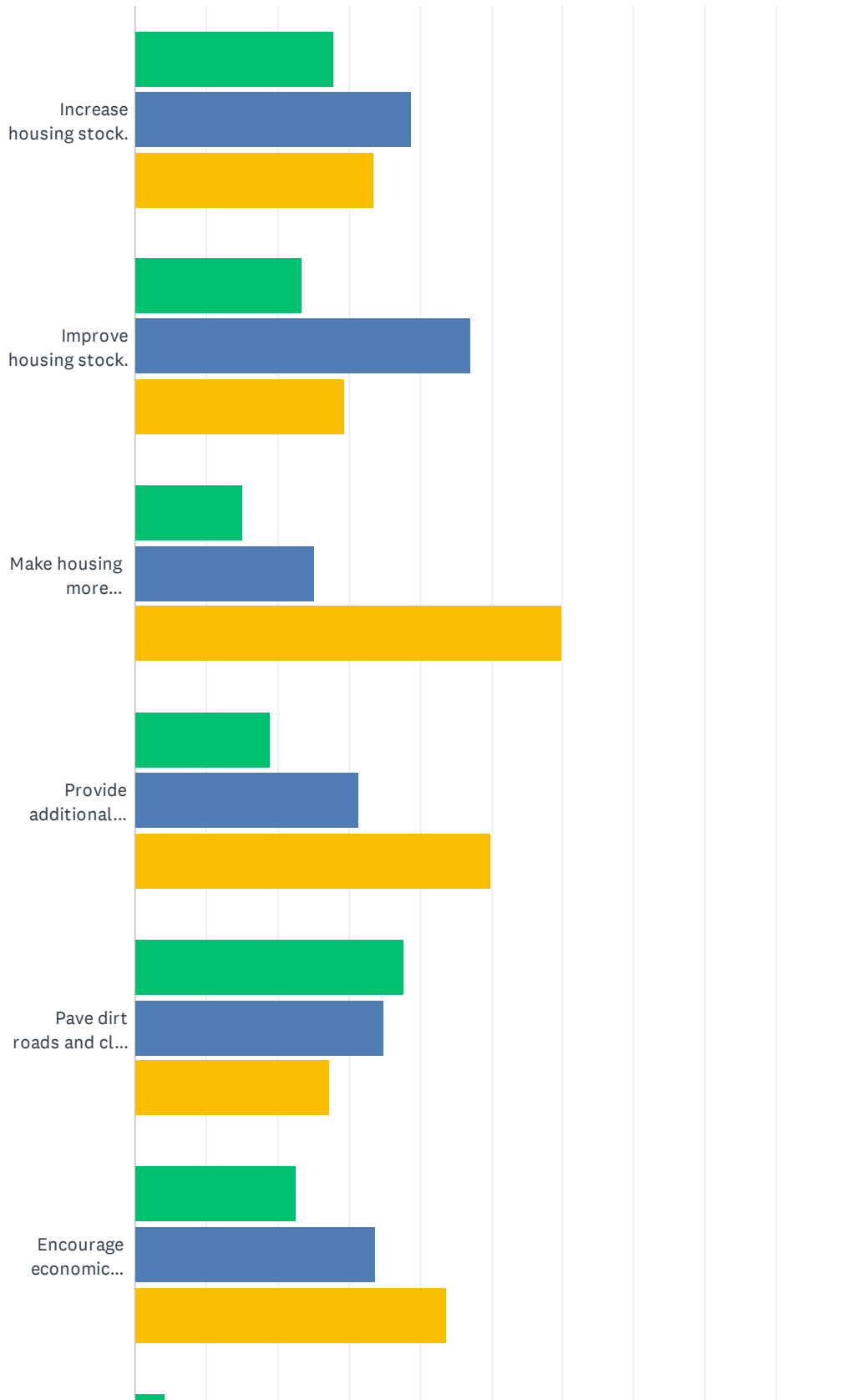
117	changing zoning to allow for tiny houses and decreasing the minimum acreage requirement	10/26/2023 1:45 PM
118	Zoning to prevent hills from becoming built up with McMansions, windmills, and other eyesores. Zoning to put solar farms in old landfills, gravel pits and other discrete areas.	10/24/2023 6:11 PM
119	- support for innovative, conservation / community oriented housing options, small businesses - regional sharing of municipal services - protection of wells for the future -- water restrictions?	10/24/2023 3:12 PM
120	More attention to the growing population of older people, affordable housing and availability of services for them. Much more rental housing.	10/24/2023 11:42 AM
121	The impact of mining gravel on property adjacent to the town, the Warner mining.	10/23/2023 10:48 AM
122	Development of a town park at the Saw Mill. How could a senior center be combined with something like a town park?	10/23/2023 10:22 AM
123	Sidewalks...Montague road	10/23/2023 7:37 AM
124	none at the moment	10/23/2023 6:49 AM
125	Increase opportunities for commercial expansion along Route 63 rather than in small town centers as a way to increase revenue, provide jobs, etc.	10/22/2023 9:05 PM
126	I wouldn't want Leverett to lose its rural character and become 'slick'. I'm concerned about new houses being built in public views with extremely modern designs and excess lighting...such as bottom of Cave Hill Road. Also would like aggressive / speeding/ tailgating drivers 'managed'.	10/22/2023 8:09 PM
127	Amount of heavy trucks & speed of traffic on our small roads	10/22/2023 4:42 PM
128	I wish we could develop a tax base that would not just benefit developers. Small groupings of truly affordable housing, perhaps single-story senior housing for Leverett residents looking to size down.	10/22/2023 11:58 AM
129	A vision for small/medium scale (commercial) business development opportunities that will increase the town's tax base and serve as a positive activity generator for residents (cafes are an example)	10/21/2023 12:33 PM
130	Overall environmental and economic sustainability issues,	10/21/2023 10:51 AM
131	Continually increasing property taxes will make Leverett unaffordable to most people. Diversifying Leverett's tax base will be important in order to stabilize property taxes. Given Leverett's topography and geographic location, there are limited ways to do that. Development along Rt. 63 should be considered.	10/21/2023 10:47 AM
132	Long-term sustainability through increased diversity of revenue streams to support town infrastructure. Zoning reform that reflects that goal. Leverett could increase its vitality by opening itself to a range of activities beyond conserving open land.	10/21/2023 9:44 AM
133	More cohesive sense of community, but I don't know how to achieve that.	10/19/2023 11:16 AM
134	How we can better support the elementary school.	10/19/2023 11:08 AM
135	Leverett needs to pursue regionalization of its public schools, fire department, police department.	10/19/2023 1:55 AM
136	Planning for water and sewer infrastructure (even if the possibility is way into the future). Placemaking in certain town areas.	10/18/2023 10:07 PM
137	Greater income diversity	10/18/2023 5:36 PM
138	Too much focus on land conservation and too little on revenue, new homes or attracting businesses. Need to stabilize our taxes and not by cutting budgets. We need to increase revenue and affordable housing.	10/18/2023 5:26 PM
139	Private roads should be respected as private. Residents pay for those roads every month of every year. Do non-ownership people who use those roads want to contribute to the cost of these roads?	10/18/2023 2:40 PM
140	24 hour staffed fire department	10/18/2023 7:43 AM

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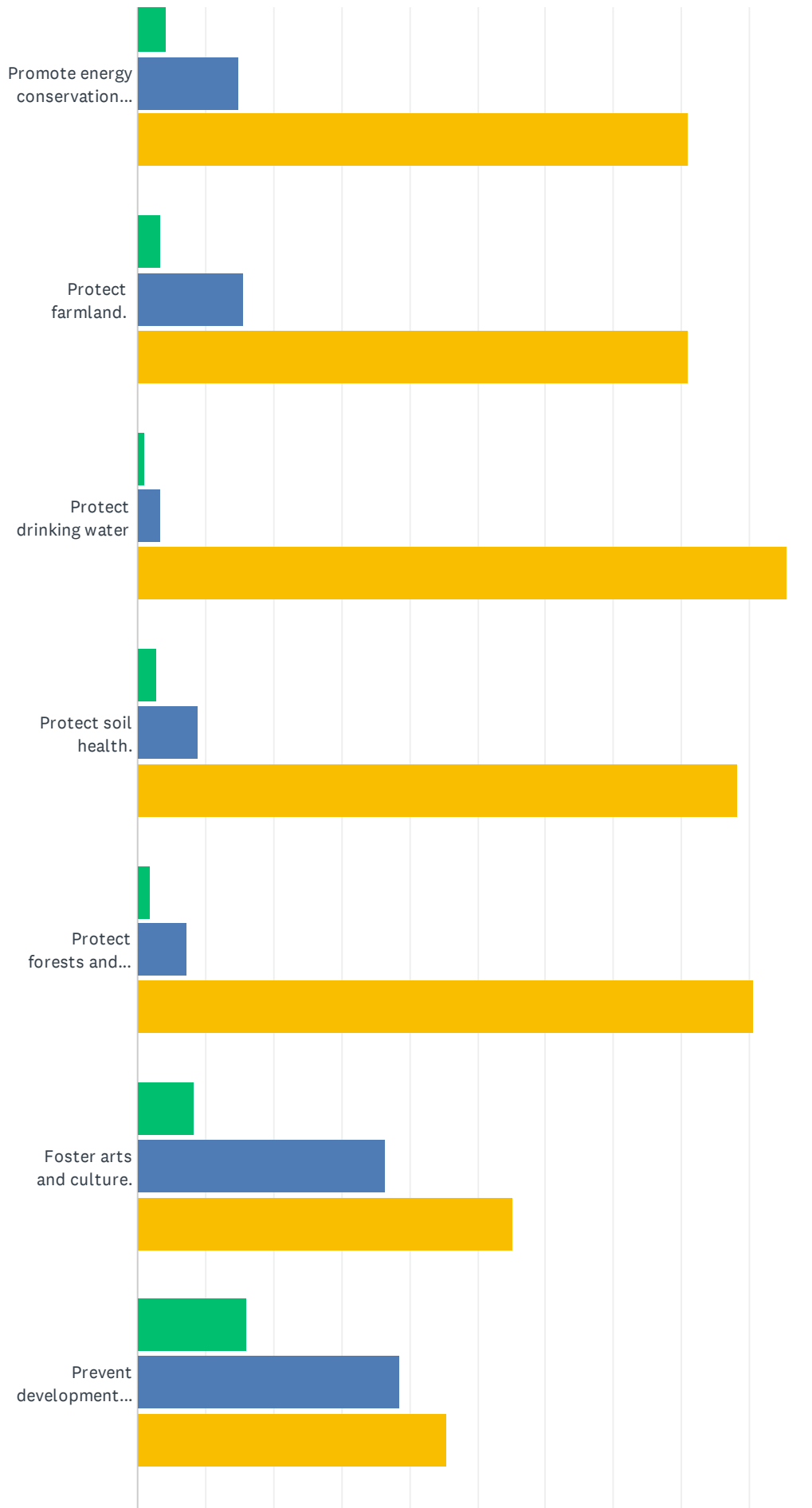
141	It's important to preserve the town meeting government. Some steps could be taken to make sure more voices are heard.	10/17/2023 7:46 PM
142	Arts and Culture planning as part of Town budget. Increased library hours. A process to save the Field Museum that is not acrimonious. Ditto for other historic landmarks in town. Village Neighbors and the Leverett listserve have been great improvements in our quality of life. Any more innovations like this would be great!!	10/17/2023 7:39 PM
143	This was brought up in the last question, but it makes me very sad how unaffordable it is in Leverett. I dream of being able to move back to Leverett (I'm currently homeless crashing with my dad in Montague) but I doubt I'd ever be able to afford it	10/17/2023 7:29 PM
144	Senior services	10/17/2023 4:53 PM
145	Safety	10/17/2023 2:11 PM
146	Because 'transportation' is listed as one of the topics, is there really a demand for public transportation for Leverett? If so, Leverett has the opportunity to join the FRTA for their demand response van service as most of the other towns in Franklin County have done. This service would be a handy way of accessing the train station in Greenfield, saving driving and parking fees.	10/17/2023 12:31 PM
147	Senior services and housing . Climate resilience planning	10/17/2023 11:18 AM
148	tax base, ability to town to sustain expenses (public works, fire, police, internet)	10/17/2023 11:10 AM

Q4 Rank the possible goals for this process by level of importance to you.

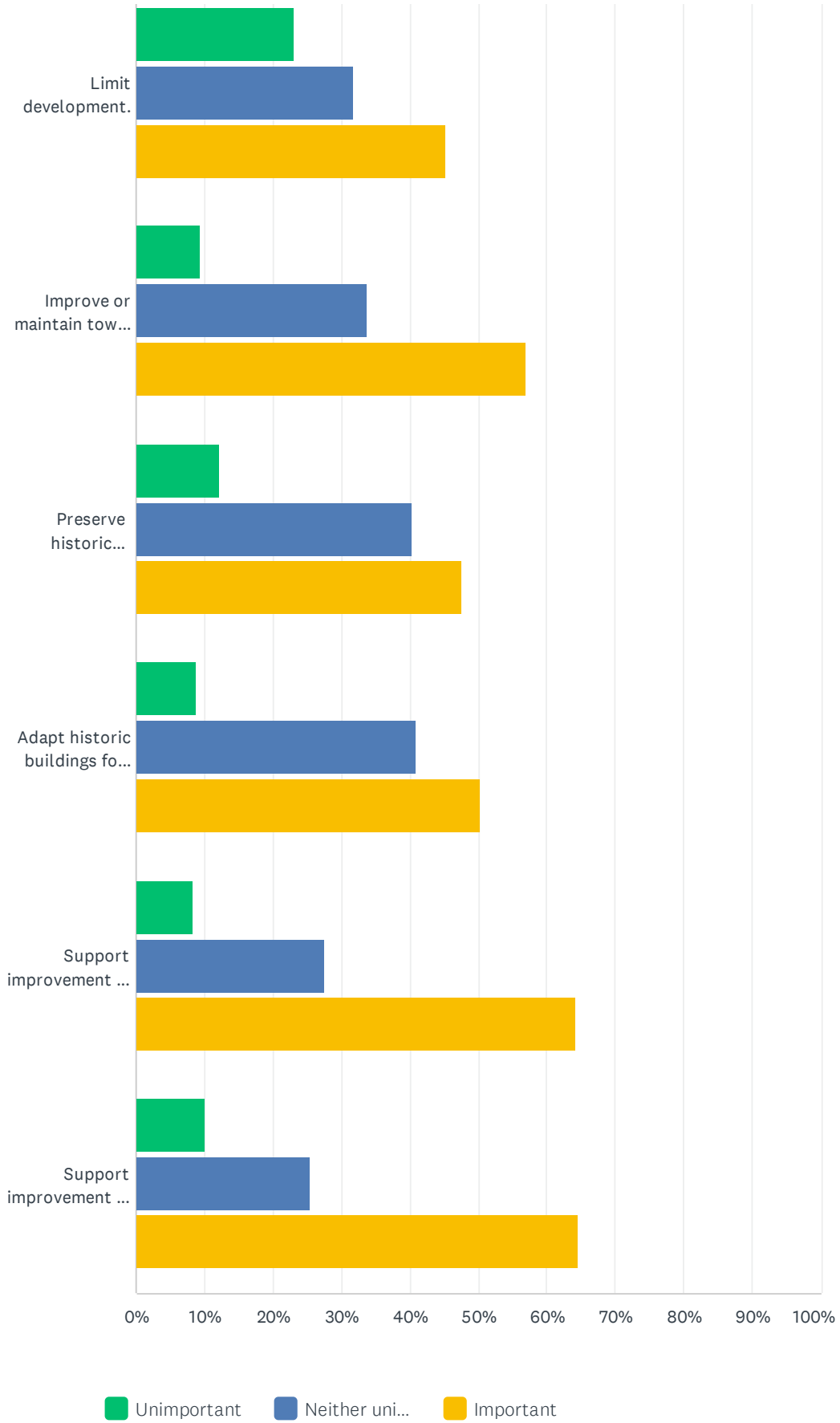
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	UNIMPORTANT	NEITHER UNIMPORTANT OR IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Increase housing stock.	27.86% 95	38.71% 132	33.43% 114	341	2.06
Improve housing stock.	23.51% 79	47.02% 158	29.46% 99	336	2.06
Make housing more affordable.	15.10% 53	25.07% 88	59.83% 210	351	2.45
Provide additional options for public transportation.	18.87% 67	31.27% 111	49.86% 177	355	2.31
Pave dirt roads and clear edges of roads to prevent run-off and erosion.	37.64% 131	35.06% 122	27.30% 95	348	1.90
Encourage economic development in town.	22.57% 79	33.71% 118	43.71% 153	350	2.21
Promote energy conservation and efficiency.	4.20% 15	14.85% 53	80.95% 289	357	2.77
Protect farmland.	3.40% 12	15.58% 55	81.02% 286	353	2.78
Protect drinking water	1.11% 4	3.32% 12	95.57% 345	361	2.94
Protect soil health.	2.81% 10	8.99% 32	88.20% 314	356	2.85
Protect forests and nature.	1.97% 7	7.32% 26	90.70% 322	355	2.89
Foster arts and culture.	8.31% 29	36.39% 127	55.30% 193	349	2.47
Prevent development sprawl by focusing growth near town center.	15.99% 55	38.66% 133	45.35% 156	344	2.29
Limit development.	23.05% 80	31.70% 110	45.24% 157	347	2.22
Improve or maintain town infrastructure and Town Hall.	9.48% 33	33.62% 117	56.90% 198	348	2.47
Preserve historic buildings.	12.22% 43	40.34% 142	47.44% 167	352	2.35
Adapt historic buildings for new purposes.	8.76% 31	40.96% 145	50.28% 178	354	2.42
Support improvement of Leverett Elementary School.	8.24% 29	27.56% 97	64.20% 226	352	2.56
Support improvement of Leverett Library.	10.06% 35	25.29% 88	64.66% 225	348	2.55

#	DO YOU HAVE OTHER GOALS THE TOWN SHOULD CONSIDER?	DATE
1	I feel very uncomfortable the hunting season. Gun violence continues to rise.	12/15/2023 10:39 PM
2	I do not want any significant changes to Leverett that are driven by idealism of any kind.	12/15/2023 10:27 PM
3	A town vision and mission statement that guides decision-making. Economic development is too closely tied to "growth" which often implies development. We need to develop strategies for diversifying tax revenue that maintain the rural nature of Leverett	12/15/2023 9:25 PM

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4	Encourage openness to careful change - Leverett can't remain static. Many Thanks to all the thoughtful, skilled volunteers work so hard to make good decisions on our behalf!who	12/15/2023 6:05 PM
5	Animal welfare & supporting seniors / immunocompromised / disabled	12/15/2023 4:15 PM
6	continue representing values of residents	12/15/2023 4:12 PM
7	We live in the town center on Montague Rd across from the Library - We don't want more development in the town center. There's no underdeveloped property around the town center - and the traffic is already too heavy here.	12/15/2023 3:45 PM
8	Become a Host Community for refugee families with kids.	12/15/2023 2:26 PM
9	I'm thinking of the Kitridge property. Adapt some of the historic buildings - not all. Fiscally responsible improvement of School & Library is Key.	12/15/2023 1:32 PM
10	VERY careful planning around any development proposals.	12/15/2023 12:11 PM
11	I don't think the school and Library are unimportant I just don't think that they are requiring the focus at this time	12/15/2023 11:52 AM
12	How about eliminating recreational aviation over Leverett air-space - WWII frontiers? looping about for hours at time - PLEASE town dept. are unresponsive - particularly Roads dept, highway"	12/15/2023 10:18 AM
13	Library is already great!	12/15/2023 9:40 AM
14	Keeping gated communities out of Leverett	12/15/2023 8:53 AM
15	More opportunities to build community, super locally.	12/14/2023 10:22 PM
16	To promote town development, it is crucial not to overstep the impact that development will have on traffic, waste management, sewage, noise, and other forms of impact. If possible, support circular economies. Expand the coop to become a multi-use property with facilities that support the coop, such as modifying the structure to become a two story building with apartments or office/studio space. Create solar potential for the building to become an energy producer. Explore Hydro Power options for the coop and other energy needs.	12/14/2023 6:34 PM
17	Provide a nexus or festival or regular gatherings so that neighbors can meet more easily. Build affordable housing to live the values we preach. make the school a community space.	12/14/2023 5:51 PM
18	Growing Food on town land eg fruit trees	12/14/2023 5:34 PM
19	- Keep rural character of town - Tax relief for low income folks - Tax local businesses - Slow down speeders thru town center - Preserve dirt roads - Don't see % of low income folks	12/14/2023 5:20 PM
20	We should promote approp. development. Library support serves everyone town all ages.	12/13/2023 4:19 PM
21	I would like to see the town improve access to town govt functions and cultural events for people with hearing loss. At least for me, lack of an effective assistive hearing system, except for town meeting makes participation in town govt meeting and library events impossible.	12/13/2023 3:37 PM
22	Work with PVRTA and local town and city school bus services to provide comprehensive bus transport for everyone. Develop a historical museum of Western Mass life in 18th/19th centuries.	12/13/2023 11:59 AM
23	Clearly what is meant by "economic development" in a way that does not impede other goals such as conservation, affordable housing, etc. Consider moving the old Field Library to the new library complex so it can become a multi-purpose building - preserved as historical building and archival deposit but accessible for possible senior center & other group meeting space.	12/13/2023 11:46 AM
24	Housing stock: By adding more hopefully costs will level out. Protect farmland: leave that to Hadly + Sunderland. Preserve historic buildings: Make it into something new.	12/13/2023 10:19 AM
25	School is the priority	12/13/2023 9:59 AM
26	Sidewalks for walkable downtown area	12/12/2023 8:16 PM
27	For question #3, which I cannot go back to, another topic to consider is climate change and building strong social as well as infrastructural sustainability.	12/9/2023 12:15 PM

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28	Blacktop Teawaddle hill totally with fresh steamrolled asphalt asap this Sprng	12/8/2023 3:30 AM
29	Erosion edge control imp. Dont know how support pavibg all.dirt.roads tho	12/7/2023 5:06 PM
30	Support for senior citizens quality of life	12/7/2023 1:15 AM
31	How do we promote economic development?	12/6/2023 9:34 PM
32	Use the Co-op as a community gathering spot	12/6/2023 2:29 PM
33	I didn't answer the question about "prevent development sprawl" because it assumes there will be development; I'm not in favor of encouraging development. In terms of supporting improvement of the school and library: I'm in favor of maintaining them as the excellent institutions they currently are. I would need to know what the proposed improvements are and what they would cost before I could decide whether I supported them. That is also the case for adapting historic buildings for new purposes.	12/6/2023 9:04 AM
34	Lower the ever growing tax rate	12/5/2023 3:11 PM
35	commercial centers, creating a town government that is easier to access	12/4/2023 1:13 PM
36	Protected Bike lanes on Montague Rd + 63 to Montague Center	12/4/2023 7:57 AM
37	Maintaining and expanding the program that helps first time home buyers in Leverett.	12/2/2023 2:05 PM
38	Supporting existing entities with fragile, financial budgets, such as the leverett co-op and LCA.	12/2/2023 10:56 AM
39	Keep dirt roads dirt	12/2/2023 9:32 AM
40	Sprawl should be prevented and not by allowing it at town center.	12/1/2023 11:37 AM
41	Maintaining the quality of life that Leverett now provides and at the same time making it available to young families and blue-collar workers as it once was.	11/30/2023 6:22 PM
42	The library and school facilities are fine. We could definately use a senior center and programs for seniors.	11/30/2023 5:46 PM
43	1) climate resilience and adaptation, 2) creative economic development opportunities such as regenerative agriculture/carbon sequestration	11/30/2023 2:16 PM
44	Should sell unused old library	11/29/2023 2:03 PM
45	Change zoning to promote more housing in Leverett	11/29/2023 9:40 AM
46	Must encourage development for improved tax base.	11/28/2023 8:18 PM
47	More solar/wind/nuclear power	11/27/2023 8:17 PM
48	Community pond gathering place- dredge Leverett pond and make a town beach on the slope behind the church or buy Portia's beachfront property and make a boat launch and beach so the parking is better than the boat launch we currently have.	11/22/2023 7:23 PM
49	Does new housing net contribute to town revenue? I know it brings in tax dollars but don't know if it costs more than it brings in in terms of incremental town services.	11/22/2023 2:48 PM
50	Repeat: a senior center is needed!!	11/22/2023 1:57 PM
51	Goals should focus on how to attract young families/people to town. We won't survive without them.	11/22/2023 1:44 PM
52	Libraries are a thing of the past with the internet and UMass library. Leverett library is only a social gathering place. Building a strong tax base must be encouraged to benefit a lower tax rate. Water and farm land (food and water) should be protected.	11/21/2023 5:03 PM
53	Make roads safer for bicyclists, slow car traffic down.	11/18/2023 8:02 AM
54	Dirt roads makes the beauty of Leverett. The town does a great job in maintaining them. It should be continued.	11/17/2023 7:37 PM
55	I would add extra emphasis to support library!	11/17/2023 7:02 PM
56	Trying to balance growth with maintaining the character of Leverett as a small town.	11/17/2023 12:16 PM

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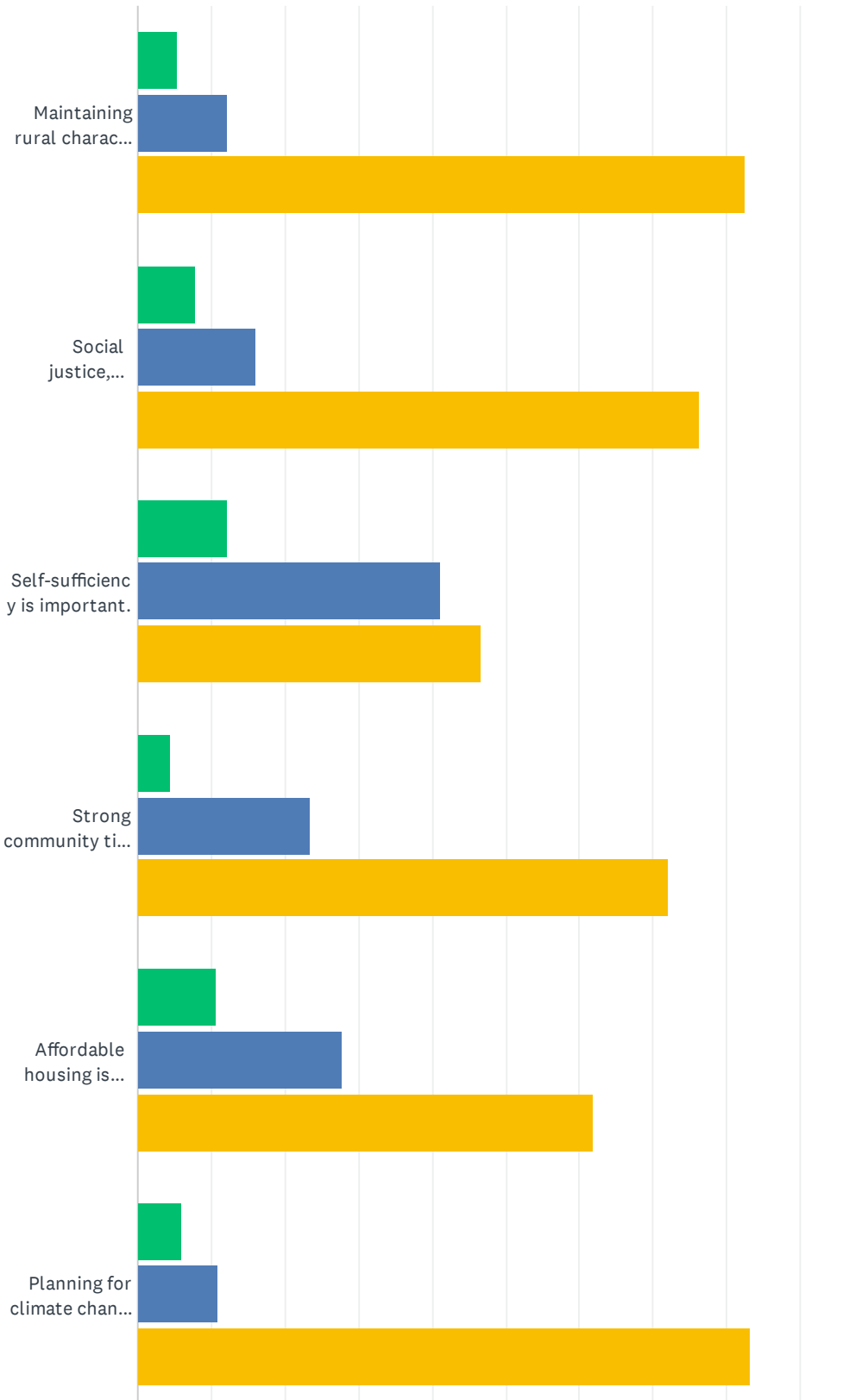
57	Protection of the farm land and forests. Not allowing large-scale development. No public transport.	11/17/2023 8:58 AM
58	Keeping affordable housing for people on fixed incomes or the elderly	11/16/2023 7:08 PM
59	Cluster housing - protects nature and increases housing stock and community = important	11/15/2023 8:48 AM
60	Build an apartment complex that's mixed income. For elders, disabled people and families.	11/13/2023 2:43 PM
61	What ever happened to the pavilion idea? I thought that was a great idea for community events at LES fields	11/13/2023 7:54 AM
62	Create spaces that can foster community and connection	11/11/2023 4:06 PM
63	I do not necessarily agree that dirt roads need/or should be paved; dirt roads are perfect for horseback riding, jogging, walking etc. I DO however agree that emphasis on and regular clearing of road edges prone to run off and erosion is ver important	11/11/2023 12:42 PM
64	Ensure the fire department is kept strong.	11/11/2023 11:57 AM
65	Road safety and sidewalks	11/10/2023 1:43 PM
66	Leave our children and grandchildren a livable planet.	11/9/2023 7:05 PM
67	I'd love to see run down large buildings repurposed into either public spaces or low income rent spaces.	11/7/2023 3:55 PM
68	this is just a test	11/7/2023 3:11 PM
69	I'm concerned that this survey has an anti development bias built in. Very undemocratic, typical.	11/4/2023 8:23 PM
70	Stronger support of Town Police and Fire Department/EMTS	10/30/2023 9:45 AM
71	Lowering property taxes, reduce spending on baseless projects	10/29/2023 1:15 PM
72	also a auto repair shop / general repair shop	10/29/2023 11:45 AM
73	All of these seem very important, but in my opinion, the school should be the highest priority.	10/29/2023 11:02 AM
74	I would support an increase in housing stock if it were for low income housing. I don't want to see more affluent developments/subdivisionss	10/29/2023 10:50 AM
75	Prevent urban sprawl by keeping housing density near Rte 63 rather than near the historic center. One day what will be most valued is living in a community that is not overdeveloped but rather remains close to nature.	10/24/2023 6:44 PM
76	Identify and remove race and class barriers to living and participating in Leverett	10/24/2023 3:44 PM
77	Rental housing	10/24/2023 11:54 AM
78	Again, I'm not good questions without details.	10/23/2023 5:06 PM
79	Revisit wastewater regulations and infrastructure to encourage building of affordable housing.	10/23/2023 2:47 PM
80	Sidewalks in the town center if it is to be developed more would be nice - important	10/23/2023 7:06 AM
81	Route 63 has 3 phase (220)that is accessible, it seems quicker, more efficient all around to plan for businesses here. The historic town buildings are on fragile and small parcels of land and repurposing them for mixed use may be more expensive than pratical. Our small town centers don't have the infrastructure to support business and development and no real room for parking.	10/22/2023 9:26 PM
82	promote public art	10/21/2023 4:06 PM
83	no to paving dirt roads. do upgrade Dudleyville.no to increasing housing stock. econ development increase with much control. such as no buliding over 3 storys no modern looking buildings no purchase of old homes to be torn down and rebult	10/21/2023 2:35 PM
84	Dedicating a small percentage of protected land for business development	10/21/2023 12:55 PM
85	improve the landscaping around all public buildigs,	10/21/2023 11:43 AM

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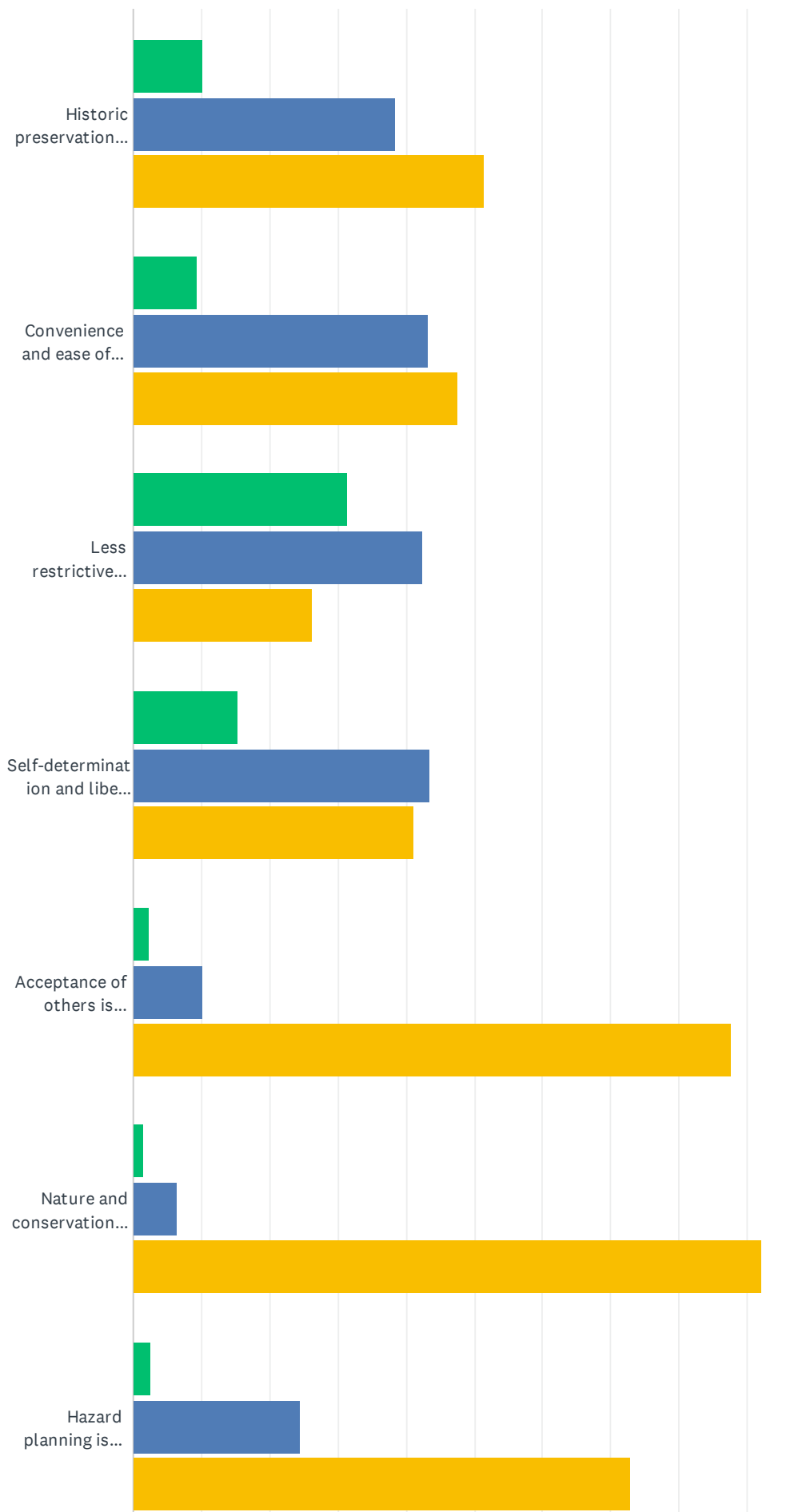
86	"Prevent development sprawl by focusing growth near town center" includes a few assumptions that may not be correct or helpful.	10/21/2023 11:43 AM
87	Develop alternative revenue streams for town such as an industrial park off of Route 63, mixed use housing and services in the village centers, make life more sustainable in Leverett, not continue the "suburb of Amherst/Hadley" continuum that we have been on for the last 3-4 decades.	10/21/2023 10:01 AM
88	Maintain dirt roads do NOT pave them	10/21/2023 9:11 AM
89	I'd support building up the town center a bit with tax generating businesses that serve the community. I also think there's opportunities to allow some tax generating businesses on the west edge of town.	10/21/2023 7:13 AM
90	Construction of Municipal Micro Grids at the Municipal Complex and in the various villages in town.	10/19/2023 2:09 AM
91	Anticipate climate change effects on infrastructure and residences (e.g. storm water, creeks and brooks, culverts). Also I think the town should actively try to mitigate speeding through town (traffic calming)	10/18/2023 10:25 PM
92	Increase housing, businesses and revenue	10/18/2023 5:35 PM
93	24 hour fire staffing for medical coverage for aging population	10/18/2023 7:51 AM
94	Plan for climate resiliency - prevent flash floods via upgraded culverts and road design; develop townwide strategy for droughts; provide for emergency shelter(s) in the event of extended power outages	10/17/2023 8:59 PM
95	Economic development should not be at the expense of the unique character of our town and natural environment	10/17/2023 7:55 PM
96	create a climate change adaptation plan	10/17/2023 7:47 PM
97	multi-generational housing/co-housing; supporting the leverett co-op	10/17/2023 3:32 PM
98	Protect & preserve forests and waterways	10/17/2023 2:22 PM
99	I support the school and library but don't know what they need for "improvement" so my answer is kind of unclear.	10/17/2023 12:51 PM

Q5 Are the following values important to you as a member of the Leverett community?

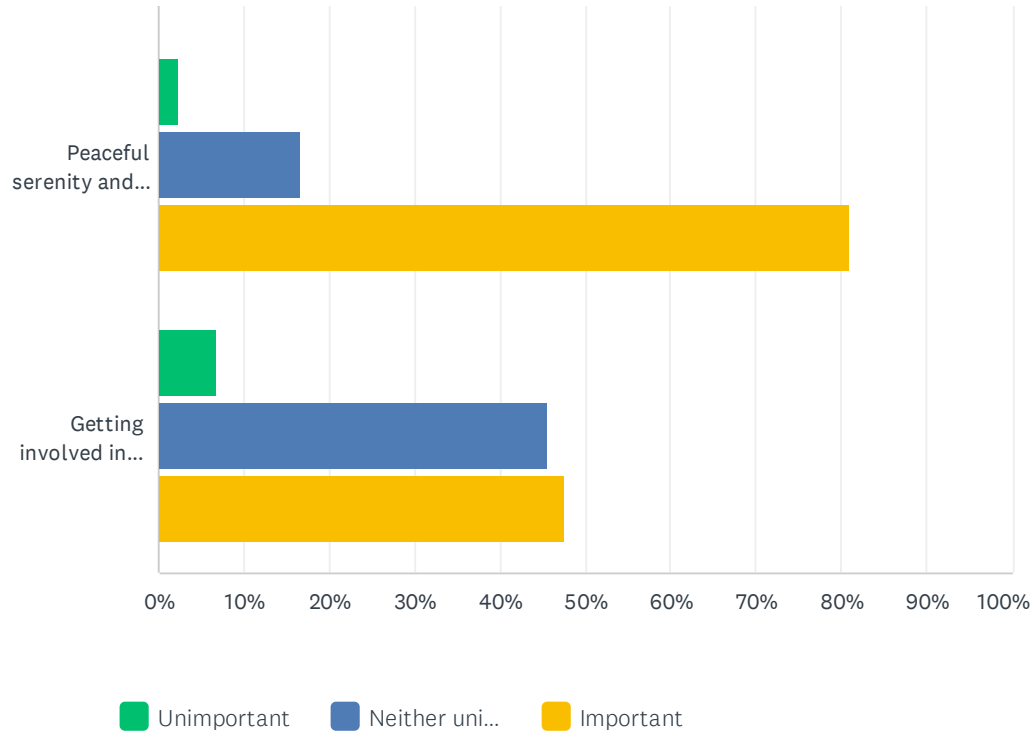
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	UNIMPORTANT	NEITHER UNIMPORTANT OR IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Maintaining rural character is important.	5.29% 19	12.26% 44	82.45% 296	359
Social justice, promoting equity, and including everyone is important.	7.82% 28	15.92% 57	76.26% 273	358
Self-sufficiency is important.	12.11% 43	41.13% 146	46.76% 166	355
Strong community ties are important.	4.47% 16	23.46% 84	72.07% 258	358
Affordable housing is important.	10.61% 38	27.65% 99	61.73% 221	358
Planning for climate change is important.	5.87% 21	10.89% 39	83.24% 298	358
Historic preservation is important.	10.29% 36	38.29% 134	51.43% 180	350
Convenience and ease of living are important.	9.28% 32	43.19% 149	47.54% 164	345
Less restrictive zoning is important.	31.32% 109	42.53% 148	26.15% 91	348
Self-determination and liberty are important.	15.45% 53	43.44% 149	41.11% 141	343
Acceptance of others is important.	2.26% 8	10.17% 36	87.57% 310	354
Nature and conservation are important.	1.39% 5	6.41% 23	92.20% 331	359
Hazard planning is important.	2.54% 9	24.58% 87	72.88% 258	354
Peaceful serenity and quiet living are important.	2.26% 8	16.67% 59	81.07% 287	354
Getting involved in improving Leverett is important to me.	6.84% 24	45.58% 160	47.58% 167	351

#	WHAT DO THE VALUES ABOVE MEAN TO YOU?	DATE
1	Good fortune!	12/15/2023 10:39 PM
2	I live in Leverett because of these values that shared by others. I have no wish to use Leverett as a laboratory for social change.	12/15/2023 10:27 PM
3	preserving and enhancing a community of peaceful lovers of the world and environment	12/15/2023 9:25 PM
4	Perhaps related to 'self determination and liberty' I find the extremely loud vehicles... motorcycles, and that damn airplane stunt pilot extremely maddening... why the majority must put up with such excessive disturbance ... because they have the right to do what they want... frustrating!	12/15/2023 6:11 PM
5	Not sure about "convenience, ease of living, " defined differently by many, I think. Less restrictive zoning? It depends. Maybe more flexible options that don't feel too radical to most residents, that don't strongly alter the beauty and rural qualities that brought many of us here.	12/15/2023 6:05 PM
6	respect and honesty	12/15/2023 4:12 PM
7	"Grandparent" apts - add on units	12/15/2023 2:26 PM
8	Social justice & climate change questions feel political. Live + let live. Respect + care for	12/15/2023 1:32 PM

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each other. Be a good neighbor.

9	They have to do with my ongoing pride in living in Leverett and my desire to live here.	12/15/2023 12:11 PM
10	Strong community ties and hazard planning - it happens	12/15/2023 9:40 AM
11	To keep this town as the way I have known it since 1946.	12/15/2023 8:57 AM
12	Denying Juggler Meadow Estates is very important	12/15/2023 8:53 AM
13	Protecting and preserving the rural way of life here, respecting everyone's freedom and rights to make their own choices while respecting others.	12/14/2023 10:22 PM
14	Self sufficiency... of the town or of residents? Needs more clarification. Conveniences? Personal or public?	12/14/2023 6:34 PM
15	Embracing this moment to build on the good of Leverett while not being afraid to change.	12/14/2023 5:51 PM
16	These items are all more or less important as long as they don't make Leverett into a suburban community like Amherst.	12/14/2023 5:20 PM
17	While nature and conservation are important they should not preclude the importance of overdoing and exclusion of other conditions, ie., making living in the community affordable.	12/14/2023 4:52 PM
18	I'd rather focus on needs/wants vs values	12/14/2023 10:04 AM
19	Leverett avoids many pitfalls common to larger urban locales. Together the preceding assets in making the life style peaceful if a little expensive.	12/13/2023 5:31 PM
20	Respect of people, property, opinions, freedom to worship, speech, etc.	12/13/2023 4:53 PM
21	Ease of living not always practical in rural area. I'm already active on volunteer committees. All seem pretty clear except "self-determination + liberty" and possible "self-sufficiency".	12/13/2023 4:19 PM
22	See comments for #4. Including everyone is important. As a person with a serious hearing loss I find that no one even considers people with hearing loss when planning events and I have been met at times with an attitude that is too much trouble to consider it.	12/13/2023 3:37 PM
23	Leverett is holding itself back by its internal divisions.	12/13/2023 11:59 AM
24	I am not sure what "self-sufficiency" means as a value - we all need support from others. I do think the conditions for independent living (medical care, transportation, food sources) are important for seniors + disabled people, but I also favor breaking down restrictive zoning and lack of affordable housing that keeps the Town less accessible to low income people is important.	12/13/2023 11:46 AM
25	How about more housing lot	12/13/2023 10:19 AM
26	The self-determination and liberty question is odd since these are fundamental principles of any liberal democracy like we have and hope to preserve in the US (and would therefore apply also to Leverett) but it is unclear what it means in the context of this planning questionnaire.	12/12/2023 2:07 PM
27	I think many of these value categories are extremely broad and not specific to Leverett. I'm not sure these answers are that helpful. I'm curious as to why a 5 level Likert type scale wasn't used instead.	12/9/2023 10:58 PM
28	I moved here because of the rural character of the town but wish there were more opportunities to be part of a community. Individual self-sufficiency will not serve us well in the face of the challenges we are likely to face.	12/9/2023 12:15 PM
29	Civilian b	12/8/2023 3:30 AM
30	Important i	12/7/2023 6:42 PM
31	Ban dryer sheets . Social justice yes but inclusion has gone awry. . Sex offenders felons drunks drugs all seem to be the groups favored	12/7/2023 5:06 PM
32	Being an active member of the community	12/7/2023 1:15 AM
33	Self-sufficiency needs to be balanced with strong sense of community and neighbors helping each other.	12/6/2023 9:34 PM

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34	mutual support for enlightened living in town. This needs careful consideration because the concept of "enlightened living" can sound elitist...NOT INTENDED	12/6/2023 2:48 PM
35	I like our town, the quiet and rural nature of it. I'd hate to see it become more like Amherst	12/6/2023 2:29 PM
36	I have misgivings about making zoning less restrictive> My support of changes to the zoning plan is contingent on evaluating the impact of these changes on the quality of life here. of changes are	12/5/2023 9:39 PM
37	Not sure if we are ready to adapt to a changing world in a town that has multiple perspectives	12/5/2023 3:11 PM
38	Some of these issues are best addressed by non-local efforts imo	12/5/2023 7:53 AM
39	Self evident	12/2/2023 2:05 PM
40	I support community based, equitable, and environmentally sustainable living. Arts, culture, and history should be preserved and schools for a vibrant community for future generations. Minimizing development and commercial enterprise for low impact a quiet lifestyle in natural surrounds is important to me.	12/2/2023 9:59 AM
41	Some are social, some are progressive and practical, some aim for beauty: all good, and an interesting survey.	12/1/2023 5:46 PM
42	Everything, this is where I have lived my life and raised my family. I want others to have this opportunity.	11/30/2023 6:22 PM
43	Common sense regarding health and safety is important. Getting young people involved in town committees.	11/30/2023 5:46 PM
44	again: what is meant by historical preservation? No town money should be used to preserve our colonist past and present. Next: what is meant by peaceful serenity and quiet living? Seems strangely subjective.	11/30/2023 3:50 PM
45	I'm looking for ways to increase our connection and interdependence as neighbors. Less isolation, more community feel and opportunities to get to know and take care of each other.	11/30/2023 9:12 AM
46	This survey question should be disqualified in data collection	11/29/2023 8:41 AM
47	Less restrictive development rules to encourage broader tax base.	11/28/2023 8:18 PM
48	I'm not exactly sure what this question means however I do have a comment that I believe is relevant to this section. Leverett committees and Town procedures need an overhaul. I realize that our Town administrators are apparently overworked but there is a great deal of inefficiency in the way in which the various boards and committees have to operate. I also realize that not everyone in Town is comfortable or has access to the current electronic/digital world. However, many of the processes used in Town are rather archaic. This results in long wait periods or cumbersome procedures to accomplish activities. This would include the ZBA. For some activities it is unclear what the correct procedure is. This would include interacting with the Conservation Committee. The Town website is out of date for the listings of many boards and committee members is out of date and thus it is not clear who to contact. We need to have Standard Operating Protocols written and available for how to approach these committees and boards.	11/28/2023 2:06 PM
49	by 'acceptance of others' is important, I don't mean we need town policies to encourage representation, but that i see benefit in loving each other.	11/23/2023 10:26 AM
50	I said no to getting involved because I just don't have the time, not because I don't care.	11/23/2023 9:27 AM
51	I feel like I am answering the same questions over and over.	11/22/2023 7:23 PM
52	the importance of all of these things also depends on our fiscal capacity - everything's a trade off. We need to have a conversation about challenges the town faces	11/22/2023 2:48 PM
53	They are the reason I chose to move here over 50 years ago.	11/22/2023 1:57 PM
54	Lower cost of living allows for residents to pay for things and improvements that are important to them. From a libertarian view, government should be involved in less and let residents do as they wish on their property. Social justice is another term for white guilt. Leverett has always been a welcoming community. Diversity has been part of the landscape forever, just look at historical photos. Character is important. If you behave well you are treated well.	11/21/2023 5:03 PM

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55	allowing peaceful, quiet, healthy living in touch with nature without damaging it	11/17/2023 7:37 PM
56	What is hazard planning?	11/17/2023 7:02 PM
57	That we are focused on creating a community where everyone is welcome and everyone is valued and that we value and strive to protect the natural world we live in.	11/17/2023 12:16 PM
58	Keep a rural, agricultural based community	11/17/2023 8:58 AM
59	The importance of community input and adapting to that	11/16/2023 7:08 PM
60	I value community and supporting each other. Providing space for those to "go it alone" is okay too, but we are all connected whether or not folks realize that.	11/15/2023 8:48 AM
61	I wish Leverett had more community events so I could meet more people in town. I also wish this was town that was accessible for moderate to low income people.	11/13/2023 2:43 PM
62	I would like Leverett to be "less precious" and more accessible. We can have both-our rural ness, our woods and trails and also, more housing.	11/13/2023 7:54 AM
63	They are what make a healthy community.	11/12/2023 7:11 AM
64	More emphasis on loud/speeding motorcycles and vehicles on rural town roads	11/11/2023 12:42 PM
65	It's really hard to answer these questions. Definitions would have been helpful.	11/10/2023 8:51 PM
66	I value the privacy of this place, and its proximity to a larger city/town. I also recognize a growing financial crisis, as well as a growing housing crisis. I also see abandoned buildings. Seems a no-brainer if the possibility is there.	11/7/2023 3:55 PM
67	this is just a test	11/7/2023 3:11 PM
68	WE moved here over a decade ago due to the proximity to Amherst and its businesses - without having a lot of storefront clutter in Leverett itself; also a major reason most people move/live here is the quality of LES and of our Police/Fire Depts.	10/30/2023 9:45 AM
69	a comfortable community that appreciates the quality of life and the world right where I live.	10/29/2023 8:32 PM
70	The town should worry less about the day to day of residents lives and focus more on the responsibilities of what they are elected for; maintaining infrastructure, regulating spending in a controlled manner, letting people live their lives the way they see fit.	10/29/2023 1:15 PM
71	we are not Shutesbury - not up each others asses	10/29/2023 11:45 AM
72	It's hard to determine what "rural character" and some of these other terms mean; everyone can define them differently. I want our community to be a place where people of all races, backgrounds, gender identities, sexual orientations, and other historically marginalized communities can feel safe and welcome.	10/29/2023 11:02 AM
73	I just want to make sure that when we talk about "acceptance of others" and the values related to social justice, that this includes our work to help those experiencing poverty.	10/29/2023 10:50 AM
74	Mutual aid and taking care of our community is also mutually beneficial. Investment is important.	10/27/2023 10:08 AM
75	Affordable housing is often a euphamism for importing urban problems. Diversity is important. Supporting young old and less affluent is important. But I see what has happened in the "projects" of Amherst and don't want that in Leverett.	10/24/2023 6:44 PM
76	Values that I identify as "Important" are the ones that will make the Leverett community strong and inclusive, and are the ones that will best address gaps and needs in our town.	10/24/2023 3:44 PM
77	It means wanting all, but realizing that in order to protect the idyllic nature of Leverett compromises will required	10/24/2023 3:21 PM
78	Cooperation, communication and resources for older persons.	10/24/2023 11:54 AM
79	Community	10/23/2023 2:47 PM
80	Conservation is important, but decisions need to made with compromise and mutual respect.	10/23/2023 10:46 AM
81	Understanding what some of these items are getting at - Important	10/23/2023 7:06 AM

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82	The most important is resiliency to climate change.	10/22/2023 9:26 PM
83	Community and collective minded from a mindset of respect and equity.	10/22/2023 7:49 PM
84	These values support the importance of community, respecting individual differences.	10/22/2023 12:10 PM
85	people who come to live in town who love the rural character of this place and then demand services that they had in a suburban or urban location.	10/21/2023 2:35 PM
86	Preserving the historic character of Leverett with the need to make some changes	10/21/2023 12:55 PM
87	my husband and I have lived here for over 50 yrs and been active in town committees for most of those. We want to remain here but need the Town to provide more support for the aging population in tow. Look to Hatfield for the services that can be provided.	10/21/2023 11:43 AM
88	What is hazard planning?	10/21/2023 11:43 AM
89	Each voice is valued for its contribution to the community and respected for its inherent value without preference or pandering.	10/21/2023 10:01 AM
90	We must improve Leverett's infrastructure especiall municipal infrastructure and hire a strong Municipal Facilities Manager	10/19/2023 2:09 AM
91	Leverett is a beautiful town and has many outdoor settings that could be available to more people and made to be more accessible. I think it's also important to preserve and teach about nature in innovative ways (providing access at the same time and possibly green energy). Obviously self determination is important but I don't think Leverett should adhere to a Libertarian viewpoint; volunteerism and collective action makes Leverett function and allows for some special features (library events, etc.) Leverett also need to be proactive in planning for the future including hazard planning, rather than it being reactive to these things.	10/18/2023 10:25 PM
92	Invest in our people and invite new people to join our great community	10/18/2023 5:35 PM
93	I'm more inclined toward cooperation and interdependence than self-sufficiency and self-determination	10/17/2023 8:59 PM
94	strong community	10/17/2023 7:59 PM
95	I've tried to reflect my core values — sustainability, inclusiveness, innovation on the above	10/17/2023 7:55 PM
96	Leverett is such a unique place with such important values and environment	10/17/2023 7:36 PM
97	Respecting and valuing nature and what exists while moving toward a future that allows all humans to thrive and feel safe and cared for.	10/17/2023 4:58 PM
98	?	10/17/2023 2:22 PM
99	Leverett's main value is its natural environment - it is vital to put as much land into conservation as possible	10/17/2023 1:06 PM

Q6 If you identified "Getting involved in improving Leverett is important to me.", what does that mean to you? Can you identify a level of commitment that matches your interpretation of this value?

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1	At this time I am caregiving for elderly parents.	12/15/2023 10:39 PM
2	I volunteer collecting cans and bottles at the transfer station. I am the founding treasurer of the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School and its longest serving trustee.	12/15/2023 10:27 PM
3	I would love to actively participate in community improvement projects (e.g., helping seniors, working on preserving our historic community buildings)	12/15/2023 9:25 PM
4	Part time/limited per month involvement to contribute to the community	12/15/2023 7:43 PM
5	Town meeting involvement	12/15/2023 7:42 PM
6	Strong volunteer culture	12/15/2023 7:05 PM
7	I currently volunteer locally, but I hate going to meetings... so would depend on situation.	12/15/2023 6:11 PM
8	Everyone should volunteer in a town committee or group somehow, in some way, at some time to really understand how this small town works, what makes it work.	12/15/2023 6:05 PM
9	being active in the local community	12/15/2023 5:45 PM
10	Stay informed on local matters. Support local business. Form and maintain ties in the community.	12/15/2023 4:48 PM
11	N/A	12/15/2023 4:15 PM
12	contributing not for self-gain, not being greedy	12/15/2023 4:12 PM
13	Volunteering my time for town government or to help neighbors	12/15/2023 3:59 PM
14	Involvement in town politics/processes/dialogue	12/15/2023 3:42 PM
15	Participate in committees and groups working on issues I'm interested in and can contribute.	12/15/2023 3:17 PM
16	I'm committed to keep this town as is and protecting the current inhabitants from encroachment	12/15/2023 2:22 PM
17	As a newer resident I feel its important for me to learn how to be more involved and aware of whats going on around town.	12/15/2023 12:55 PM
18	serving on boards	12/15/2023 12:34 PM
19	na	12/15/2023 12:15 PM
20	Some way to volunteer.	12/15/2023 12:11 PM
21	Everyone should volunteer to help our town in some way at some time.	12/15/2023 10:52 AM
22	Limited time because of bussiness + age.	12/15/2023 8:57 AM
23	volunteering as needed	12/15/2023 8:53 AM
24	Leverett is pretty great already, planning for the future is more about keeping it that way.	12/14/2023 10:22 PM
25	i am willing to volunteer and participate 2-3 hours/month. I want to see activity that is inclusive and accepting of new ideas. I am reluctant to be instructed by people who are unwilling to change or feel the town is perfect. I think dancing would really help.	12/14/2023 5:51 PM
26	Leverett functions on volunteers. They are the give that connects us and lets us interact	12/14/2023 5:20 PM

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around issues of concern. Suggestion: Why not have an all committees meeting to coordinate their goals for town.

27	participation with a board or committee	12/14/2023 10:04 AM
28	Doing volunteer work at dump, serving on energy committee to explore options	12/13/2023 5:31 PM
29	Being willing to help others and volunteering time + talent as needed.	12/13/2023 4:53 PM
30	Have been chairing/serving on 2 committees for quite a few years (as volunteer)	12/13/2023 4:19 PM
31	Working at the community level to protect and defend against urban sprawl, development and the dissolution of rural character, peace and serenity.	12/13/2023 12:56 PM
32	Put in ideas, attend some focused small group meetings.	12/13/2023 11:59 AM
33	I am already involved in one adhoc Town committee (The Future of the Field Building visioning committee) + working with the Leverett Coop Board for a number of years, I have been in past a member of the Affordable Housing committee. That's enough for now; but I would attend more public forums on town issues if they were offered.	12/13/2023 11:46 AM
34	I would like to be more involved but I have kids and meetings are never at a good time - Always dinner + bedtime. Im WAY more available during school hours.	12/13/2023 10:19 AM
35	It means that I could become involved in helping with recreation plans and organizing.	12/12/2023 7:16 AM
36	Getting more people involved in town boards, etc.	12/10/2023 9:07 PM
37	I am involved in a number of issues beyond the local level, but might be willing to volunteer on specific efforts in Leverett.	12/9/2023 12:15 PM
38	N/A	12/9/2023 11:28 AM
39	keeping out massive housing developments	12/9/2023 11:27 AM
40	Teawaddle needs to be totally blacktop	12/8/2023 3:30 AM
41	Limited by lack of transportation. Will go anywhere with a drive.	12/7/2023 6:42 PM
42	Need an example of what you mean or how see answered . I am committed to offer where i may be able to offer value	12/7/2023 5:06 PM
43	Bringing skills to help community	12/7/2023 1:15 AM
44	I am already volunteering on a Board in Leverett.	12/6/2023 9:34 PM
45	join a committee; volunteer to be helpfl in some specific way to an existing committee. I am on the energy committee and since the issues we deal with are relevant to the whole earth and people everywhere. Our work focuses on Leverett first but is discussed in the larger world context. We could use extra help of all kinds!	12/6/2023 2:48 PM
46	I have always been involved in helping the town. Active on the RGT, town government and school volunteer and Co-op board. Im older now but can still help with smaller less involved projects.	12/6/2023 2:29 PM
47	I am already involved in a number of ways and have been for many years.	12/6/2023 9:04 AM
48	I think level of commitment cannot be the same for everybody. It is hard to find time to commit when working full time and raising kids	12/5/2023 9:15 PM
49	I am very interested in assisting with the analysis of this survey and results	12/5/2023 3:11 PM
50	I am not sure.	12/5/2023 2:42 PM
51	Currently we are involved in Leverett Elementary community-based activities which is the right level of activity for our family at this time. We would like to participate in community preservation activities that are annually or occasionally.	12/4/2023 8:26 AM
52	No	12/2/2023 2:05 PM
53	potential volunteering on board or other	12/2/2023 10:42 AM
54	My wife is interested in attending community meetings to explore further what she can do to be	12/2/2023 9:59 AM

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involved. We are answering this survey together.

55	Maintaining current lifestyle. Stop major development and change to existing lifestyle. Like Leverett just the way it is.	12/2/2023 9:32 AM
56	Continuing to work on Town Committees. I am a member of the Affordable Housing Trust and the CPC.	11/30/2023 6:22 PM
57	We are older and have already served on numerous committees. it is time to recruit younger folks to participate now.	11/30/2023 5:46 PM
58	Active involvement in town meeting and town committees	11/30/2023 5:28 PM
59	ugh	11/30/2023 3:50 PM
60	For those of us who are severely time constrained it would be great to have a way to get involved that lies somewhere in between a survey like this, on the one hand, and joining a meeting-intensive committee. Perhaps something along the lines of 'advisory groups' that would be flexible in participation modalities and requirements but give interested parties a robust way to engage on key topics.	11/30/2023 2:16 PM
61	helping LES thrive.	11/30/2023 11:19 AM
62	I'm a relatively new resident/homeowner in Leverett and I'm in my early 30's. I'm very interested in getting involved and getting to speak up about what would help me feel at home here.	11/30/2023 9:12 AM
63	Na	11/29/2023 7:53 PM
64	I have no time as I'm self employed	11/29/2023 2:03 PM
65	Being willing to volunteer some time, energy, money, expertise (depending on the resources individuals have) to build community and support the town, residents, facilities, programs, connections, etc	11/29/2023 11:28 AM
66	Not applicable	11/29/2023 8:41 AM
67	Not important. Focus should be on core government responsibility of safety.	11/28/2023 8:18 PM
68	Yes, as a retiree it is possible to do things for the community that I was not previously able to do. However, I have served on a Town board for the past 25 years even when my children were young. Now I am willing to spend up to 15 hrs a week for the Town. See my comments above about trying to get the Town systems organized and transparent.	11/28/2023 2:06 PM
69	I volunteer on a variety of groups in Leverett which I feel help to improve the town.	11/28/2023 11:11 AM
70	Volunteering at the Coop	11/27/2023 8:17 PM
71	helping where I can and am able	11/26/2023 1:31 PM
72	building on valunteerism	11/24/2023 3:17 PM
73	not sure	11/24/2023 2:08 PM
74	volunteering in town and other committees	11/23/2023 12:59 PM
75	taking the time to engage socially with neighbors and pitching in with projects	11/23/2023 10:26 AM
76	Volunteering for work days now and then	11/22/2023 7:23 PM
77	Being member of two boards and 2 town committees	11/22/2023 1:57 PM
78	serving on committees from time to time; volunteering	11/22/2023 1:44 PM
79	Something is wrong with your survey, as I selected unimportant. Town is responsible for public safety and security, what the town collects taxes for. Town employees should be held accountable. Many times scheduled appointments at town hall have resulted in no shows by those being paid to be there.	11/21/2023 5:03 PM
80	More community gatherings. Cleaning up Leverett day maybe sometime in the spring. More community events downtown	11/20/2023 2:08 PM
81	Donations to LES, Rattlesnake Gutter Trust, Leverett Co-op	11/18/2023 5:56 PM

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82	22 years on the Board of Assesors!	11/17/2023 7:37 PM
83	I am a very strong supporter of the library. I would work on trail maintenance but for my physical limitations. In many of these improvements, I can only donate money or time.	11/17/2023 7:02 PM
84	Hgfdfd	11/17/2023 7:00 PM
85	Participate in town government by attending Town Meeting. Serve on at least one town committee.	11/17/2023 12:16 PM
86	Making sure to keep leverett rural, accepting of hunting and fishing and prevent development	11/17/2023 8:58 AM
87	Participating in community activities	11/16/2023 8:32 PM
88	Being involved in big decision making, meetings and discussions surrounding changes	11/16/2023 7:08 PM
89	Being part of the town boards or volunteering on a town committee / at the library / at the school. Leverett isn't a stand alone thing one can point to, it's all the people who make up the gov't boards and committees and who work for the town. For level of commitment - participating in something Leverett related is a good first step (like town meeting). Some folks just live here and NEVER know how it all functions.	11/15/2023 8:48 AM
90	Engaging in town government, engaging in community activities	11/14/2023 5:33 PM
91	No	11/14/2023 4:58 PM
92	I served for 7 years on the School Committee and am an active member of LEF	11/14/2023 1:46 PM
93	being involved in commissions	11/13/2023 8:48 PM
94	Filling out this survey is a start. Paying attention to the issues shaping the future which seems tied to revenue and hitting the tax ceiling.	11/13/2023 4:50 PM
95	I could possible meet two times a month of committee of some sort.	11/13/2023 2:43 PM
96	I volunteer in several ways. I help out my neighbors.	11/13/2023 7:54 AM
97	Serving on a town committee at some point in the future, fundraising for community causes like our school, land conservation, etc.	11/12/2023 7:11 AM
98	More engagement, better communication from committees, etc.	11/11/2023 11:57 AM
99	Already doing it. Both in our neighborhood and in town-wide activities.	11/11/2023 10:44 AM
100	Developing arts and cultural projects	11/11/2023 10:28 AM
101	Getting information, transparency and opportunities to participate during existing meetings (town meeting, select board, etc).	11/10/2023 8:51 PM
102	Voting, volunteering, supporting	11/10/2023 1:43 PM
103	I have some skills I'd love to use to help my community, I don't know where to start.	11/7/2023 3:55 PM
104	this is just a test	11/7/2023 3:11 PM
105	Civic participation.	11/7/2023 2:50 PM
106	Everyone should get involved in some aspect of town activity from participating on one of the boards to joining the fire department. As the town ages fewer people are available to participate in these more physically active positions such as the fire department. More should be don to attract young people to town.	11/7/2023 9:43 AM
107	I have limited time as a working mom; hoping to get involved with school when my child is there.	11/5/2023 8:35 AM
108	A refreshment of the process of volunteering for boards and committees; property taxes not due for volunteers for boards and committees makes sense	11/4/2023 10:28 PM
109	0	11/3/2023 4:45 PM
110	volunteering for town related work	11/2/2023 12:02 PM
111	Participation in town government and committees.	10/30/2023 2:57 PM

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112	Serving on Town boards or committees. I continue to do this since I first came to town.	10/30/2023 1:30 PM
113	Participating in project planning	10/30/2023 11:54 AM
114	Over the years I have responded to various calls for helping out in several different areas for the town. Rarely does one hear back - and in some cases committee meetings too often are postponed and/or scheduled late without much lead time. People have busy lives so the changing schedules make being involved an issue.	10/30/2023 9:45 AM
115	I serve on several boards and committees already.	10/29/2023 9:15 PM
116	I'm interested in knowing more people in leverett, know what's going on, and help make this a town that I'm happy to live.	10/29/2023 9:11 PM
117	no comment	10/29/2023 8:32 PM
118	I am interested in knowing what is going on in town better and being involved through volunteering.	10/29/2023 8:29 PM
119	keeping money in the town, naturally, through business, would be how I would want to support the town	10/29/2023 11:45 AM
120	I'm involved as much as I want to be now.	10/29/2023 11:31 AM
121	I'm not sure what the opportunities to be involved are or what I'd be able to contribute.	10/29/2023 11:10 AM
122	To me, that means volunteering for school and library events, since my skills and experience could best serve those spaces. Everyone has something different to bring to the table	10/29/2023 11:02 AM
123	Volunteering in some way to support the community.	10/29/2023 10:50 AM
124	Willingness to join town boards or committees	10/28/2023 9:46 AM
125	participating in local politics, using my personal strengths to support the goals of the town	10/28/2023 9:10 AM
126	Well, I am a programmer, web developer, graphic designer, and data wrangler. I can help with some of that if it ever comes up (Posters, Data-Viz, data processing ...) I have limited time, but a lot of interest.	10/27/2023 10:08 AM
127	Being involved in town decision making	10/26/2023 1:50 PM
128	I have been under-involved with the community. I spend thousands of hours maintaining most of the trail network in Leverett. I support my immediate neighbors.	10/24/2023 6:44 PM
129	Showing up to meetings and having opportunities to find out how others think, and repeating that until I really begin to understand the experience of others in town.	10/24/2023 3:44 PM
130	Trails maintenance, planning of town-wide events and participation in social justice causes	10/24/2023 3:21 PM
131	I have served in many capacities as a volunteer member of boards, committees, etc. I have worked successfully with people who hold very different political views for common goals and services. I believe this is the backbone of small town community.	10/24/2023 11:54 AM
132	Not sure	10/23/2023 9:17 PM
133	I do a few volunteer activities in Leverett... but don't have much interest in being on a committee at this time. Again, it would just 'depend' on details.	10/23/2023 5:06 PM
134	I am currently volunteering with the town.	10/23/2023 2:47 PM
135	I cannot "do" the work any more yet I can support projects	10/23/2023 2:34 PM
136	It means participating in civic activities that will make Leverett a better place to live. I don't have a lot of time, but could put in a few hours a week.	10/23/2023 10:57 AM
137	volunteering to help the town	10/23/2023 9:23 AM
138	Improving and expanding town services.	10/23/2023 6:24 AM
139	Unsure	10/22/2023 7:49 PM
140	neither important nor unimportant - I might join another town committee when health permits	10/22/2023 6:18 PM

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141	leverett trails.rattlesnake gutter	10/22/2023 2:22 PM
142	I consciently try to support the Library and the Coop.	10/22/2023 12:10 PM
143	Helping to perserve and improve the quality of protected land.	10/22/2023 11:33 AM
144	important to value differences and different ways to hear from people who don't speak up in traditional forums	10/21/2023 4:06 PM
145	Need younger folks to get involved with Leverett government	10/21/2023 2:41 PM
146	Volunteering in community initiatives	10/21/2023 12:55 PM
147	I've been demonstrating my commitment since 1973. Serve on 4 boards/committees at present.	10/21/2023 11:43 AM
148	Volunteering to help guide the community to the best of your ability, not just pointing out what is not to your liking.	10/21/2023 10:01 AM
149	Participating in Town Meeting, serving on local committees, keeping aware of community issues/development	10/21/2023 9:11 AM
150	I'm best suited for maintaining our trail system and volunteering for individual events or projects until I retire and have more time.	10/21/2023 7:13 AM
151	Town members have options to be involved in town issues and/or events that play to individuals strengths	10/20/2023 8:48 PM
152	Volunteering	10/19/2023 11:23 AM
153	Working on concrete goals like the Earth Day cleanup	10/19/2023 11:18 AM
154	Running for public office and volunteering for town projects	10/19/2023 2:09 AM
155	Volunteering for any type of work (committee, Boards, Commissions, Library). There is something for everyone I think. The level of commitment should be equal to what a person can do. Something is better than nothing.	10/18/2023 10:25 PM
156	Volunteer for town committees . . . try for at least 1	10/18/2023 5:51 PM
157	I've served on several committees in town and still do. I do volunteer work for the school and advocate to make Leverett even better than it is now	10/18/2023 5:35 PM
158	Planning/volunteering community events, running for elected committee seats	10/18/2023 8:20 AM
159	Participation in events, volunteering, community spirit	10/18/2023 7:59 AM
160	Town allowing all view points and not denying people positions on town communities based on employment status	10/18/2023 7:51 AM
161	Volunteering on Boards and Commissions. Participating in town events and activities .	10/18/2023 7:11 AM
162	Serving on a town committee or board strengthens one's understanding of town issues and creates better neighbor relations. Everyone becomes more tolerant and supportive of each other.	10/17/2023 8:46 PM
163	overly broad question	10/17/2023 7:59 PM
164	High	10/17/2023 7:55 PM
165	For me, I have no money or time, but I will always show up for voting and help when I can	10/17/2023 7:36 PM
166	Community "work" day, volunteer opportunities to better our community	10/17/2023 7:14 PM
167	Participating in activities that benefit my neighbors and the town.	10/17/2023 5:35 PM
168	I am most interested in specific, short term goals.	10/17/2023 4:58 PM
169	participation in conservation, utilization of town infrastructure and services, voting/annual town meeting, volunteering whenever possible	10/17/2023 3:32 PM
170	?	10/17/2023 2:22 PM
171	River, trail clean-ups	10/17/2023 1:49 PM

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172	Helping to obtain state funding for various projects as we do not have resources within the town budget	10/17/2023 1:03 PM
173	Inform myself of town vision and plans; Represent my family's values/wishes as one voice in town by voting, etc.	10/17/2023 11:55 AM
174	Voting, prioritizing town meeting attendance; when retired offering more.	10/17/2023 11:10 AM

Q7 What other values do you think the members of the Leverett community share?

Answered: 141 Skipped: 270

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1	In general, I find the people in our community to be friendly, intelligent, and engaged in life. I think kindness matters to us. I think living in harmony with nature matters to us. I think privacy within community matters to us. I think the arts and science is matter to us. I think education matters to us.	12/15/2023 10:39 PM
2	I suppose that the elephant in the room is phase two of Kitteridge's Folly. I know a like the Kitteridge family, and apprecialte their significant personal and financial contributions to important projects. However, building a Florida-style housing complex in Leverett disregards the surrounding community entrenched cultural values. I have done some back of the envelope calculations of the impact on projected increased school-children on educational costs and which are unlikely to off set by real estate taxes. Additionally, I believe that the Leverett style of governance is quaint but it is truly democratic, and the Kitteridge Folly phase II will certainly threaten or destroy this. These values are shared by the majority of folk.	12/15/2023 10:27 PM
3	continual learning, empathy, equity, social justice	12/15/2023 9:25 PM
4	Mutual respect, open-mindedness, joy of nature, calmness	12/15/2023 7:43 PM
5	Limit deforestation and urbanization	12/15/2023 7:42 PM
6	I think as a whole local folks are more concerned about realities that affect our country / planet.	12/15/2023 6:11 PM
7	Education and Arts	12/15/2023 4:48 PM
8	Care for others, maintaining peaceful town.	12/15/2023 4:15 PM
9	helping others	12/15/2023 4:12 PM
10	Independence, contrarian nature	12/15/2023 3:59 PM
11	Inclusiveness, respect for others. being a welcoming multicultural community - welcoming & reaching out to people of color - not sure if everyone shares this but it's something I think is important since we are primarily a white community - maybe this belongs in a different box. Leverett community shares democratic values - We value our democracy.	12/15/2023 3:45 PM
12	Preservation of nature, rural way of life, protecting the environment	12/15/2023 3:42 PM
13	Neighborliness	12/15/2023 3:17 PM
14	Helping each other	12/15/2023 2:22 PM
15	Acceptance of others and a strong tie to nature and all its beauty.	12/15/2023 12:55 PM
16	kindness and respect	12/15/2023 12:34 PM
17	the right to a quiet life and no large developments	12/15/2023 12:15 PM
18	Activism.	12/15/2023 12:11 PM
19	Rural living. We do have a housing shortage but we do not need a crazy development and would be really disappointed and sad to have a development built in our neighborhood	12/15/2023 11:52 AM
20	Value of education	12/15/2023 10:52 AM
21	strong community ties, respect for diversity	12/15/2023 10:18 AM
22	Our community has become more & more classist - our children can't afford to live here more affordable housing	12/15/2023 9:40 AM

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23	Don't know	12/15/2023 8:57 AM
24	Love of rural life	12/15/2023 8:53 AM
25	Protecting the natural environment we all live in. Respect for others and their choices.	12/14/2023 10:22 PM
26	Non conformity. Love of nature. Love of music.	12/14/2023 5:51 PM
27	We like our relative isolation "we want to be left alone", yet interact at certain times. We like our tangled road system where outsiders get lost and stay away. You shouldn't wear a tie to town meeting. Oshkist coveralls are acceptable but then we're trying to be more rural than we really are.	12/14/2023 5:20 PM
28	Residents responsibility to the low income and older living in Leverett.	12/14/2023 5:01 PM
29	I'd like to think that most residents value the same concerns for and appreciation of Leverett. As a long time resident, I value the mix of ages, backgrounds and economics of the town.	12/14/2023 4:52 PM
30	Not sure how to answer this	12/14/2023 10:04 AM
31	Values seem to have a wide range in the Leverett community.	12/13/2023 4:53 PM
32	An appreciation for an unhurried, quiet, rural way of life, connected to nature.	12/13/2023 12:56 PM
33	A curious sense of "specialness".	12/13/2023 11:59 AM
34	Friendships, many common values of the sort mentioned already in this survey.	12/13/2023 11:46 AM
35	I think people value community and that it would be great to have a cafe near the center where people can gather to relax and meet each other.	12/12/2023 7:16 AM
36	Hopefully this survey will identify these. I think that open space and a more rural than urban lifestyle is probably valued by most residents.	12/9/2023 10:58 PM
37	Don't live in Leverett, couldn't afford it	12/9/2023 9:34 PM
38	Hard to generalize. I would hope that social justice and collaborative approaches to problems would be among them.	12/9/2023 12:15 PM
39	slow growth good schools	12/9/2023 11:27 AM
40	Respect for freedom from religion	12/8/2023 3:30 AM
41	Peace pagoda and mission. Coop but...	12/7/2023 5:06 PM
42	Concern for each other, climate change, making all feel welcome regardless of race, gender and age	12/7/2023 1:15 AM
43	A real sense of community as evidenced by the posts on Leverett Connects. Willing to share resources and help neighbors.	12/6/2023 9:34 PM
44	Friendliness, helpfulness, neighborliness	12/6/2023 2:29 PM
45	I can identify a number of perspectives held by my neighbors and others in town. Often these perspectives do not agree. Yet, despite differences, residents can come together to support significant change as in the creation of our internet network. That is important.	12/5/2023 3:11 PM
46	We are new to Leverett, after wanting to live here for many years. It is even more of a special place than we knew! Everyone we have met in the community is kind and welcoming. We have lived in Easthampton, Greenfield, and Montague and had somewhat given up on having community in the place that we lived. To have discovered it in Leverett has added immeasurable value to our lives.	12/4/2023 8:26 AM
47	Feeling fortunate to live here.	12/2/2023 2:05 PM
48	love of the place, living differently (separated from conventional living), more connected to the land	12/2/2023 10:42 AM
49	Appreciation of the natural world	12/1/2023 11:37 AM
50	The recreation needs new members. I think there is a pickle ball club. They could be asked. When our kids were young we coached a Lassie League Softball team sponsored by the fire	11/30/2023 5:46 PM

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department. There were fourth of July parties, ham suppers, etc. None of that happens anymore and I don't know why

51	Security, rural identity, affordable living, diversity	11/30/2023 5:28 PM
52	white and class privilege	11/30/2023 3:50 PM
53	I think we share a love of nature and access to nature; I think we share a love of the environment, natural resources, conservation, and a proactive approach to climate change; I think we share a love of rural life.	11/30/2023 9:12 AM
54	Na	11/29/2023 7:53 PM
55	Love of nature	11/29/2023 2:03 PM
56	Appreciating and wanting it to be a good place to live at all stages of life (ie growing up, raising a family, working, growing old).	11/29/2023 11:28 AM
57	Beauty	11/29/2023 8:41 AM
58	Should be conservative rules and values. Tax money should be spent on necessities not nice haves.	11/28/2023 8:18 PM
59	I am not sure. The level of vitriol that surfaces at points is shocking to me.	11/28/2023 2:06 PM
60	Equality, environmental preservation, quality elementary school, small-town quiet living, personal privacy and independence	11/26/2023 12:26 PM
61	don't know	11/24/2023 2:08 PM
62	interest in exchange of ideas	11/23/2023 10:26 AM
63	Depends who you're talking to. It's an old community. People are very isolated and a bit curmudgeonly. Not the friendliest crowd. The dump is the only way to meet up spontaneously... the layout of the town doesn't encourage community. It's a bedroom town of Amherst and Northampton so people go there for any action	11/22/2023 7:23 PM
64	Concern for the environment	11/22/2023 1:57 PM
65	Political sanity, compassion	11/22/2023 1:44 PM
66	Patriotism and sense of country first.	11/21/2023 5:03 PM
67	I think most are covered	11/20/2023 2:08 PM
68	love of peaceful and quiet living in touch with nature	11/17/2023 7:37 PM
69	Commitment to a "better" town, though there are varying ideas about what that means. And I'm glad to see you are trying to sort those out. I worry that a vocal few will overlook those of us too shy to be forward.	11/17/2023 7:02 PM
70	Eeeee	11/17/2023 7:00 PM
71	It seems to me that different individuals have different values. I think we could all agree that maintaining our rural character with open land for farming and recreation is important, maintaining our roads, our clean water, etc. I wish planning for climate change was a top priority, but I don't believe it is for everyone.	11/17/2023 12:16 PM
72	A respect for the outdoors	11/17/2023 8:58 AM
73	Economic sustainability of the town	11/16/2023 8:32 PM
74	Small rural community, conserving the beauty of the town, promoting the best education, increasing local business + revenue, lowering taxes	11/16/2023 7:08 PM
75	Caring about each other. Pride in the town and the town's character and school.	11/15/2023 8:48 AM
76	None	11/14/2023 4:58 PM
77	not sure we all share the same values	11/13/2023 8:48 PM
78	I think this is a caring town.	11/13/2023 2:43 PM

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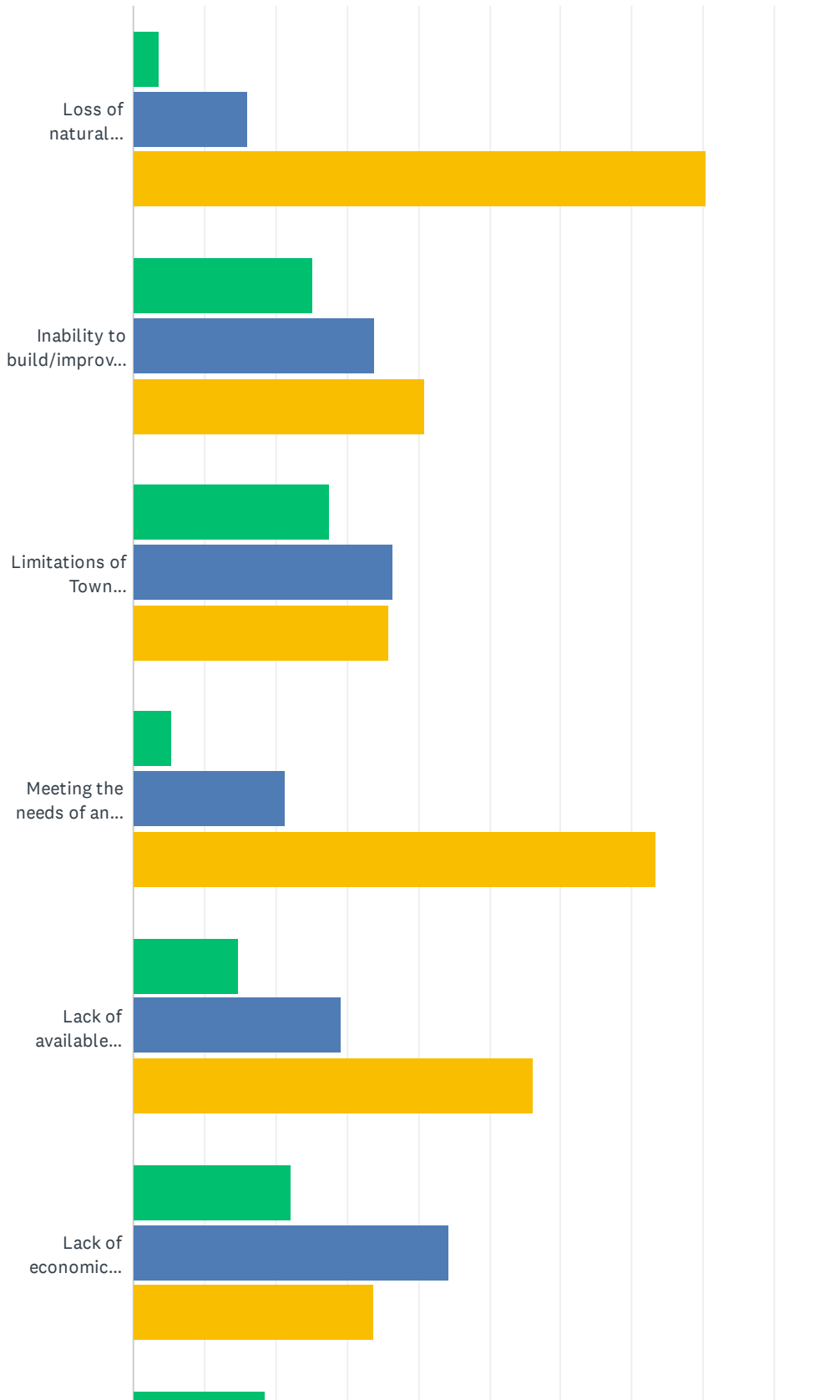
79	not sure-probably many	11/13/2023 7:54 AM
80	Love of wildlife, sustainable living, and safety	11/12/2023 7:11 AM
81	Getting to know community members and creating networks or support	11/11/2023 4:06 PM
82	appreciation of the rural aspect of town	11/11/2023 11:57 AM
83	Pitching in.	11/11/2023 10:44 AM
84	Transparency, rural character, clean drinking water, education, and increasing access to affordable housing from existing housing stock. I'm not interested in relaxing zoning to allow increased development.	11/10/2023 8:51 PM
85	neighborliness, enjoying fresh air and birdsong	11/9/2023 7:05 PM
86	A right to one's own space, and a shared need to protect and preserve nature	11/7/2023 3:55 PM
87	this is just a test	11/7/2023 3:11 PM
88	small town character. peaceful quiet community spirit.	11/7/2023 9:43 AM
89	Unknown and changing.	11/4/2023 10:28 PM
90	Investment in property	11/4/2023 8:23 PM
91	None	11/3/2023 4:45 PM
92	Access to childcare. It's not very possible in Leverett. We have to go to Greenfield.	11/2/2023 1:44 PM
93	Community	11/2/2023 12:02 PM
94	Community, independence, and open space.	10/30/2023 2:57 PM
95	From talking with neighbors many people like the quietness of the town - and that houses beng built need to have a certain amount of land so as to avoid over-development.	10/30/2023 9:45 AM
96	Well informed, inclusiveness, support arts the school and library.	10/29/2023 9:15 PM
97	no comment	10/29/2023 8:32 PM
98	we dont want to have to always agree with each other to get along	10/29/2023 11:45 AM
99	Share? I can't say.	10/29/2023 11:31 AM
100	—	10/29/2023 11:10 AM
101	Education, growing good humans, literacy, and safety	10/29/2023 11:02 AM
102	You covered them	10/29/2023 10:50 AM
103	Opportunities to enjoy arts and culture and recreation (both passive and active)	10/28/2023 9:46 AM
104	I believe there is a huge overlap in VALUES. There are differences in APPROACH. I also believe that this community doesn't always like to think pragmatically. We are dreamers mostly.	10/27/2023 10:08 AM
105	Pro-social, pro-involvement, volunteerism, and social responsibility, caring for each other and the environment.	10/24/2023 6:44 PM
106	Right to farm & right to howl.	10/24/2023 3:21 PM
107	Interest in aging in place, with appropriate services and resources. Strong support for education. Resources for a range of income levels.	10/24/2023 11:54 AM
108	live and let live	10/23/2023 9:17 PM
109	Global politics, concerns about the state of our country...the planet.	10/23/2023 5:06 PM
110	Religious tolerance. This tiny town has more spiritual diversity than big cities! Quakers, Congregationalists, Baptists, Buddhists to name a few.	10/23/2023 2:47 PM
111	Environmental stewardship.	10/23/2023 10:57 AM
112	We hold our family life as central to our lives. That being said, consideration for development	10/23/2023 10:46 AM

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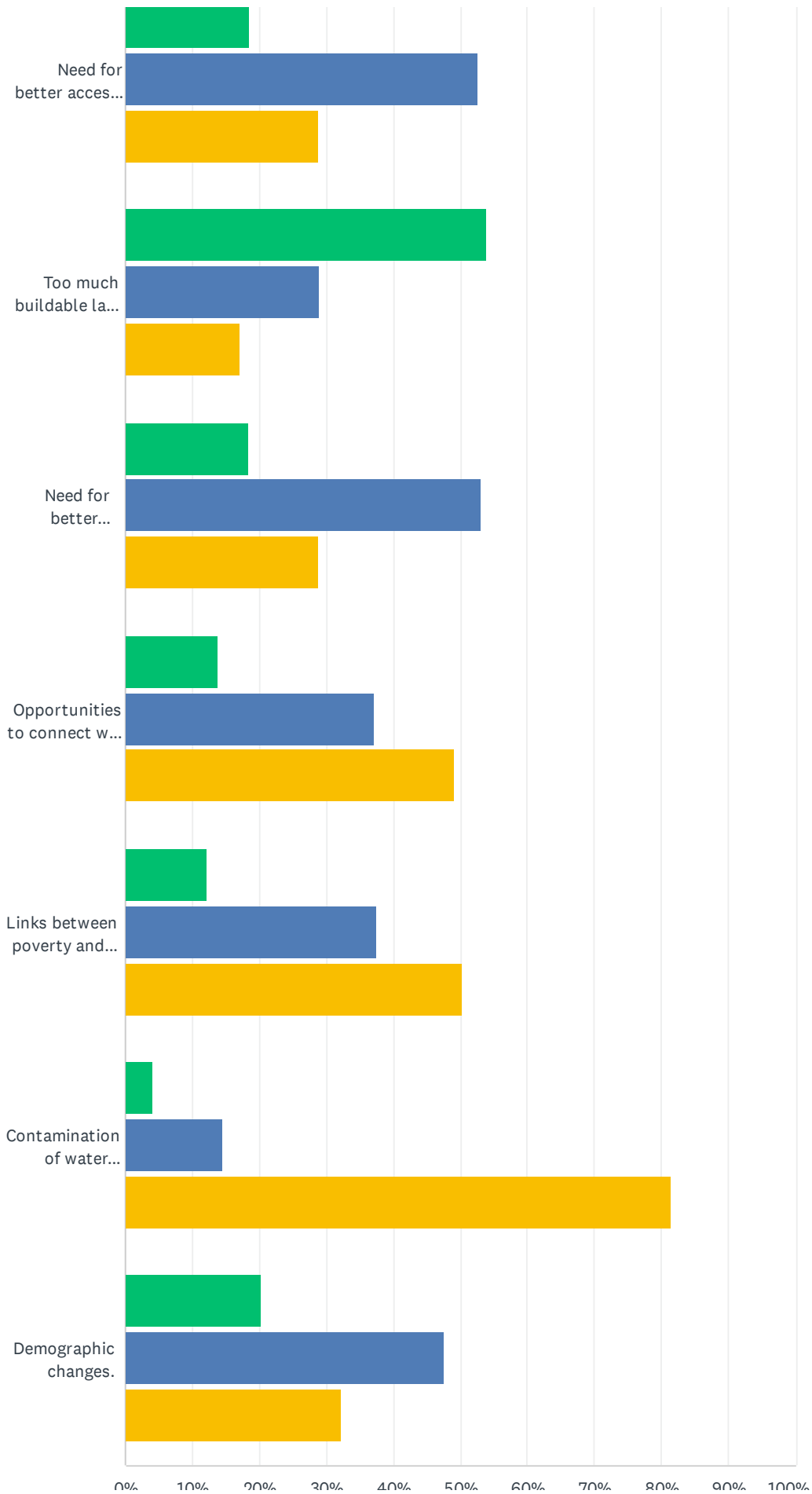
	that encourage families: playing fields, places to sled and skate, swim, trails, parks, bbq, hot dog, pizza, ice cream spots....	
113	enjoying a quiet town	10/23/2023 9:23 AM
114	We're too new to town to know but I am guessing: culture, the environment and social justice as well as a sense of community	10/23/2023 7:06 AM
115	Preservation of open space and land that isn't developed.	10/23/2023 6:24 AM
116	Living amidst nature	10/22/2023 7:49 PM
117	not sure	10/22/2023 2:22 PM
118	Peace, mutual respect and a love of natural environment.	10/22/2023 12:10 PM
119	Love of arts, culture, nature, and community.	10/22/2023 11:33 AM
120	respect and acceptance of differences	10/21/2023 4:06 PM
121	Service	10/21/2023 12:55 PM
122	Most members of the Leverett community share a desire to avoid the divisiveness, polarization and violence that we see in the world at large.	10/21/2023 11:43 AM
123	Informed citizenry.	10/21/2023 10:01 AM
124	Reciprocity with the land and people. People are very willing to look out for each other and help each other when needed. I think any changes we engage in with the town should honor that spirit of reciprocity, with the land especially. What does the land have to offer us? What do we have to offer the land?	10/21/2023 7:13 AM
125	Solitude, supporting each other, supporting children and their parents, living sustainably	10/19/2023 11:23 AM
126	A love of small town and village New England values	10/19/2023 2:09 AM
127	Helping each other out, backing the various departments (fire, police, highway, school), gathering together, art, music, etc. Social Justice is important to a lot of people in Leverett.	10/18/2023 10:25 PM
128	acceptance of differences in people, laissez faire social outlook	10/18/2023 5:51 PM
129	Welcoming, helping neighbors and treating everyone fairly and equally.	10/18/2023 5:35 PM
130	.	10/18/2023 2:45 PM
131	Desire for community gathering space, rentable event space	10/18/2023 8:20 AM
132	Love each other	10/18/2023 7:51 AM
133	I know there is a great diversity of values	10/17/2023 7:59 PM
134	I think most of us value the natural landscape and beauty, and some of the historic qualities here	10/17/2023 7:55 PM
135	Care for the environment	10/17/2023 7:36 PM
136	Promoting peace.	10/17/2023 5:35 PM
137	Outdoors	10/17/2023 4:58 PM
138	generosity, curiosity	10/17/2023 3:32 PM
139	Care for Nature	10/17/2023 2:22 PM
140	Low crime	10/17/2023 1:49 PM
141	I think most people in Leverett are nice, want to live together peacefully, and are not filled with political animus.	10/17/2023 1:06 PM

Q8 Please tell us how important these concerns are to you.

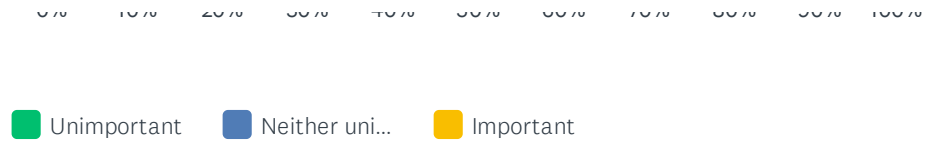
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	UNIMPORTANT	NEITHER UNIMPORTANT NOR IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Loss of natural wildlife habitat due to development.	3.70% 13	15.95% 56	80.34% 282	351
Inability to build/improve on own property due to zoning restrictions and Town oversight.	25.21% 88	33.81% 118	40.97% 143	349
Limitations of Town infrastructure, such as well water/limited public water, and septic/lack of sewer.	27.59% 96	36.49% 127	35.92% 125	348
Meeting the needs of an aging population.	5.34% 19	21.35% 76	73.31% 261	356
Lack of available affordable housing.	14.61% 51	29.23% 102	56.16% 196	349
Lack of economic development opportunities.	22.13% 77	44.25% 154	33.62% 117	348
Need for better access to Town services and information.	18.60% 64	52.62% 181	28.78% 99	344
Too much buildable land going into conservation easement.	53.91% 186	28.99% 100	17.10% 59	345
Need for better integration of the elementary school with the community.	18.26% 63	53.04% 183	28.70% 99	345
Opportunities to connect with others.	13.79% 48	37.07% 129	49.14% 171	348
Links between poverty and public health.	12.14% 42	37.57% 130	50.29% 174	346
Contamination of water supply.	4.00% 14	14.57% 51	81.43% 285	350
Demographic changes.	20.35% 69	47.49% 161	32.15% 109	339

#	DO YOU HAVE OTHER CONCERNS THAT ARE NOT ON THIS LIST?	DATE
1	I want no part in hunting culture.	12/15/2023 10:39 PM
2	The Leverett system works in its achaic manner, so don't change it. Correcting social injustices are important but this should be in the State or Federal government domain. Little Leverett is a jewel that can so easily be lost. Certainly, conserve our woodlands and water, and have the town, Rattlesnake Gutter Trust, the Kestrel Trust, & cetera acquire more.	12/15/2023 10:27 PM
3	forest management and forest fire risk	12/15/2023 9:25 PM
4	Fast drivers / tailgating / lack of concern for wildlife or pets .	12/15/2023 6:11 PM
5	Concerned about increased development and congestion and loss of rural character of town (perhaps already on the list)	12/15/2023 3:58 PM
6	Possible 100-unit Juggler Meadow development.	12/15/2023 3:50 PM
7	I have lived in Leverett for 48 years. I nursed my kids here. They went to Leverett School - now I'm 75 and I find I am aging out of being able to stay here. My husband is 73 - and we are	12/15/2023 3:45 PM

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having trouble keeping up with taking care of our home and yard. We want to age in place in Leverett, but it doesn't seem feasible. I hate the idea of moving to a different town that has condos.

8	"Add-on" units	12/15/2023 2:26 PM
9	unregulated development - or better: development ignoring aesthetics.	12/15/2023 10:18 AM
10	Class divide lack of diversity in population	12/15/2023 9:40 AM
11	No	12/15/2023 8:57 AM
12	Pressures of development on services that town can provide.	12/15/2023 8:53 AM
13	Nope, this list covers a lot!	12/14/2023 10:22 PM
14	Demographic changes?? In which direction are you suggesting? Limitations on water conservation + waste water are too outdated regulations and traditionally held values.	12/14/2023 6:34 PM
15	The history of town should be visible and shared, not contained in crumbling buildings. Decision making needs to be transparent + action oriented.	12/14/2023 5:51 PM
16	Introducing elementary school students to the different kinds of jobs or interests Leverett residents have.	12/14/2023 5:01 PM
17	Cell phone coverage/power outages	12/14/2023 10:04 AM
18	Potential of highly educated inhabitants.	12/13/2023 11:59 AM
19	PFA's pollution in town wells - a public water system would help this issue but might be too expensive - town could consider helping low income residents whose water is contaminated with ongoing maintenance costs for remediation clean up.	12/13/2023 11:46 AM
20	It drives me crazy to see uncared for homes falling apart when there is such a huge need for homes. Why preserve buildings to just sit there. these structures need new purpose.	12/13/2023 10:19 AM
21	No	12/13/2023 9:59 AM
22	Not sure what "demographic changes" refers to. I would add public transportation to the list.	12/9/2023 12:15 PM
23	demographic changes undefined here	12/9/2023 11:27 AM
24	Getting Teawaddle hill Rd totally blacktop this Spring/ dirt is uglier	12/8/2023 3:30 AM
25	Big development corp or rental companies Local or not .tax credits for allowing problem tenants Poverty pimps	12/7/2023 5:06 PM
26	Demographic changes is ambiguous...Leverett's population is aging, and senior housing is needed.	12/6/2023 9:34 PM
27	Adapting to and dealing with changing population demographics.	12/5/2023 3:11 PM
28	Since this survey changes direction of question, we wish to clarify that preservation of land is important. We do not support development or changing zoning to build on our property or elsewhere.	12/2/2023 9:59 AM
29	no	12/1/2023 5:46 PM
30	I feel very constrained by the choices that are given. I care about all of these issues but realize that they cannot all realistically be addressed. Many of our issues are due to our location and natural resources. Hence, we can't have it all and must prioritize. This document doesn't provide that opportunity.	11/30/2023 6:22 PM
31	How do seniors gather and stay connected? Needs some grant writing I think. The town says our Town Hall is supposed to be our senior center, but it is really lacking in programming and the facility itself is too small. The library is always booked to capacity so that meeting room is pretty much out as well..	11/30/2023 5:46 PM
32	What does demographic changes mean? It seems so ambiguous.	11/30/2023 3:50 PM
33	The more conservation land we have lowers our tax base	11/29/2023 9:40 AM
34	We have enough land in conservation eroding tax base. At this time no more land is needed in	11/28/2023 8:18 PM

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conservation. Instead, encourage development and grow tax base.

35	I'm not sure what the question about demographic changes means but if it is asking if we should promote diversity then the answer is yes we should!	11/28/2023 2:06 PM
36	i'm concerned about the town becoming unsustainably expensive by feeling the need to provide services that surrounding towns already provide such as the library, meeting places, concentrated housing, etc.	11/23/2023 10:26 AM
37	Conservation is actually very important to me, but in the case of Leverett there is an abundance of conservation. We need a larger tax base.	11/23/2023 9:27 AM
38	Small towns that depend on volunteers who do their best but don't necessarily have a lot of relevant expertise often are at a disadvantage when it comes to funding opportunities and decisionmaking	11/22/2023 2:48 PM
39	Much of the town is on ledge; we can never provide town water or sewer. If one must have those , then move to Amherst or Greenfield. Every geologist will say the same thing.	11/22/2023 1:57 PM
40	From a libertarian standpoint, building restrictions should be eased allowing property owners to build within safe buildings requirements. Too much land has been placed in conservation, eroding the tax base. We have enough forests to support wildlife and should be capped at what we have. Roads should only be supported if they are town roads. Private roads are not the responsibility of the t	11/21/2023 5:03 PM
41	no	11/17/2023 7:37 PM
42	Conservation land Is important	11/17/2023 8:58 AM
43	Our taxes are so high thast it makes Leverett an expensive place to live for lower income people and families	11/16/2023 8:32 PM
44	While loss of natural habitat is important to me, we can do it in a sustainable way (like cluster housing). So it's important to me, but so is economic dev to the town.	11/15/2023 8:48 AM
45	This is a difficult town to age-in-place in. There is no public transport and maintaining a property on a fixed income is very challenging.	11/13/2023 2:43 PM
46	Demographic changes? YES please. More diversity please, of all kinds.	11/13/2023 7:54 AM
47	We need to plan fopr climate change.	11/11/2023 10:44 AM
48	Joining with other towns in our region to combat climate change.	11/9/2023 7:05 PM
49	this is just a test	11/7/2023 3:11 PM
50	The town has removed more than enough land from the tax roles. It needs to think about how it wants to use that land and minimize removing more land from the tax base. Restriction on some of this land has limited or reduced good management activities. in the past private clubs such as snowmobile and 4 wheeler groups would spend considerable time clearing old logging roads and maintaining bridges throughout some of the forested areas. This allowed much better access for hikers and cross country skiers. These activitiies along with hunting restriction have negatively affected these properties.	11/7/2023 9:43 AM
51	How this list was compiled, who helped to creat	11/4/2023 10:28 PM
52	It was very hard to answer most of the questions so far as I don't understand how my answers will be interpreted	10/31/2023 9:39 PM
53	The constant use of town funds dedicated to Leverett Pond, a warm water pond that will always have pond vegetation. But yet the town spends money pretty much annually to pull up weeds? WhY???	10/30/2023 9:45 AM
54	Traffic safety. We need to fix some unsafe passing zones	10/29/2023 11:02 AM
55	It would be nice to have a dog park, or to dedicate a trail to off-leash dog walkers. Spaces where dog owners can congregate with their dogs offer incredible opportunities for connection between neighbors.	10/29/2023 10:50 AM
56	Use of Town Newsletter to notify of local events	10/28/2023 9:46 AM

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57	The wording on this list is complicated, and seems like an inversion of the questions from a previous page. It might serve to verify answers ?	10/27/2023 10:08 AM
58	Route 63 traffic speed	10/25/2023 7:35 AM
59	I don't understand what some of them are driving at.	10/24/2023 6:44 PM
60	I'm concerned about our town being too isolated from neighboring towns and the region. I want to see proactive effort to regionalize municipal services. Our town needs to adopt more of a coalition mindset with other towns.	10/24/2023 3:44 PM
61	unsure	10/23/2023 7:06 AM
62	Many Leverett residents are new and came here because of what makes Leverett different from other communities. We need to focus on protecting what we have rather than trying to become like other places in the name of increasing the tax base.	10/22/2023 11:33 AM
63	no	10/21/2023 4:06 PM
64	i am very much against public water, sewer. As for economic development yes ok we need taxes, but we must not let econ development build in such a way that it destroys town beauty such as what has happened to amherst.	10/21/2023 2:35 PM
65	More building is not the answer: John Foster proved ti Town Meeting that new families coming to Town cost the Town more in services than they pay in taxes.	10/21/2023 11:43 AM
66	If property taxes continue to increase many people including older, younger and less affluent people will be priced out of Leverett and the town will become increasingly a one dimensional upper middle class enclave. If that is to be avoided, the tax base needs to be diversified. Given the typography and location of Leverett, pathways to diversify and increase the tax base are limited but must be pursued.	10/21/2023 11:43 AM
67	More emphasis on seeking positive solutions, working through differences and compromise.	10/21/2023 10:01 AM
68	The challenge with integrating the elementary school is that it serves only half the community at the most bc of aging population. Possibly create an elder program with the elementary school to build on that relationship.	10/21/2023 7:13 AM
69	It is important that any and all Solar Energy development be required to serve leverett's energy needs.	10/19/2023 2:09 AM
70	Not at this time	10/18/2023 10:25 PM
71	Increasing budgets for our core services such as the school, police and fire depts	10/18/2023 5:35 PM
72	in favor of greater diversity!	10/18/2023 8:27 AM
73	Yes, lots! But the only one I would mention is that there needs to be plenty of forums (fora) for people with diverse opinions to listen to each other.	10/17/2023 7:59 PM
74	I would underscore public health initiatives	10/17/2023 7:55 PM
75	Being an age friendly town that allows elders to age in place safely and within their means	10/17/2023 4:58 PM
76	It feels like the questions are asking me to choose development OR conservation. I'd like to hear more about allowing for carefully planned small businesses and low income housing which also protect the environment.	10/17/2023 12:51 PM

Q9 Do you have any concerns about living in Leverett that are not addressed above?

Answered: 148 Skipped: 263

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Guns from hunters	12/15/2023 10:39 PM
2	I must be quite frank, if the Kitteridge nonsense become more than a drunk-fantasy, we will leave Leverett with is broken heart. I want Leverett to budget for a competent lawyer to combat any ill-conceived by well-financed attack on our town. Silly thought: Can Leverett and Amherst agree to have the part of the Kitterage Folly transferred to Amherst? Splitting the jurisdiction over the property weakens both Leverett and Amherst. Another silly thought: It is quite clear that the tas- value of the property was hugely undervalued due to a possible misrepresentation my Mike Kitterage senior. The value of the property is now more realistic fine the advertised selling price, and the Tax Value needs to to be adjusted urgently, and possibly retroactively due to a more realistic evaluation. As I said above, I like the Kitterage family, but they have been too aggressive in their negotiations with the town they hardly interacted.	12/15/2023 10:27 PM
3	prevalence of hoarding in the area and resulting environmental impacts, threat of large development, rising costs of living (outside of housing)	12/15/2023 9:25 PM
4	Concerns about the Kittridge property for sale and how the greed of the current seller is not interested in choosing outcomes that benefit the town.	12/15/2023 7:43 PM
5	No	12/15/2023 7:42 PM
6	Speeding	12/15/2023 4:15 PM
7	No	12/15/2023 3:59 PM
8	Concerned about Leveret pond becoming unusable for skating, fishing, boating/canoeing due to infestation of plant matter.	12/15/2023 3:58 PM
9	Leverett is a wonderful place to live for young families - but it is not so great for seniors - We would like to age in place in our home - but as we get older - home owning has become too much to manage - with repairs and yardwork, etc. We would like to live in a condo development in Leverett - not just for low income people - but for anyone of a certain age - so that we can stay in our beloved town and not have to move elsewhere - as we get into our eighties and nineties.	12/15/2023 3:45 PM
10	The destruction of privately owned forests	12/15/2023 3:42 PM
11	no	12/15/2023 3:17 PM
12	People are afraid of change. Everything changes. Change just needs to be managed proactively.	12/15/2023 3:07 PM
13	The upkeep of roads during the winter time.	12/15/2023 2:22 PM
14	no	12/15/2023 12:34 PM
15	no	12/15/2023 12:15 PM
16	No	12/15/2023 12:11 PM
17	no	12/15/2023 10:52 AM
18	Too many cars - including town's? littering road rides - traffic speed.	12/15/2023 10:18 AM
19	Tax rate for elders on fixed income. Thank God for village neighbors!	12/15/2023 9:40 AM
20	No	12/15/2023 8:57 AM
21	Yes, the Juggler Meadow Estate development.	12/15/2023 8:53 AM

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22	Nope, the writer of this survey did great!	12/14/2023 10:22 PM
23	Leverett's rural fabric is being imperceptably gentrified by urban transplants importing their comfy lifestyles and consumerism habits.	12/14/2023 6:34 PM
24	I wish the co-op would embrace the diversity of visitors to Lake Weyola.	12/14/2023 5:51 PM
25	cell phones and safety on the road for pedestrians and bikes	12/14/2023 10:04 AM
26	Development and over-development.	12/13/2023 12:56 PM
27	Get immobile and one is marooned.	12/13/2023 11:59 AM
28	Access to my house when older, (I am now 85!) distance to go to get medical help.	12/13/2023 11:46 AM
29	I worry about when the aging population dies and instead there will be a TON of houses in bad shape and suddenly what..... Could Leverett at that point give grants to familys wanting to move in + help pay for the necessary fixes to make the homes livable?	12/13/2023 10:19 AM
30	No	12/13/2023 9:59 AM
31	Yes, in my limited knowledge of septic systems, I think that each house must be held accountable for regular care. At the very least educated about the effects proper care on our soil and water supply.	12/12/2023 7:16 AM
32	Changes in taxes, over developement, population surge (kittredge estate project; don't want to see it become student housing.) and destruction of wildlife habitat	12/11/2023 9:37 AM
33	I do wish there was an actual downtown. Traffic on narrow windy roads (especially North Leverett Road below Lake Wyola) can be quite dangerous - too fast-!	12/10/2023 9:07 PM
34	No	12/9/2023 9:34 PM
35	We view Leverett as a communter community. It is not where we are looking for community. We want convenience and not a lot of extra stuff.	12/9/2023 4:58 PM
36	No	12/9/2023 12:15 PM
37	noise and light pollution	12/9/2023 11:27 AM
38	High taxes! Emergency services.	12/8/2023 9:39 PM
39	All the dirt rds and driveway s must be blacktopped by law no hill	12/8/2023 3:30 AM
40	I have loved living in Leverett. May have to leave because of loss of connections.	12/7/2023 6:42 PM
41	Kittredge property linsanity. used to live there when was a hippie houenand land early 80s Keep this intentional with a permaculture dryer sheet and air.fresherner and stinky synthetic chems disallowed. oh thats right even siruis community cant use the cob or certsjn places for housing. Keep the water park. Make room for back to land type elders as opposed to the standard apts with scent and cheesey institutional vibe and decor bs. Be a blue zone with gardens air etc clothes lines allowed. Have some perdal powered electricity like arcata ca HSU place has. Do this somewhere if possible but tho i cant fathom how a mega mansion divided up. , years ago i said it could should be a village but for earth friendly sober sane responsible community minded people.	12/7/2023 5:06 PM
42	Taxes go up and my house deteriorates. I can not do the repairs needed to maintain my house. My pension puts me above the line for assistance yet I need to go to the Food Pantry.	12/6/2023 9:34 PM
43	The gays	12/6/2023 8:27 PM
44	not yet	12/6/2023 2:48 PM
45	Protection of our natural places, conservation and wildlife	12/6/2023 2:29 PM
46	Loud voices that accentuate differences and cause gifted and contributing town residents to withdraw from voluntary town service.	12/5/2023 3:11 PM
47	Possible Elementary school amalgamation with Shutesbury school due to changing demographics.	12/2/2023 2:05 PM
48	long term affordability	12/2/2023 10:42 AM

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49	No	12/2/2023 9:59 AM
50	No	12/2/2023 9:32 AM
51	no.	12/1/2023 5:46 PM
52	That the process of this Master Plan will ultimately cause deterioration of the quality of life in Leverett.	12/1/2023 11:37 AM
53	We are concerned that if there is any emergency, ambulances will take too long to arrive	11/30/2023 5:46 PM
54	Racism, classism, virtue signaling, too much focus on peace and certain peoples insertiveness at the expense of those who do not agree with this whole peace & love crap at the expense of justice. Too much focus on peoples discomfort at the expense of real justice and getting to the core of what is the actual foundation of our dysfunction as a town and society. our christian based colonist genocidal past.	11/30/2023 3:50 PM
55	We need to find ways to improve the finances of Leverett and its residents while maintaining the character of the town. My big concern is about significant changes e.g. to zoning in an attempt to encourage economic development that might have negative unforeseen consequences. I think we need to get creative about ways to do this. Another concern I have is about climate adaptation and resilience. I think Leverett is in pretty good shape but we can do more to anticipate and mitigate risks and improve resilience.	11/30/2023 2:16 PM
56	I'm concerned about a social divide between the older members of our community and younger adults who may be newer to Leverett.	11/30/2023 9:12 AM
57	I think people will continue to die on these roads as they are lawless much of the time	11/29/2023 8:16 PM
58	Development of the Kittredge property	11/29/2023 7:53 PM
59	I have high radon in my house and the prevalence of ledge says that radon detection for everyone would be a smart public health investment	11/29/2023 2:03 PM
60	High taxes , less money for schools, more for fire and police	11/29/2023 9:40 AM
61	Leverett is dynamic	11/29/2023 8:41 AM
62	Mob mentality. Unable to speak freely at meetings.	11/28/2023 8:18 PM
63	Cost of living (Taxes) are too high	11/26/2023 11:53 AM
64	no	11/24/2023 2:08 PM
65	I'm concerned Leverett is myopic by being overly concerned with a single simple scenario of "climate change", ie global warming at the exclusion of many other possibilities such economic collapse, global cooling, nuclear war, etc.	11/23/2023 10:26 AM
66	I don't believe so. I think we need changes in zoning to allow for more houses and business'.	11/23/2023 9:27 AM
67	Isolated old folks	11/22/2023 7:23 PM
68	I would like to see an analysis of challenges the town faces, e.g. financial health of town.	11/22/2023 2:48 PM
69	No, the town is a lovely place to live. Where else could I see : deer, fox, coyote, woodchuck, MOOSE in my yard in the same year. We don't need more development if we hope to share our town with the wildlife already here.	11/22/2023 1:57 PM
70	no	11/22/2023 1:44 PM
71	Town has become too progressive resulting in tax and spend mentality. We must learn to live within our means and not push our spending wishes on all. Lower tax burden will benefit all.	11/21/2023 5:03 PM
72	No	11/20/2023 2:08 PM
73	The elementary school budget is high and student performance on state exams is mediocre.	11/17/2023 8:28 PM
74	no	11/17/2023 7:37 PM
75	No	11/17/2023 7:02 PM
76	Rrrrrr	11/17/2023 7:00 PM

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77	I think they are addressed. As our household is aging lack of public transportation will become more an issue and as we are now on a more limited income taxes could become a concern.	11/17/2023 12:16 PM
78	Keeping conservation land available for sportsmen (hunting and fishing) as well as hiking	11/17/2023 8:58 AM
79	no	11/16/2023 8:32 PM
80	Yes - capitalism assumes growth, meaning it assumes our tax base is constantly growing. It's not. Leverett doesn't have much growth and therefore we are pushed in the direction of thinking we need it, which may cause us to compromise our values. A vision about how to grow Leverett sustainable would be great - a master plan that includes new houses, yet balances those with conservation. Another concern is the budget and how different departments struggle to make ends meet. Makes the school stick out and get lots of criticism because it is the biggest employer in town. Also one of the biggest attractions to young families.	11/15/2023 8:48 AM
81	No	11/14/2023 4:58 PM
82	no	11/13/2023 8:48 PM
83	I worry that Leverett's Board of Health is too lax with property owners who own properties that should be condemned. I can think of at least three properties off the top of my head that should be condemned and the property owners need to be forced to take action. Those properties could be put to much better use.	11/13/2023 2:43 PM
84	That the chief of police wants more money for more officers when I don't want such a large police presence in Leverett	11/13/2023 7:54 AM
85	Our struggling Co-op!	11/12/2023 7:11 AM
86	Speed with which fire or police services can reach residences	11/11/2023 11:57 AM
87	No	11/11/2023 10:44 AM
88	There is a huge opportunity to think creatively about the yankee candle estate. That is such a tremendous opportunity. Separately, I don't feel that increasing economic development is important nor do I feel like development is the answer.	11/10/2023 8:51 PM
89	Road safety for pedestrians.	11/10/2023 1:43 PM
90	Roads need walking shoulders and bike paths.	11/9/2023 7:05 PM
91	One concern is how the curved road leading to amherst is very popular with bikes/pedestrians. Mathematically if you follow the speed limit while visibility is poor, some very dangerous situations can and have arisen. I am not anti bike or anti pedestrian, but idk how you would solve it for that road in particular. Maybe a few road lights on curves or a sign to bikers/pedestrians stating the risks and offering an alternate rout. This is suboptimal but I think worth talking about	11/7/2023 3:55 PM
92	this is just a test	11/7/2023 3:11 PM
93	How this list was created, who was involved in creating the list? The QR code and other modes of delivering this survey were opaque in the creation of this platform.	11/4/2023 10:28 PM
94	No	11/3/2023 4:45 PM
95	Childcare accessibility and availability	11/2/2023 1:44 PM
96	no	11/2/2023 12:02 PM
97	Concerned about how neighboring towns policies affecting those living on town lines.	10/31/2023 9:39 PM
98	no	10/31/2023 4:06 PM
99	Occasional confusion concerning requests of assistance by the highway department, e.g. promised work not followed in a timely manner nor status of which not communicated.	10/30/2023 4:55 PM
100	Giving consulting projects to lowest bidder, and having that be umass amherst, rather than giving it to a local Leverett resident who is qualified, is at odds with the values expressed in this charter. We should be giving more paying jobs and contracts to locals here who need it, not to massive organizations like UMass Amherst that make enough money as it is. If we care about our people, give them opportunities to be supported by this town.	10/30/2023 11:54 AM

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101	Vehicles speeding through town and failing to to stop at Stop signs. Our town has a major problem with vehicles going way too fast, ignoring speed limits and Stop signs. Our town has a lot of older people walking on road sides; bicyclists uses the roads and animals crossing roads. Also as everyone seems to know way too many vehicles seem to routinely pass Stopped school buses.	10/30/2023 9:45 AM
102	No	10/29/2023 9:15 PM
103	no	10/29/2023 8:32 PM
104	Town spending and a public school that does not solely focus on the academic needs of our children	10/29/2023 1:15 PM
105	Keep us rural. Don't worry about having more conservation land.	10/29/2023 11:31 AM
106	Just the dangerous and illegal use of toxic chemicals in Leverett Pond.	10/29/2023 11:10 AM
107	It would be wonderful to expand the library's hours, especially during the winter time, if possible	10/29/2023 11:02 AM
108	No	10/29/2023 10:50 AM
109	Concern that increasing desire for some additional services and resultant costs place economic burden on many	10/28/2023 9:46 AM
110	Route 63 traffic speed	10/25/2023 7:35 AM
111	We should approve building additional small units on people's' properties to aid more housing on land already zoned	10/24/2023 6:50 PM
112	I hope Leverett preserves its few remaining dirt roads as dirt. I'd like to see Leverett maintain Rattlesnake Gutter as the valuable resource that it is. It needs water bars and some further engineering to prevent future washouts like we experienced last year. Its a fabulous place.	10/24/2023 6:44 PM
113	We seem to be in a budget trap: our assessed value goes up, so our budget goes up, which creates pressure to build for greater assessed value, which creates pressure for greater expenses.	10/24/2023 3:44 PM
114	Communication! Too much reliance on websites and not enough direct outreach.	10/24/2023 11:54 AM
115	No	10/23/2023 9:17 PM
116	No	10/23/2023 2:47 PM
117	Need for a senior center	10/23/2023 10:46 AM
118	Unsure	10/23/2023 7:06 AM
119	No	10/23/2023 6:24 AM
120	no	10/22/2023 2:22 PM
121	I wish we had a more diverse community with young (but not wealthy) families moving into the town.	10/22/2023 12:10 PM
122	More development is the path of nearly every municipality in the country. Do we want to be more like them or recognize that what we have is special? Visit places with looser zoning and what you get is a hodgepodge of residential and commercial, which is the worst of all worlds. Perhaps loosen restrictions in focused areas to promote new businesses. But don't dilute the nature of the community by promoting change across the area.	10/22/2023 11:33 AM
123	no	10/21/2023 4:06 PM
124	No	10/21/2023 12:55 PM
125	Supporting the school system requires most of our tax dollars (over 90%?) while the town's population is aging and most people do not directly benefit from the school. Without decreasing the quality of education, how can people who don't have school age children get more direct benefit from property taxes paid?	10/21/2023 11:43 AM
126	Improving communications with town bodies for citizens so they know what is possible, current efforts, changes in services, etc.. Due to changes in demands over the past decades the	10/21/2023 10:01 AM

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structures of town govt. no longer are able to keep us as informed as we need and would like to be.

127	No	10/21/2023 9:11 AM
128	nope	10/20/2023 4:43 PM
129	I worry about the tax base! It would be great if we had more businesses. I also want to encourage young families to move in to keep the demographics balanced. I'm not sure how best to do that besides keeping the school excellent.	10/19/2023 11:18 AM
130	Leverett needs to improve the professionalism of town government while maintaining its volunteer nature.	10/19/2023 2:09 AM
131	Property taxes over time; I think the town should aim to keep them as low as possible (although this could be achieved by various allowances on land development~ which could be done carefully)	10/18/2023 10:25 PM
132	High taxes, deterring people from building and lack of incentive for businesses to move in	10/18/2023 5:35 PM
133	.	10/18/2023 2:45 PM
134	Very difficult to meet the community if you don't have school-ages children. Lack of community-building events	10/18/2023 8:20 AM
135	Forests are a treasure; concerned about losing them to development, especially solar arrays which are a travesty.	10/18/2023 7:59 AM
136	The community is aging and we need 24 hour emergency medical response	10/18/2023 7:51 AM
137	Clear cutting forests for solar development. Planning for climate resiliency/flooding.	10/17/2023 10:06 PM
138	Some parts of town such as the Route 63 corridor are not neighborhoods.	10/17/2023 8:59 PM
139	Although I do think that the school and the library are very good for a town of this size, I am concerned that such a large percentage of the population is, like me, old. Attracting younger residents is key to a successful future.	10/17/2023 7:59 PM
140	Aging in place	10/17/2023 7:55 PM
141	climate change adaptation/emergency planning	10/17/2023 7:47 PM
142	Increasing property taxes to improve town infrastructure/school because of a lack of other town funding sources.	10/17/2023 5:35 PM
143	Most are addressed above.	10/17/2023 4:58 PM
144	?	10/17/2023 2:22 PM
145	Nope	10/17/2023 1:49 PM
146	Taxes are high, but I accept/prefer that to having a commercial base	10/17/2023 1:06 PM
147	There is a lack of traffic enforcement. Too many run stop signs, speed around corner where blind driveways exist and often, drive aggressively. I have the impression that Leverett drivers are given a too much of a break when it comes to traffic violations.	10/17/2023 12:42 PM
148	How well does Leverett plan in coordination with neighboring towns? Since we are not an island, how can some needs continue to be met in neighboring towns versus Leverett trying to address all needs unilaterally?	10/17/2023 11:55 AM

Q10 What barriers, if any, do you face that prevent you from living your best life in Leverett?

Answered: 169 Skipped: 242

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Social isolation is a detriment to the quality of life of Leverett. The anti-commercial development sentiment is weighing the town down.	12/16/2023 10:41 PM
2	Lack of safe bike lanes, would like to see more community activities	12/16/2023 8:45 PM
3	Wide, long footpath. Ability to build a small outbuilding for my parents (who are in their '90s) on our land. There's plenty of room so it is a shame that that isn't an option we have. I think this needs to be addressed because of the aging population.	12/15/2023 10:39 PM
4	I love Leverett the way it is, If we make changes, let them be made gradually and with consensus.	12/15/2023 10:27 PM
5	rising cost of living, home improvement costs are astronomical	12/15/2023 9:25 PM
6	I have had issues with high electricity rates on Leverett's contract that are crippling financially	12/15/2023 7:43 PM
7	More sidewalks on main roads	12/15/2023 7:42 PM
8	limited services for seniors	12/15/2023 7:05 PM
9	Back up power for storms and emergencies	12/15/2023 4:15 PM
10	Ability to access landlocked property because of wetlands restrictions and lack of right-of-way	12/15/2023 3:59 PM
11	1) Inability to install solar panels or free standing solar due to proximity to a small land. We support protecting of wetlands but state law says no structure within 150 feet of wetland. 2) difficulty keeping up with home maintenance, indoor and outdoors - and finding help for smaller jobs- (we are seniors) 3) Increased traffic on Montague Rd with people driving too fast - making it dangerous to walk on the road 4) We can't find anyone to snow shovel + so we keep hurting our backs trying to do it ourselves.	12/15/2023 3:45 PM
12	Taxes, lack of social opportunities	12/15/2023 3:42 PM
13	Possibly aging. Not a current issue but at some point, for instance, access to reliable public transportation would be very useful. Increasing cost of utilities is an increasing issue.	12/15/2023 3:17 PM
14	lack of public transportation	12/15/2023 3:07 PM
15	Roads are not well plowed at times	12/15/2023 2:22 PM
16	Lack of public transportation, lack of housing for seniors	12/15/2023 1:14 PM
17	we need to allow accessory buildings as we age	12/15/2023 12:15 PM
18	Eventually (but not yet) lack of transportation into Amherst/Greenfield/Northampton.	12/15/2023 12:11 PM
19	all of my own doing :-)	12/15/2023 10:52 AM
20	cost of living and maintaining older home	12/15/2023 10:18 AM
21	Transportation, medical services, isolation	12/15/2023 10:18 AM
22	Fortunate the school has to meet mandates from state - more support to meet these would help	12/15/2023 9:40 AM
23	None	12/15/2023 8:57 AM
24	Age	12/15/2023 8:53 AM
25	Slightly better cell phone service would help. Other than that, whose to say I'm not already	12/14/2023 10:22 PM

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	living my best life here? I love Leverett!	
26	i will never be able to afford to own a home or land here. i am very lucky to have affordable rent, but I do not have long term security here.	12/14/2023 6:34 PM
27	Difficult to meet people, culture dominated by boomer generation. No regular meeting opportunities. Hostility shown to things like saw mill project turns me off.	12/14/2023 5:51 PM
28	Old time residents have been driven out of town meeting. Mew residents need more services. We're becoming gentrified.	12/14/2023 5:20 PM
29	Getting older with out transportation to Doctors, shopping & other activities.	12/14/2023 5:01 PM
30	When we lose power, we lose all communications and work options. It's not only inconvenient, it's unsafe in the event of injury or other health crisis	12/14/2023 10:04 AM
31	I repeat - lack of accomodation for people with hearing loss.	12/13/2023 3:37 PM
32	Shutesbury road connecting to 202	12/13/2023 12:56 PM
33	Lack of any significant diversity.	12/13/2023 11:59 AM
34	Right now I am OK, but if & when I am unable to drive I will face serious problems in accessing what I need.	12/13/2023 11:46 AM
35	- Not having enough water in times of drought - Always having to use my car, even to access the trails (an increasing problem as I age.) - Real estate taxes are burdensome for those of us on fixed incomes.	12/13/2023 10:31 AM
36	None	12/13/2023 9:59 AM
37	There's no casual community meeting and socializing place.	12/12/2023 7:16 AM
38	In the long run, lack of public transportation and access to nearby medical care are two that concern me.	12/9/2023 10:58 PM
39	Cost of housing	12/9/2023 9:34 PM
40	Small school that does not adequately meet the diverse needs of our students.	12/9/2023 4:58 PM
41	Already covered above.	12/9/2023 12:15 PM
42	noise and light pollution	12/9/2023 11:27 AM
43	Unblacktopped dirt tds driveways and un totally blacktop Teawaddle	12/8/2023 3:30 AM
44	Social interaction, isolated. No transportation	12/7/2023 6:42 PM
45	Stable home not sublets and the like	12/7/2023 5:06 PM
46	Public transport	12/7/2023 1:15 AM
47	The gays	12/6/2023 8:27 PM
48	my own weaknesses!	12/6/2023 2:48 PM
49	None	12/6/2023 2:29 PM
50	The unreliable and at times unsatisfactory condition of Dudleyville Road's surface due to poor drainage that also is responsible for hazardous gaps in its embankments that are becoming more common.	12/5/2023 9:39 PM
51	The high tax rate which seriously impacts those on fixed incomes and adds to the cost of living in town.	12/5/2023 3:11 PM
52	Need some additional business around Leverett center. Cell phone service needs improvement.	12/5/2023 12:16 PM
53	None	12/2/2023 2:05 PM
54	We are all confronted by economic barriers at a national level. I'm not sure what Leverett can do to mitigate those barriers.	12/2/2023 10:56 AM
55	traffic mitigation/calming	12/2/2023 10:42 AM

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56	We cannot think of any.	12/2/2023 9:59 AM
57	None. I'm getting older, but I'll deal with that when the time comes. Great place to live.	12/1/2023 5:46 PM
58	Aging in place. Transportation.	12/1/2023 2:40 PM
59	None	12/1/2023 11:37 AM
60	Connecting with people our age (older)	11/30/2023 5:46 PM
61	Affordability	11/30/2023 5:28 PM
62	Classism, racism, liberal bias and arrogance, denial, gaslighting, clickish elitism.	11/30/2023 3:50 PM
63	Lack of a good community gathering space. A facility with indoor/outdoor spaces, food and drink, and recreational/performance options would be ideal.	11/30/2023 2:16 PM
64	Isolation from neighbors, not sure how to meet people and get involved.	11/30/2023 9:12 AM
65	I am living my best life!	11/29/2023 7:53 PM
66	Lack of Cellular coverage is a problem especially as a public safety issue	11/29/2023 2:03 PM
67	Again high taxes	11/29/2023 9:40 AM
68	Major development happening in close proximity to my property and family	11/29/2023 8:41 AM
69	Uninformed electorate.	11/28/2023 8:18 PM
70	pubic transportation	11/28/2023 11:11 AM
71	Lack of public transportation & cell service.	11/27/2023 8:17 PM
72	none	11/24/2023 2:08 PM
73	Lack of grocery stores, gas station, restaurants.	11/24/2023 10:46 AM
74	none that I hold the town responsible for.	11/23/2023 10:26 AM
75	No place to meet up. No diversity.	11/22/2023 7:23 PM
76	None! It's a great place to live!	11/22/2023 2:48 PM
77	NONE for now, but if I hope to stay in my home forever, I may need transportation at some point in the future.	11/22/2023 1:57 PM
78	Having to drive distances for entertainment, shopping, and appealing places to congregate	11/22/2023 1:44 PM
79	High property taxes.	11/21/2023 5:03 PM
80	Maybe a coffee shop!	11/20/2023 2:08 PM
81	As someone who loves the peacefulness of rural life, including wildlife and natural areas, it's been difficult to see how unmanaged a lot of natural land is, in terms of plant health and invasive plants.	11/18/2023 5:56 PM
82	Taxes are too high for fixed income people.	11/18/2023 8:02 AM
83	none	11/17/2023 7:37 PM
84	None. I am lucky to say I am living my best life here in Leverett	11/17/2023 7:02 PM
85	Ddddd	11/17/2023 7:00 PM
86	I would like to be able to walk and bike safely on the roads.	11/17/2023 12:16 PM
87	Restrictions on public lands	11/17/2023 8:58 AM
88	High taxes due to town over spending.	11/16/2023 10:02 PM
89	Transportation. When I can no longer drive, I can no longer live in Leverett	11/16/2023 8:32 PM
90	Taxes are too high	11/16/2023 7:08 PM
91	Cell phone service, school and coop in constant need of fundraising.	11/15/2023 4:27 PM

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92	None at this time	11/14/2023 4:58 PM
93	Ability to choose among any of the cell phone carriers. We are limited by our location in town.	11/14/2023 1:27 PM
94	too much dissension	11/13/2023 8:48 PM
95	This is a very pricey town.	11/13/2023 2:43 PM
96	I am pretty lucky. We now own a home in Leverett and we rented here for nearly 20 yrs. We have great neighbors. I love our library, transfer station, LCA and our co op. I wish people were kinder to each other. I wish people appreciated all the volunteering that happens here. I wish we could have more understanding and ability to talk through our differences.	11/13/2023 7:54 AM
97	Very few! The barriers are mostly self-imposed.	11/12/2023 7:11 AM
98	Pedestrian-safe roads	11/11/2023 8:52 PM
99	Limited hours of access to town facilities, e.g. transfer station open hours are quite limited.	11/11/2023 11:57 AM
100	We are well into our 70's and I'm increasingly concerned about aging out. I love our self sufficiency on our land and in our neighborhood, but I can see our abilities beginning to diminish.	11/11/2023 10:44 AM
101	Lack of a senior center	11/11/2023 10:36 AM
102	Community interaction. We used to be much more connected as a community. That has fallen aside in the last 10 years.	11/10/2023 8:51 PM
103	Walking and running on roads is unsafe because there are no sidewalks	11/10/2023 1:43 PM
104	Trucks driving too fast!	11/9/2023 7:05 PM
105	Honestly my rent for the place I'm living is double what the mortgage would be. I feel like my land lord owns me. I know this is a private matter but anything that could be done for others to prevent a similar situation is paramount.	11/7/2023 3:55 PM
106	this is just a test	11/7/2023 3:11 PM
107	lack of cell phone communication for young families. Not enough access to preschool in Leverett.	11/5/2023 8:35 AM
108	Lack of access to good public transportation, but this was the deal one made for living in a rural setting. The caveat being: the watchfulness of a small town. If you live out of sight, you get away with much more than if you are visible from the road. Not as bad as most surrounding towns though.	11/4/2023 10:28 PM
109	None	11/3/2023 4:45 PM
110	Childcare access (before elementary age)	11/2/2023 1:44 PM
111	Public transportation	11/2/2023 12:02 PM
112	none	10/31/2023 4:06 PM
113	Speeding vehicles down many highways such as Shutesbury Rd in E. Leverett	10/30/2023 4:55 PM
114	Essentially none.	10/30/2023 1:30 PM
115	Traffic issues	10/30/2023 9:45 AM
116	None	10/29/2023 9:15 PM
117	none	10/29/2023 8:32 PM
118	Social justice programs and high taxes	10/29/2023 1:15 PM
119	zoning and gas	10/29/2023 11:45 AM
120	None, right now.	10/29/2023 11:31 AM
121	—	10/29/2023 11:10 AM
122	I wish the school had a band program	10/29/2023 11:02 AM

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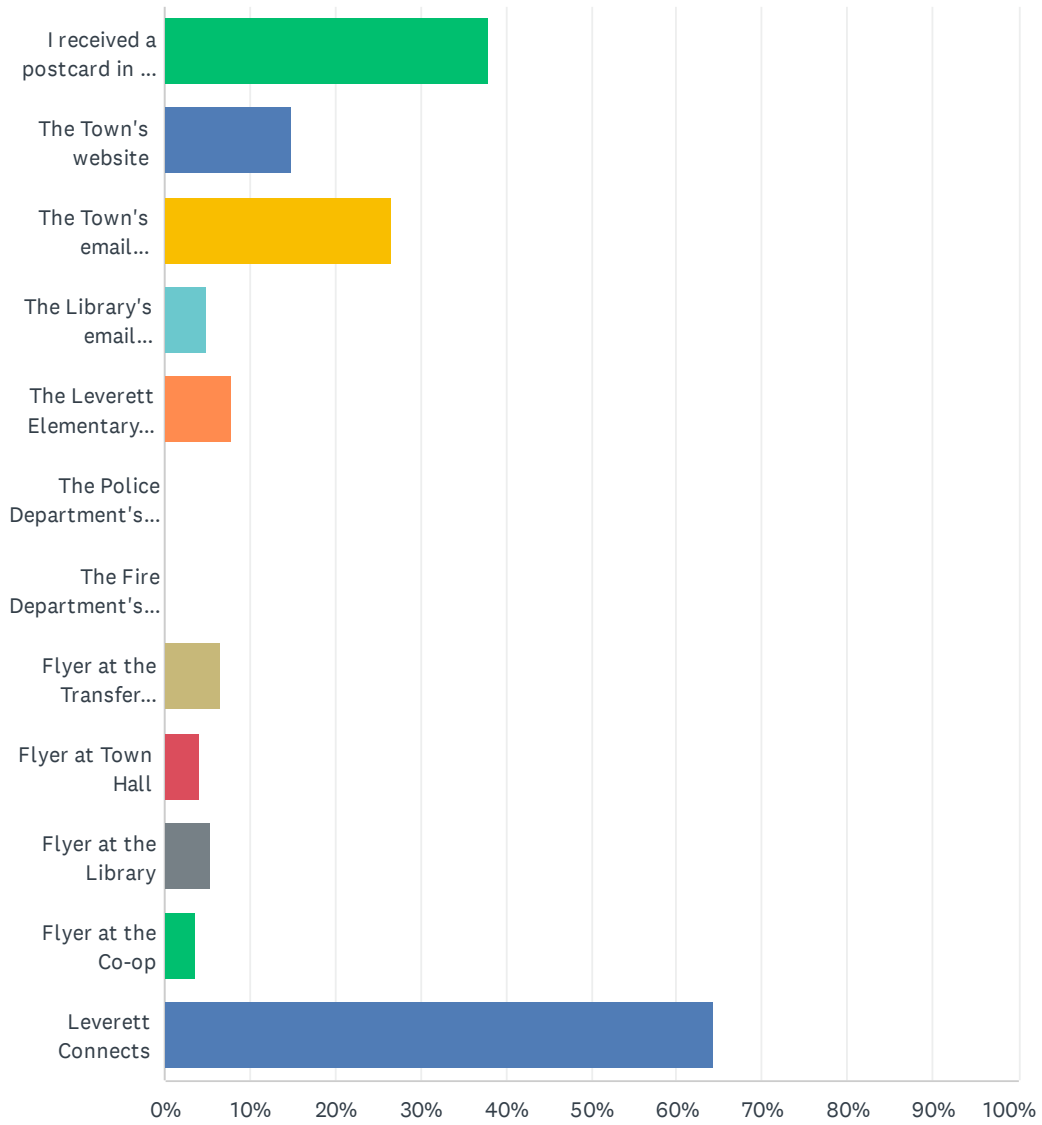
123	Leverett is a wonderful place to live, and I rarely encounter barriers in Leverett.	10/29/2023 10:50 AM
124	High taxes	10/29/2023 8:38 AM
125	Lack of transportation to Amherst.	10/28/2023 9:46 AM
126	lack of planning around climate change, lack of accountability of our police force and lack of shared values as a community about climate change, policing and racial justice	10/28/2023 9:10 AM
127	Honestly it's the outside world eating up my time.	10/27/2023 10:08 AM
128	Lack of services, transportation as we age	10/24/2023 11:56 PM
129	The lack of bike paths or sidewalks along the narrow curving N Leverett Road caused me not to bike. Bikers are really risking it. I've been knocked off the road and won't bike there anymore which is a shame because it is great terrain.	10/24/2023 6:44 PM
130	I would prefer not to raise my child in a rich white town. I would live a better life in Leverett if I could see more people committing themselves to real inclusivity and belonging, not just lip service.	10/24/2023 3:44 PM
131	Cost. if we ever pay the high cost of our house down, will we be able to afford the taxes to stay?	10/24/2023 3:21 PM
132	Access to public transportation and support services.	10/24/2023 11:54 AM
133	Bike lanes would be helpful	10/23/2023 9:17 PM
134	I suppose the high tax rate may be my undoing of being able to stay in Leverett. I'm now retired and widowed. I know everyone wants senior / low income housing...but I don't see how that need can be met and still maintain the qualities I love about living here.	10/23/2023 5:06 PM
135	I would like to be able to build on my land, but current septic regulations prevent this without a deed restriction	10/23/2023 2:47 PM
136	We would love a small town center with sidewalks, coffee shop and if the Coop were located centrally. Diversity of the population would be nice.	10/23/2023 7:06 AM
137	None at present. But as age concerned for lack of resources and public services due to living in a rural small community	10/23/2023 6:24 AM
138	high cost of property taxes	10/22/2023 2:22 PM
139	I am very grateful to be living here and understand that no place can provide a perfect life. The limitation of being here have more to do with the problems of the area's economy and inequality across the Commonwealth and the country.	10/22/2023 12:10 PM
140	The idea of energy independence is a myth. We don't make our own tires. We don't make our own shoes. Energy, because of economies of scale, must be worked out at the federal and not the municipal level. By converting forest into meadows into solar fields, you reduce the reasons people will want to move to Leverett. This is not best use for land. That it increases the tax base is a myopic perspective.	10/22/2023 11:33 AM
141	ability to stay living in home during ageing	10/21/2023 4:06 PM
142	barriers to recreational access for thos with disabilities.	10/21/2023 2:35 PM
143	More winter time activity generators that bring people together, including in indoor spaces (some of which do not yet exist)	10/21/2023 12:55 PM
144	At present nothing significant, but services to seniors and a substantial increase in those are really crucial as our population ages in place.	10/21/2023 11:43 AM
145	Doing fine so far, thanks, but would be seriously screwed if unable to drive a car.	10/21/2023 11:43 AM
146	None that we cannot work on together! It would be wonderful to see our villages more rich in options for services, more walkable.	10/21/2023 10:01 AM
147	Lack of senior housing. Downsizing means leaving the community.	10/21/2023 9:11 AM
148	Cost/availability of housing. We rent so are here temporarily, though at one point were looking to purchase property here	10/20/2023 8:48 PM

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149	Lack of services -- eg poor cell phone coverage, no public transportation, limited elder services and recreational opportunities such as fitness classes or learning opportunities.	10/20/2023 6:27 PM
150	n/a	10/20/2023 4:43 PM
151	economic limitations and aging.	10/19/2023 2:09 AM
152	Probably cost of living. But I do feel that there are a lot of features that are free and easy to enjoy (trails, library).	10/18/2023 10:25 PM
153	none	10/18/2023 5:51 PM
154	High taxes for minimal services.	10/18/2023 5:35 PM
155	Cost is difficult, but I have received town supported assistance which has helped. Small town judgements can really wear on those already struggling	10/18/2023 2:45 PM
156	More lively community	10/18/2023 8:20 AM
157	Distance from businesses and services; difficulty keeping the Co-op afloat or opening new businesses.	10/18/2023 7:59 AM
158	Lack of emergency medical response 24 hours a day. Political bias in access to town services and being able to serve on town boards.	10/18/2023 7:51 AM
159	I'd like to roads to accommodate walkers/bikers safely.	10/17/2023 10:13 PM
160	Supportive, interconnected community as we age in place.	10/17/2023 8:59 PM
161	As I get older and now live alone, easy access to transportation for shopping and appointments will become more important.	10/17/2023 8:46 PM
162	High taxes, worries about water quality, health and transportation as I get older.	10/17/2023 7:55 PM
163	lack of public transportation	10/17/2023 7:47 PM
164	Money. There is no housing for the average person	10/17/2023 7:36 PM
165	Can't think of any	10/17/2023 5:35 PM
166	Lack of supportive school environment for child with a disability. We are "othered" by both adults and my child's peers.	10/17/2023 4:58 PM
167	Taxes	10/17/2023 2:22 PM
168	None	10/17/2023 1:49 PM
169	None, at the moment!	10/17/2023 11:55 AM

Q11 How did you hear about this survey? Choose all that apply.

Answered: 301 Skipped: 110



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I received a postcard in the mail.	37.87%	114
The Town's website	14.95%	45
The Town's email newsletter	26.58%	80
The Library's email newsletter	4.98%	15
The Leverett Elementary School's email newsletter	7.97%	24
The Police Department's Facebook page	0.00%	0
The Fire Department's Facebook page	0.00%	0
Flyer at the Transfer Station	6.64%	20
Flyer at Town Hall	3.99%	12
Flyer at the Library	5.32%	16
Flyer at the Co-op	3.65%	11
Leverett Connects	64.45%	194
Total Respondents: 301		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	My wife discovered it, and informed me. This should have been transmitted my U.S. Mail.	12/15/2023 10:33 PM
2	I signed up for information at the LES open house, but didn't receive anything	12/15/2023 9:27 PM
3	multiple sources	12/15/2023 4:59 PM
4	friends / committee members	12/15/2023 3:58 PM
5	Neighbor came to door with it.	12/15/2023 3:51 PM
6	word of mouth	12/15/2023 3:23 PM
7	friend	12/15/2023 2:08 PM
8	A phone message from the Town, a neighbor dropped it off =)	12/15/2023 1:33 PM
9	neighbors	12/15/2023 10:00 AM
10	Person distributing this survey in the street. Town residents telling me about this.	12/15/2023 9:46 AM
11	Planning committee member gave it to me	12/15/2023 9:25 AM
12	Someone handed me this questionnaire.	12/14/2023 6:45 PM
13	LES school open house	12/14/2023 5:37 PM
14	Planning night	12/13/2023 4:53 PM
15	multiple sources - Know people involved in process + was asked to serve on steering committee (but declined, too busy!)	12/13/2023 4:21 PM
16	Sign outside town hall	12/13/2023 12:00 PM
17	Flashing traffic signs in Visioning Town hall meetings.	12/13/2023 11:47 AM
18	I signed up for notifications from various town committees + try to go whenever I can get away from the kids.	12/13/2023 10:21 AM
19	The flashing sign(s) on the road.	12/13/2023 10:00 AM
20	Neighbor	12/12/2023 8:25 PM

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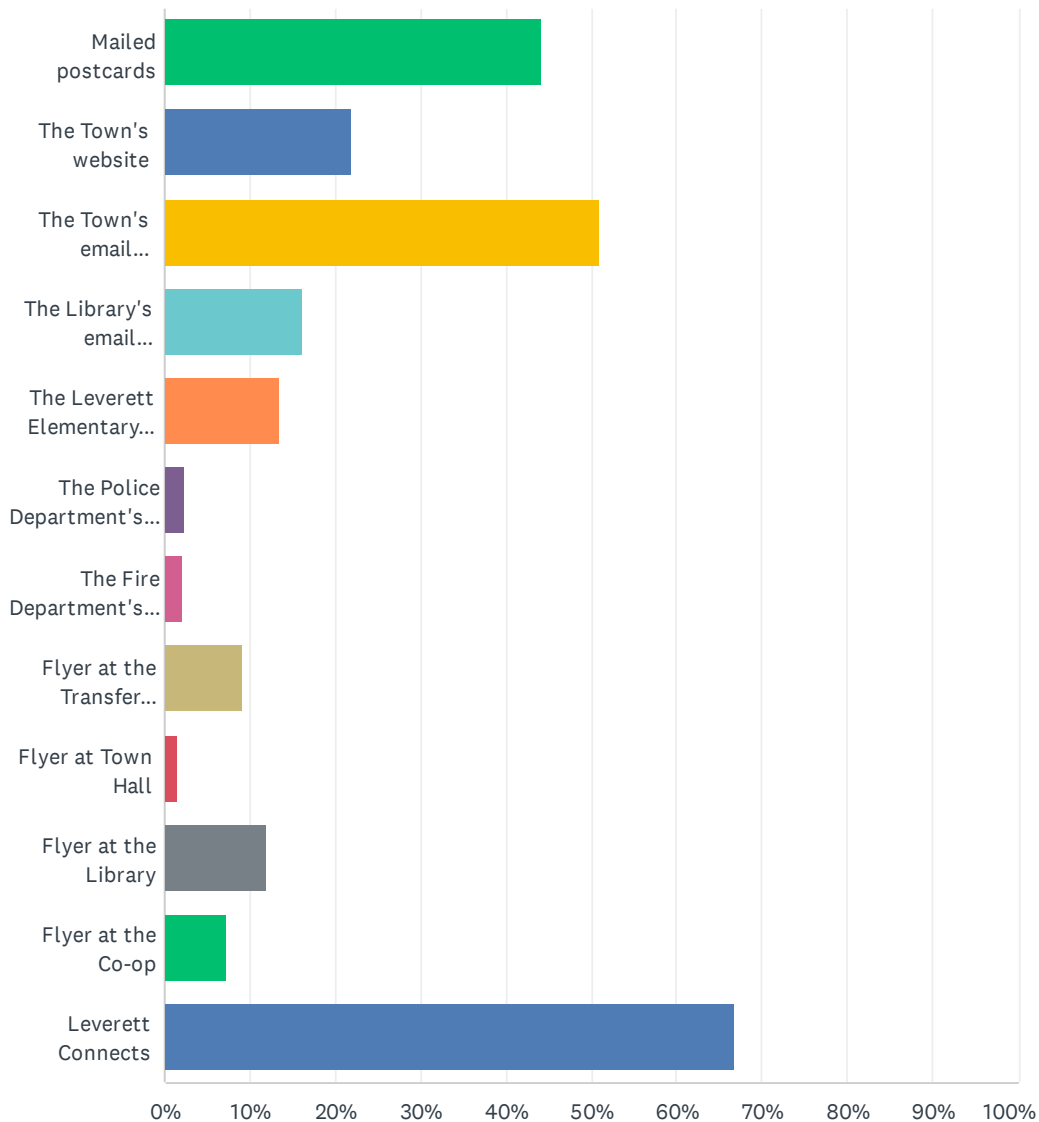
21	Being promoted by community members	12/9/2023 4:59 PM
22	newspaper	12/9/2023 11:29 AM
23	Robo call	12/6/2023 2:31 PM
24	Phone message and neighbors.	12/5/2023 3:15 PM
25	Tim keeps bugging me ;)	12/5/2023 2:43 PM
26	Friend	12/5/2023 9:24 AM
27	word of mouth	12/2/2023 10:46 AM
28	Andy delivered it personally to our home.	12/2/2023 10:00 AM
29	From neighbors	12/2/2023 9:33 AM
30	Email	11/30/2023 5:30 PM
31	My neighbor	11/29/2023 7:54 PM
32	A friend	11/29/2023 9:42 AM
33	Other residents	11/28/2023 8:19 PM
34	Mt. Toby Friends Meeting Clerk	11/28/2023 1:08 PM
35	Comprehensive Plan Steering Group flyer	11/26/2023 12:03 PM
36	flyer in the mail	11/24/2023 2:10 PM
37	Library website	11/23/2023 9:29 AM
38	Concerned property owners	11/21/2023 5:04 PM
39	via email	11/20/2023 5:50 PM
40	Town Planner called	11/18/2023 7:43 PM
41	Phone call	11/18/2023 5:57 PM
42	Phone call	11/17/2023 7:01 PM
43	Word of mouth	11/17/2023 8:59 AM
44	Meeting of town residents with concerns over town over stepping and spending.	11/16/2023 10:05 PM
45	I was told by another resident	11/16/2023 7:09 PM
46	personal email	11/15/2023 9:44 AM
47	Neighbor told me about it	11/14/2023 6:45 PM
48	Tim Shores sent me the link	11/14/2023 1:48 PM
49	people involved in its creation	11/13/2023 8:49 PM
50	Handout at an LES event	11/13/2023 2:44 PM
51	groups.io	11/11/2023 11:59 AM
52	Someone told me about it	11/8/2023 8:11 PM
53	email from other town resident	11/8/2023 9:29 AM
54	Member of the committee	10/31/2023 11:06 AM
55	Roadside lighted signs	10/30/2023 9:47 AM
56	LES open house	10/25/2023 7:36 AM
57	Hi everyone, I'm Tim Shores.	10/24/2023 3:44 PM
58	Leverett Connects	10/21/2023 9:12 AM

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59	Email message	10/20/2023 6:28 PM
60	I received an email	10/20/2023 4:44 PM
61	participation in town government	10/19/2023 2:12 AM
62	planning meeting tonight	10/17/2023 8:01 PM
63	Data Walk	10/17/2023 7:16 PM
64	The data walk	10/17/2023 5:36 PM
65	Spouse fwded to me	10/17/2023 1:51 PM
66	email from neighbor	10/17/2023 12:53 PM

Q12 What is the best way for us to communicate with you? Choose all that apply.

Answered: 328 Skipped: 83



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mailed postcards	44.21%	145
The Town's website	21.95%	72
The Town's email newsletter	50.91%	167
The Library's email newsletter	16.16%	53
The Leverett Elementary School's email newsletter	13.41%	44
The Police Department's Facebook page	2.44%	8
The Fire Department's Facebook page	2.13%	7
Flyer at the Transfer Station	9.15%	30
Flyer at Town Hall	1.52%	5
Flyer at the Library	11.89%	39
Flyer at the Co-op	7.32%	24
Leverett Connects	66.77%	219
Total Respondents: 328		

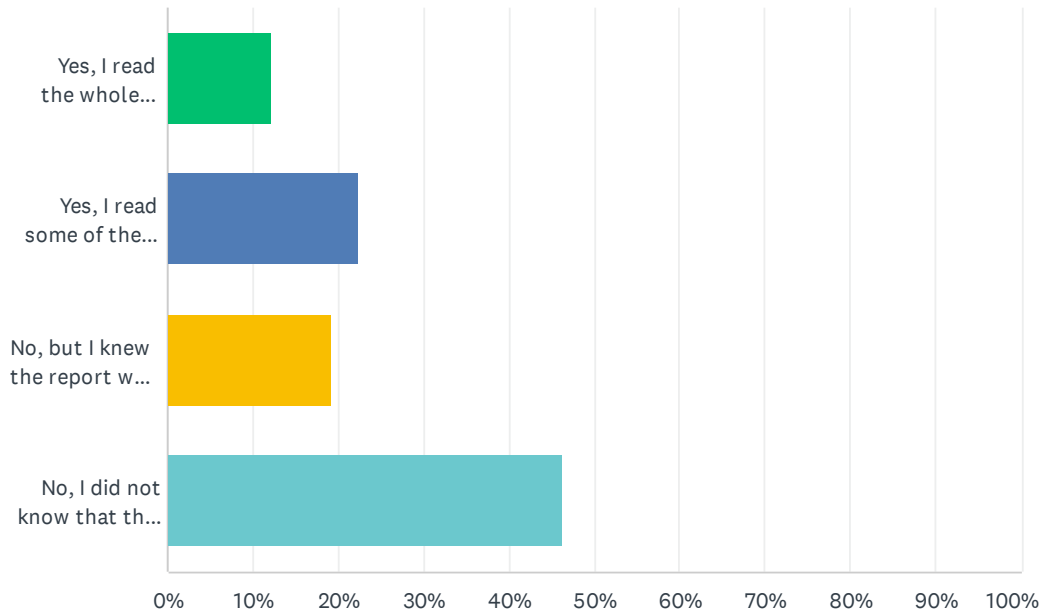
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The town's newsletter MAILED out again	12/16/2023 8:46 PM
2	Leverett Connect should not be used for official communication. I like the written newsletter sent to each and every resident or household. I just don't see the other modes of transmission. If a paper copy is too expensive, have an email sent to those that request it. I don't routinely visit websites.	12/15/2023 10:33 PM
3	The Town's mailed Newsletters	12/15/2023 5:46 PM
4	Don't use Facebook.	12/15/2023 3:51 PM
5	a paper copy of the town's newsletter	12/15/2023 2:36 PM
6	friends	12/15/2023 2:08 PM
7	Paper copy of newsletter!	12/15/2023 10:55 AM
8	Phone call message	12/15/2023 9:51 AM
9	Phone message	12/15/2023 9:46 AM
10	Telephone, me email	12/15/2023 9:03 AM
11	Call my phone 413-548-1213	12/15/2023 8:57 AM
12	Town Newsletter in the regular mail	12/14/2023 10:24 PM
13	email	12/14/2023 6:00 PM
14	Please restart a mailed newsletter. Without it, I see the town changing!	12/14/2023 5:02 PM
15	email	12/14/2023 10:05 AM
16	Robo call from Margie	12/13/2023 5:32 PM
17	More signs	12/13/2023 12:00 PM
18	flyers at Cushman	12/9/2023 11:29 AM
19	Miss going to transfer station	12/7/2023 6:45 PM

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20	Email me	12/7/2023 5:07 PM
21	Tim bugging me.	12/5/2023 2:43 PM
22	Email and text if possible	12/5/2023 12:17 PM
23	text messages	12/4/2023 8:39 AM
24	plain ol' email	11/29/2023 8:18 PM
25	Text me!	11/29/2023 7:54 PM
26	I think it is an error to no longer mail out the Town newsletter. I used to read every word when it came in the mail but I have never gone online to read it.	11/28/2023 2:08 PM
27	Town newsletter would be helpful	11/26/2023 12:03 PM
28	All digital communication is preferred: emails and/or texts. Eliminating all paper communications is preferred.	11/24/2023 10:48 AM
29	email	11/20/2023 5:50 PM
30	A call and message to the house	11/16/2023 7:09 PM
31	Direct email list would work as well. Is there a "Town's email newsletter"? That might be the same as this, but I'm not aware if there is one.	11/15/2023 8:51 AM
32	Town Newsletter(s) mailed to households!!! Paper copies of town information is very important for many. TOO MUCH IS MISSED with the vast number of constant emails; especially missed by those who prefer a paper copy.	11/11/2023 12:53 PM
33	How do I get the town's emailed newsletter? Let us know!	11/9/2023 7:06 PM
34	Email	11/8/2023 8:11 PM
35	Mail the news letter	10/31/2023 1:57 PM
36	word of mouth	10/31/2023 11:06 AM
37	Return to the printed and delivered Leverett Newsletter	10/30/2023 2:58 PM
38	Have an email subscription list to send notifications (send to all subscribers).	10/30/2023 1:58 PM
39	email	10/30/2023 9:47 AM
40	Optional hardcopy of Town Newsletter mailed to those who desire (cost kept low by only mailing to those requesting or even paying a nominal amount for mail delivery	10/28/2023 9:48 AM
41	Regular printed newsletters.	10/24/2023 11:56 AM
42	mailed newsletter is preferable	10/23/2023 9:25 AM
43	More info on social media websites would be ideal	10/23/2023 6:26 AM
44	I thought I was signed up for the town's email newsletter but I haven't received emails. I'll try again.	10/22/2023 7:50 PM
45	Margie's phone message with info about town events	10/21/2023 11:45 AM
46	Email	10/20/2023 6:28 PM
47	Direct email and text as well as the telephone system	10/19/2023 2:12 AM
48	mailing of paper town newsletter is best way to communicate	10/18/2023 5:53 PM
49	Email	10/18/2023 5:36 PM
50	.	10/18/2023 2:47 PM
51	email	10/18/2023 8:28 AM
52	Flyer at the post office. The emai newsletter has been an abject failure. I can't get on it no matter how many times I ask.	10/17/2023 7:57 PM

Q13 Have you read the Phase 1 Report from Spring 2023? You can find it on the Planning Board's webpage for the Comprehensive Plan. Scroll down to March 2022 to June 2022: <https://leverett.ma.us/p/2105/Leverett-Comprehensive-Plan-project-timeline>

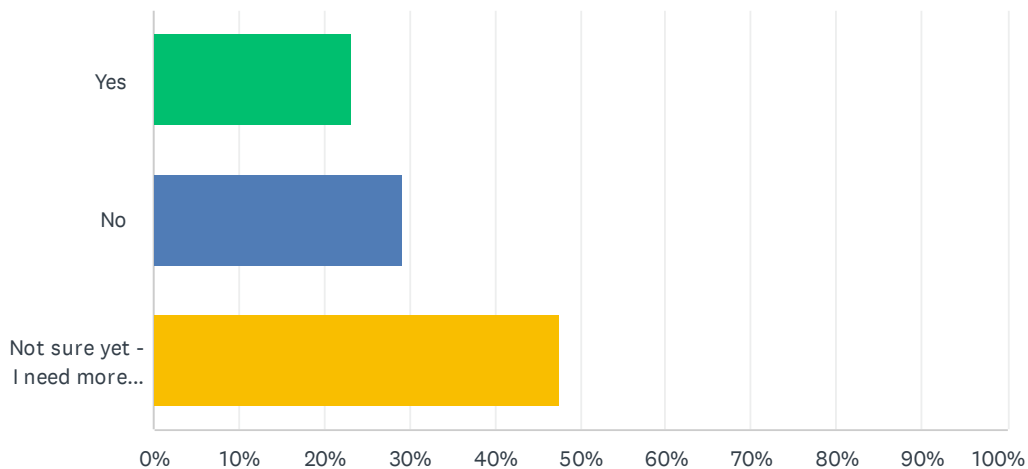
Answered: 344 Skipped: 67



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I read the whole report.	12.21%	42
Yes, I read some of the report.	22.38%	77
No, but I knew the report was available.	19.19%	66
No, I did not know that this report was available.	46.22%	159
TOTAL		344

Q14 We are starting to plan for our listening sessions. Are you interested in being part of a small group discussion?

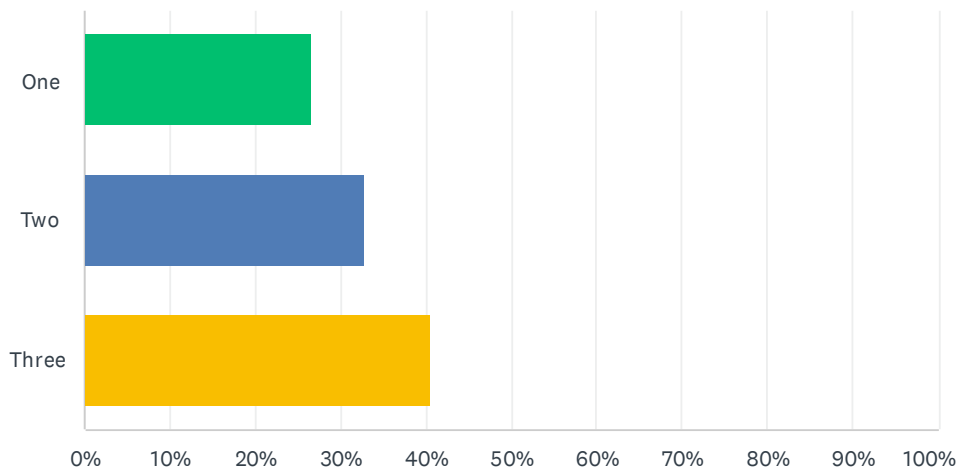
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	23.32%	80
No	29.15%	100
Not sure yet - I need more information.	47.52%	163
TOTAL		343

Q15 If yes, how many meetings of the small group would you be willing to attend?

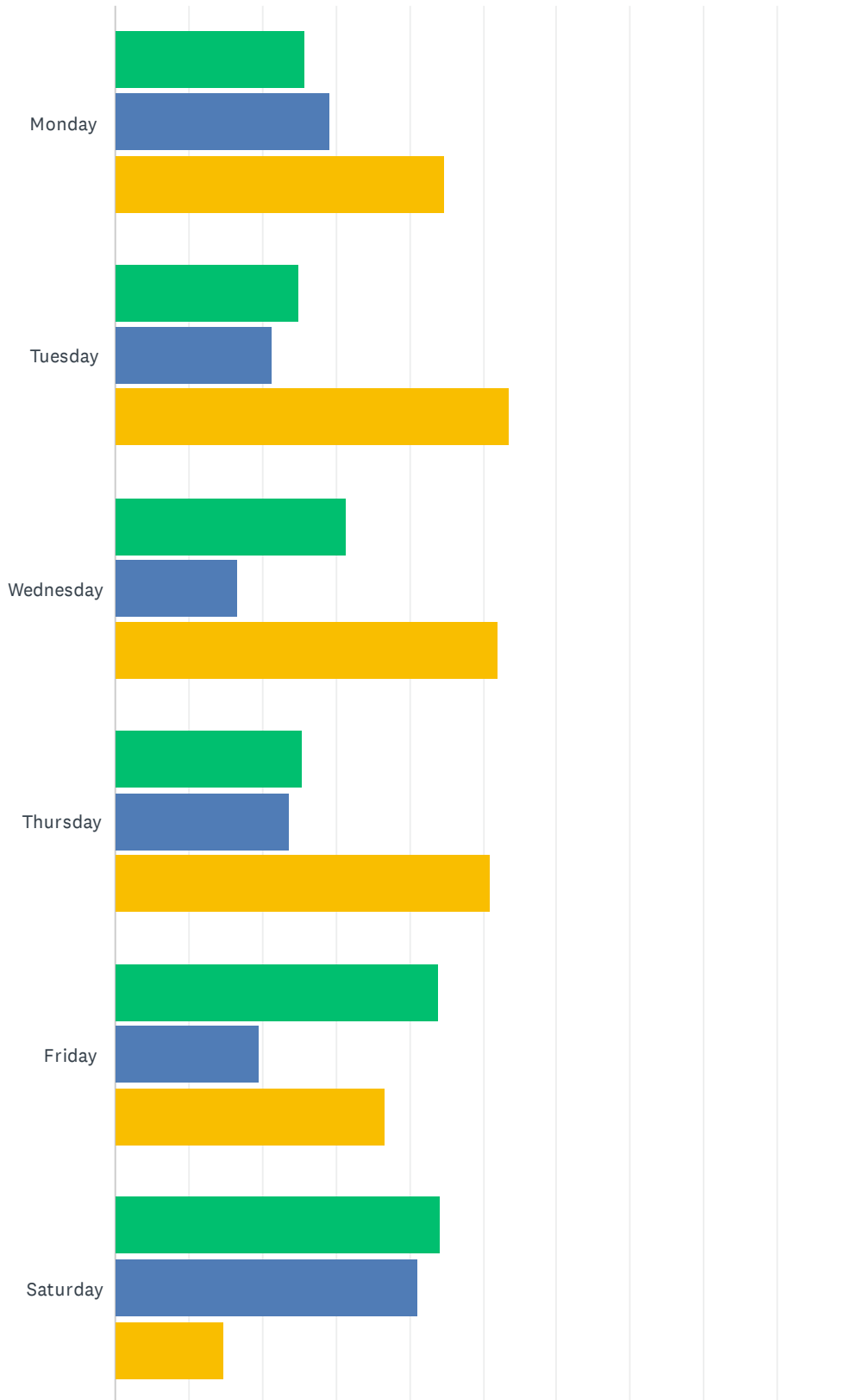
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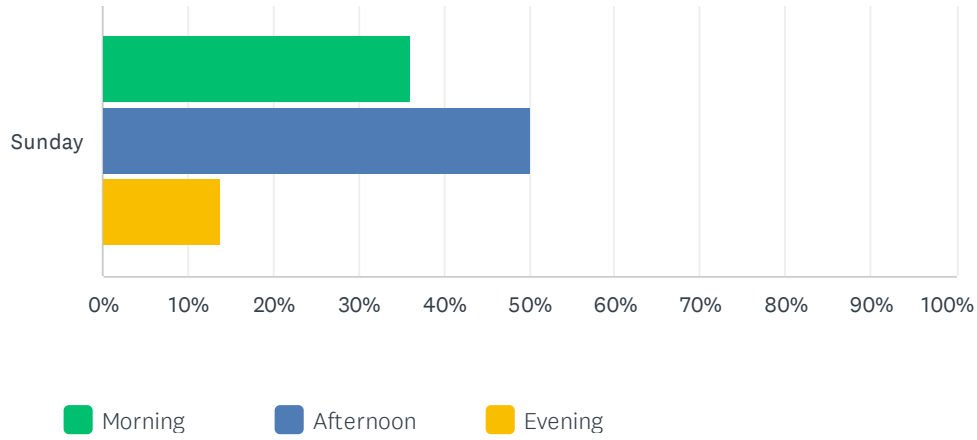
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
One	26.58%	21
Two	32.91%	26
Three	40.51%	32
TOTAL		79

Q16 What time of day would be best for you? Please choose all days that apply and the best time for each day.

Answered: 75 Skipped: 336



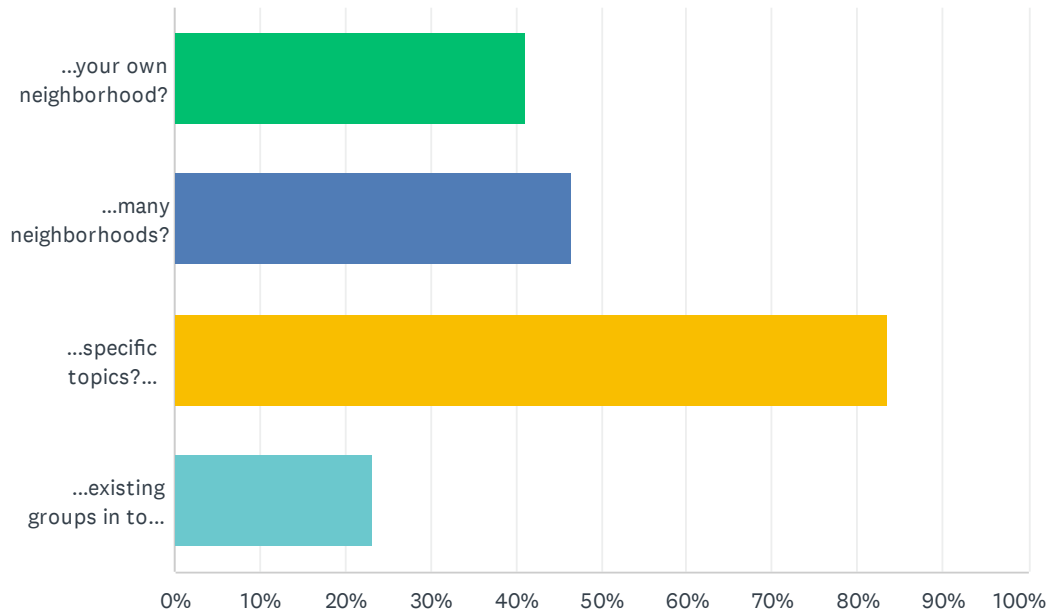
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	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING	TOTAL
Monday	25.86% 15	29.31% 17	44.83% 26	58
Tuesday	25.00% 14	21.43% 12	53.57% 30	56
Wednesday	31.25% 15	16.67% 8	52.08% 25	48
Thursday	25.45% 14	23.64% 13	50.91% 28	55
Friday	43.90% 18	19.51% 8	36.59% 15	41
Saturday	44.12% 15	41.18% 14	14.71% 5	34
Sunday	36.11% 13	50.00% 18	13.89% 5	36

Q17 We are considering different options for structuring the discussion groups. Would you prefer a group based on people from... (Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 73 Skipped: 338



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
...your own neighborhood?	41.10% 30
...many neighborhoods?	46.58% 34
...specific topics? (Examples: open space, housing, economic development, historic preservation, energy, resiliency, etc.)	83.56% 61
...existing groups in town? (Examples: Historical Society, Leverett PTO, Friends of Leverett Library, etc.)	23.29% 17
Total Respondents: 73	

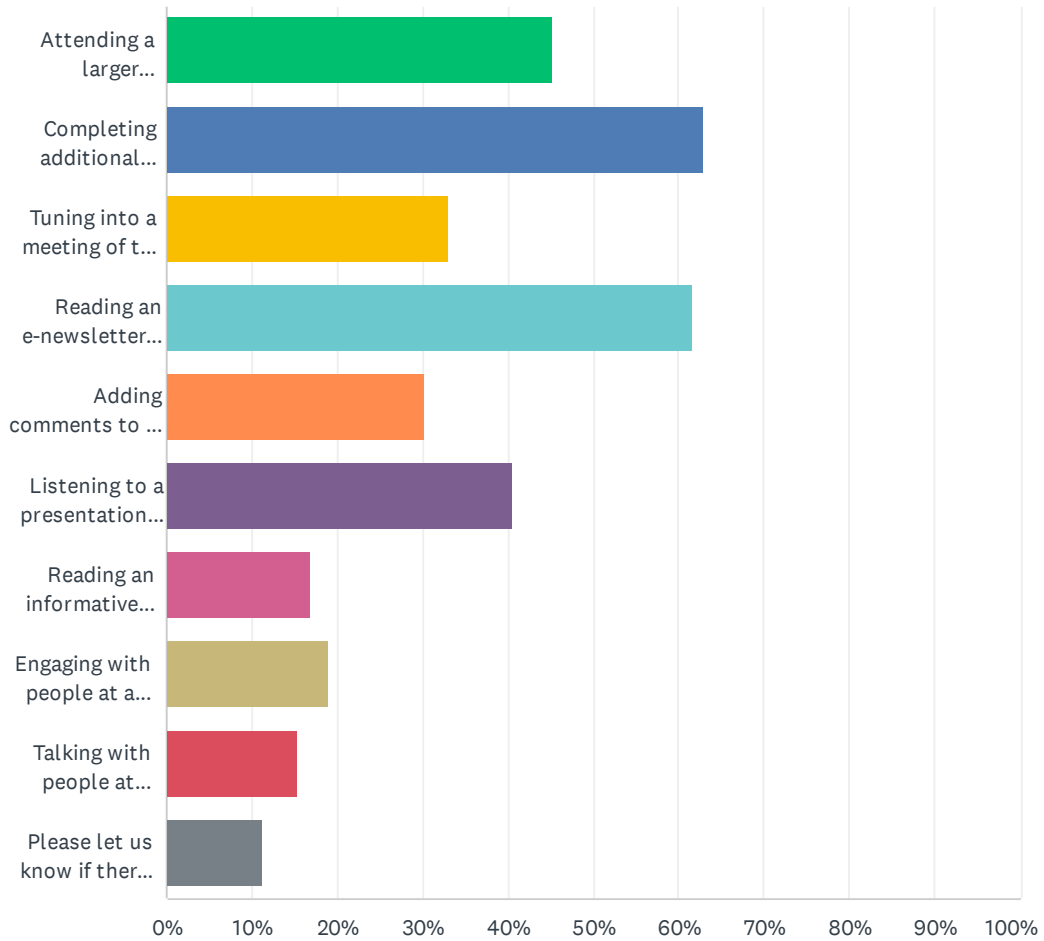
#	WHAT OTHER GROUPS WOULD BE GOOD FOR A SMALL DISCUSSION GROUP?	DATE
1	I am only interested in meeting in a group that has clear and important questions and is willing to present their finding forcefully	12/15/2023 10:37 PM
2	Shuffling groups	12/15/2023 3:46 PM
3	Each group should have a representative for each town goal, if possible. No enclaves I haven't before in any part of Leverett?	12/15/2023 9:20 AM
4	Les parents. people who do arts + culture.	12/14/2023 5:52 PM
5	Tax Relief Energy Committee	12/14/2023 5:04 PM
6	A group informing the school-LES	12/13/2023 4:57 PM
7	Whatever	12/13/2023 10:22 AM
8	Getting Teawaddle hill totally newly blacktopped this Spring m	12/8/2023 3:34 AM

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9	Seniors. Also.last query well id need want meet online for now	12/7/2023 5:09 PM
10	It doesn't matter.	12/2/2023 10:02 AM
11	Education	11/16/2023 7:11 PM
12	Groups based on age	11/12/2023 7:14 AM
13	Transportation Options or Possibilities	10/28/2023 9:50 AM
14	I'd be interested in listening to a variety of perspectives that are focused on specific topic areas.	10/24/2023 6:50 PM
15	Council on Aging	10/23/2023 2:49 PM
16	support services for seniors ---topic I'd be interested in. Outside speaker from Hatfield or other towns with good services.	10/21/2023 11:48 AM
17	I want to hear thoughts early in the process, not after a consensus has built.	10/19/2023 5:39 PM
18	neighborhood groups	10/19/2023 2:15 AM
19	Friends of Leverett Pond	10/18/2023 5:56 PM
20	Combating political bias in access to serving on town commitments	10/18/2023 7:54 AM
21	i will be unable to meet in person due to covid limitations, so a zoom meeting would work for me.	10/17/2023 3:33 PM

Q18 How else would you be interested in engaging with this process? Please choose all that apply.

Answered: 321 Skipped: 90



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Attending a larger community workshop on one or more topics.	45.17%	145
Completing additional surveys during the planning process.	62.93%	202
Tuning into a meeting of the Planning Board where the process is discussed.	33.02%	106
Reading an e-newsletter about the process.	61.68%	198
Adding comments to an interactive map.	30.22%	97
Listening to a presentation at Town Meeting.	40.50%	130
Reading an informative flyer sent through the Leverett Elementary School.	16.82%	54
Engaging with people at a table at a community event.	19.00%	61
Talking with people at "office hours" in the Library or Town Hall.	15.26%	49
Please let us know if there are other ways we could provide for you to engage in the process.	11.21%	36
Total Respondents: 321		

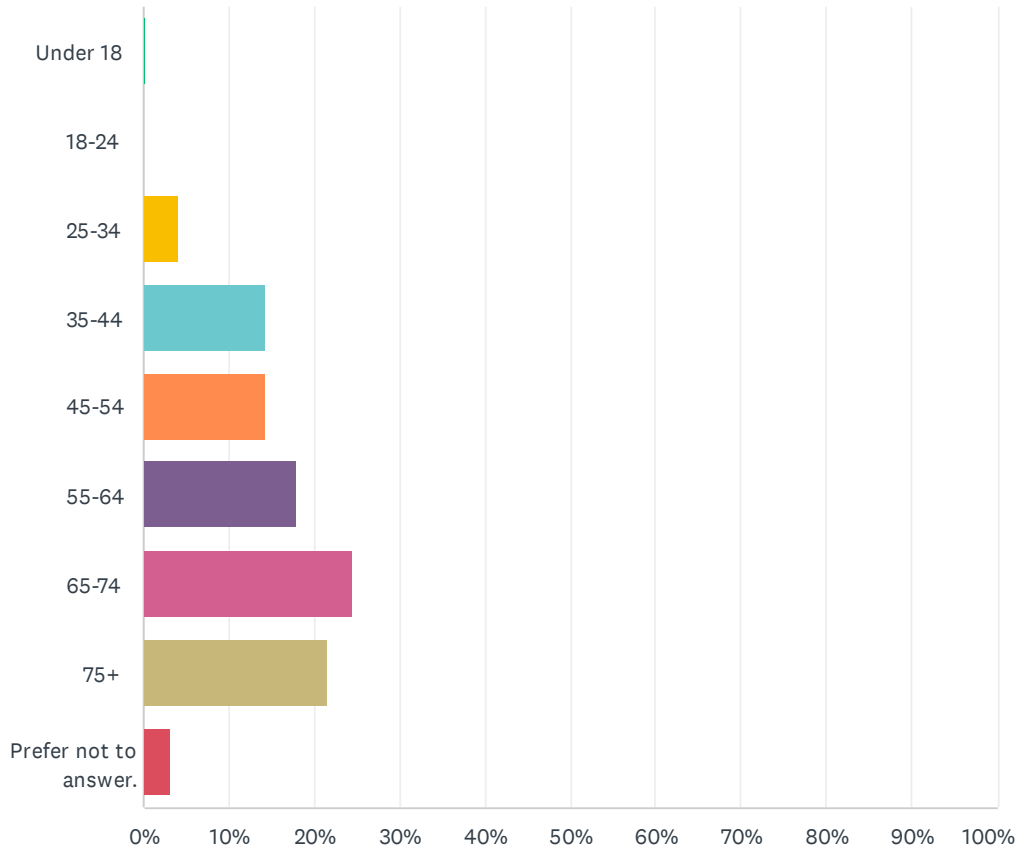
#	PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THERE ARE OTHER WAYS WE COULD PROVIDE FOR YOU TO ENGAGE IN THE PROCESS.	DATE
1	town newsletter, Leverett Connects	12/16/2023 8:47 PM
2	I want to be involved. Currently I have no involvement	12/15/2023 10:39 PM
3	The data walk was terrific!!	12/15/2023 7:18 PM
4	This survey is too long for me. I had to give up.	12/15/2023 6:08 PM
5	Remote options for meetings and chances to participate.	12/15/2023 4:17 PM
6	Virtual	12/15/2023 2:08 PM
7	Who really listens?	12/15/2023 9:40 AM
8	Use the co-op as a community space insted of a club house.	12/14/2023 5:53 PM
9	We don't say "hello" to one another anymore. Kids pass on the street w/o waving or saying "hi". At the post office we don't even smile.	12/14/2023 5:23 PM
10	Some participation from young people to give the future a say at the table + Instead of a LES flyer - do an adult version.	12/13/2023 5:34 PM
11	Wow thanks for asking really	12/7/2023 5:10 PM
12	Fuck	12/6/2023 8:28 PM
13	This is combined between two household members.	12/2/2023 10:03 AM
14	I would like this "process" to terminate	12/1/2023 11:39 AM
15	This is such a difficult question. I read Leverett Connects, pretty religiously, and I'm always struck by how few voices are speaking. I feel uncomfortable speaking in that format especially if what I think happens to go against the loudest voices. On the other hand, I'm not very interested in going to a meeting where a small number of people do all the speaking in the form of a presentation. so it strikes me that polling is really the best way to reach a person like me who may not feel comfortable speaking up in other context, or might not have the opportunity	11/24/2023 2:05 PM
16	Have the town meeting available through Zoom as well as in person	11/17/2023 9:01 AM
17	.	11/14/2023 6:46 PM
18	Via a town Instagram account	11/14/2023 1:29 PM

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19	Leverett Connects announcement of zoom meetings	11/9/2023 7:08 PM
20	Town meetings should be Zoom meetings	11/4/2023 8:25 PM
21	frankly, I prefer the old paper town newsletter. this insured i would read it and know what's going on here	10/31/2023 4:17 PM
22	Over the past few years we have completed and submitted a number of surveys. Redundecy is a problem	10/30/2023 9:48 AM
23	Prefer zoom meetings	10/24/2023 11:58 PM
24	Alas, I no longer have a child at LES and would prefer it to be sent to "Postal Customer" to all residents.	10/24/2023 6:52 PM
25	Information needs to be sent out in more accessible easier reading friendly ways that specifically lat out the goals of this Committee.	10/23/2023 7:03 AM
26	I'm old, I'm tired and did a lot when younger and want to see the younger generation step up to the task.	10/20/2023 6:02 PM
27	We should make full use of Leverettnet and develop a town government based internet forum.	10/19/2023 2:17 AM
28	Emails	10/18/2023 10:34 PM
29	.	10/18/2023 2:47 PM
30	A large community meeting in which a draft plan is described and everyone can ask questions or make comments.	10/18/2023 12:11 PM
31	Zoom events or even recorded zoom events. It is difficult to get to scheduled meetings with little children. I think young parents are a quiet demographic in Leverett because of lack of time and ability to participate asynchronously	10/18/2023 8:24 AM
32	Help	10/18/2023 7:56 AM
33	Leverett connects is my main source of information these days	10/17/2023 7:58 PM
34	Provided that gatherings are free and are not during working hours (9-5), I would love to attend as able	10/17/2023 7:39 PM
35	virtual meetings	10/17/2023 3:34 PM
36	Live-stream?	10/17/2023 1:52 PM

Q19 Tell us about you! How old are you?

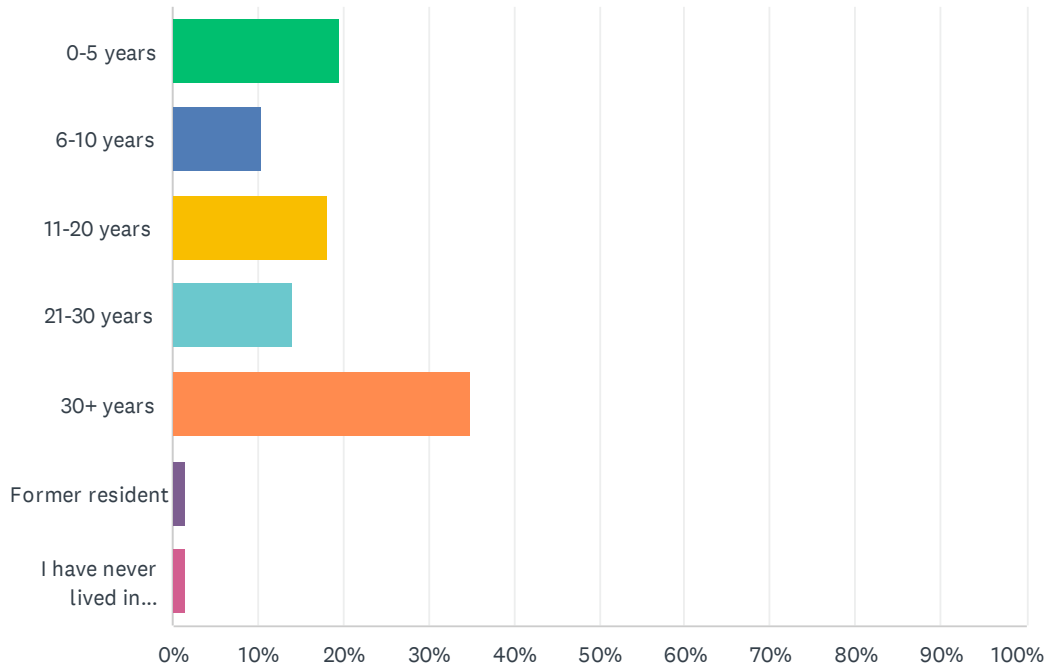
Answered: 348 Skipped: 63



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.29%	1
18-24	0.00%	0
25-34	4.02%	14
35-44	14.37%	50
45-54	14.37%	50
55-64	17.82%	62
65-74	24.43%	85
75+	21.55%	75
Prefer not to answer.	3.16%	11
TOTAL		348

Q20 How long have you lived in Leverett?

Answered: 348 Skipped: 63



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5 years	19.54%	68
6-10 years	10.34%	36
11-20 years	18.10%	63
21-30 years	14.08%	49
30+ years	35.06%	122
Former resident	1.44%	5
I have never lived in Leverett.	1.44%	5
TOTAL		348

Q21 Is there anything else the Planning Board or the Steering Group should know as they continue with Phase II of this planning process? Do you have a question that you would like to be answered during this process?

Answered: 92 Skipped: 319

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	My reticence to get involved in any process has to do with my sense that Leverett's elected and appointed officials seem to have little interest in change. I'm aware of an instance in which the owner of the North Leverett sawmill wanted to launch an architecture school on the property—an ideal use in my opinion—and was shot down with little to no support for how the obstacles might be dealt with. Development is not bad. Bad development (à la Kittredge) is bad. Good development is good.	12/16/2023 11:02 PM
2	The opportunities to engage with the steering group haven't worked well. I tried to join the zoom call (due to potential COVID exposure) for the initial "walk" but did not find it helpful. I appreciate the efforts to communicate in person so far. They just haven't worked for us.	12/15/2023 9:37 PM
3	No	12/15/2023 7:44 PM
4	This is a fine strategy. Big Thanks!	12/15/2023 7:21 PM
5	Not support a glam development project to subsidize the wealthy.	12/15/2023 4:14 PM
6	Possible Juggler Meadow development details	12/15/2023 3:53 PM
7	no	12/15/2023 3:25 PM
8	The Kittridge property should not be turned into multiple housing units. if anything should be rewilded and/or returned to the 6-15 buildable lots it once was before it was all bought up 20+ years ago.	12/15/2023 2:22 PM
9	I think it would be a good idea for the town to seek out and communicate with local indigenous people about bringing them into the process of a community plan. It would be helpful to have take in to consideration their perspectives on use of town lands and how to best be in harmony with nature and each other.	12/15/2023 1:01 PM
10	no	12/15/2023 12:24 PM
11	no.	12/15/2023 12:14 PM
12	Please do not allow a huge development at juggler meadow!	12/15/2023 11:54 AM
13	We need to examine just how LAND is owned in Leverett - Corporations will eventually do other Yankee Candle experiments in (...). How about Leverett becoming a land TRUST w. community ownership? Let us stay clear of ideologies and try to be pragmatic? What is good in the long run and for whom, exactly?	12/15/2023 10:25 AM
14	We don't need Juggler Meadow Estates as proposed. town takes responsibility of Leverett Pond. Slow traffic down in town. Better cell service. Transportation for elderly.	12/15/2023 9:00 AM
15	No	12/15/2023 8:59 AM
16	I believe Leverett should encourage, if not require, economical principles and practices in town management, development, and lifestyle. Decisions are required for population density and infrastructure carrying capacity. I.E. limiting woodland clearing for lawns disrupts contiguous forest, eliminates wildlife habitat, energy intensive maintenance, contains urban/suburban sprawl, etc... I.E. - perhaps the town already has arrangements with N.E. biodiesel for supplying fuel for highway dept vehicles, busses etc. Minimizes idling times for vehicles at rest.	12/14/2023 7:02 PM

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17	Leverett Vision The elephant in the room, it seems, is the Yankee Candle property. If it is acquired by an NGO, the town will lose considerable income. The town would have to contend with non-community oriented new owners. Leverett needs to find a way to turn this property into an asset: there could be an ice rink, school, swimming pool, residence for artists, theatre, experimental music, exhibition space and other possibilities. Land might be sold off for sustainable development and pay for the property itself. We need good, immediate healthcare - a clinic - in the community. Not in Northampton or Greenfield. We could sponsor a medical student and commitment to be present in Leverett for some years. We might attract a retired doctor. Medecins sans frontieres type approach? We must keep our post office, please. The Co-op needs a permanent solution. There is a general lack of funds benefitting the community. We have capitalism and volunteerism for society and socialism for the wealthy. Not a heartwarming system. As always, we would value easy access to transportation, including airports. We want to attract-young professional families. To do so, education is of utmost importance, including 24-hour childcare if desired. Excellent teachers need financial appreciation. To make living in Leverett attractive, we want to find a way to invite artists: writers in residence, painters, weavers. More than the studios and events at the Craft Center. Again, there is the Yankee Candle estate. Please, no paving over dirt roads. We have paved enough of the earth. Is there a way to keep drivers from trashing up our roads? Would trashcans alleviate the problem? Increased traffic and constant speeding make our lives less pleasant and unhealthy. It might be great to have benches here and there for people to rest. I would like us to foster a general sense of aesthetics, beauty, like Lady Bird Johnson did for Texas highways. Buildings: some land is iconic. As an example: Crossing of Hemenway and Jackson Hill Road. A new structure is going up. Is anything acceptable or could we emulate Nantucket? Could we aim for a unified, "honor-the-past" and sustainable approach to building? I suggest that we establish a professional grant writing team to bring in funds from foundations and agencies. We cannot rely on volunteer work. Volunteers are truly wonderful but we need a basic infrastructure for continuity and accountability - in all areas.	12/14/2023 6:08 PM
18	I really appreciate this effort. I hope it get attention + energy at town meetg + from the select board.	12/14/2023 5:55 PM
19	- Consult w/ committes in town. I don't believe you have discussed this with any of the following: Lev Energy Comm, Conservation Comm, Tax Relief Com, Rattle Snake Gutter Trust. - How was your comm constructed? Who is on it? How long has each member lived in Lev? Who is Innes? They seem to have a suburban orientation. - Nevertheless a nice job.	12/14/2023 5:28 PM
20	not right now	12/14/2023 10:07 AM
21	Make grater use of LES for seniors. Have intergeneration possibilities.	12/13/2023 5:03 PM
22	No	12/13/2023 12:58 PM
23	More focus on planning horizon 0-5 yrs 5-10 yrs 10-20 yrs	12/13/2023 12:02 PM
24	Is there a contact group for an elder living alone who has an emergency and needs help?	12/13/2023 10:45 AM
25	conflicts of interest	12/9/2023 11:32 AM
26	Why is Teawaddle not totally blacktop now yet..??	12/8/2023 3:38 AM
27	I know that our town can be improved but I really want the character of our town to remain the same. Small, rural, wooded with lots of protected land for wildlife. Friendly places to gather. Helpful neighbors. Some sort of economic development that is in character with the town.	12/6/2023 2:36 PM
28	I would like to know more about the implications of passing a Comprehensive Plan. In what circumstances does what is contained in a Comprehensive Plan require, prevent, or shape other decisions that might be made? For example, what would the Town be required to do in some future land use decision that it is not required to do now? In what circumstances does "consistency with the Comprehensive Plan" come into play as a binding constraint on the Town? In what circumstances would it constrain or require actions by others (for example, homeowners or potential developers)?	12/6/2023 9:22 AM
29	Try to avoid polarization by one group or another.	12/5/2023 3:20 PM
30	The bottom line is I like Leverett the way it is and don't think it needs much improvement.	12/5/2023 9:26 AM
31	Thank you for asking us about our thoughts regarding the future direction of Leverett.	12/2/2023 10:05 AM
32	Not sure	12/2/2023 9:36 AM

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33	More sense of how the town has been changing. A recent social history, so to speak.	12/1/2023 6:13 PM
34	How can Phase II be terminated??	12/1/2023 11:40 AM
35	Why would anyone want to destroy Leverett's distinctive character by developing it? There are so few places that have its quiet appeal. Resisting development should be the town's goal rather than courting it.	12/1/2023 8:53 AM
36	Just a comment. The school and library don't seem to want to share their outdoor space. If we want to have a "center" of town, it should look to perhaps Bernardston to see how they do it. They have a pavillion, grill, larger meeting spaces. "If you build it, they will come". The previous recreation commission tried to do this, twice I believe, but the school and library don't seem keen. We need a grant to make this happen!	11/30/2023 5:59 PM
37	What strategies can be used to make Leverett affordable for young families and the elderly	11/30/2023 5:34 PM
38	In the survey questions about values and what's most important, nearly *all* the items are important to me. In an effort to provide useful feedback I constrained myself to assign them different ratings, as we can't do everything. Other respondents may have done differently, and I think you may get somewhat skewed results depending on how people choose to approach those questions. In future surveys I would recommend constraining the answers, e.g. through forced ranking or allowing people to only choose a limited number of top priorities.	11/30/2023 2:24 PM
39	Thank you!	11/30/2023 8:34 AM
40	I think that as a bedroom community for Amherst to Northampton it is vitally important we support the elementary school, I do not think it should be regionalized. I also think that it is crazy to think of a business in Leverett when the Leverett co-op can't even survive financially. The demographics just don't support business and I don't think that's a problem	11/29/2023 2:06 PM
41	Transparency with Juggler Meadow/Yankee Candle property proposals and development	11/29/2023 8:45 AM
42	Nonsense spending must stop. For example, spending \$11 million dollars for a bridge to a discontinued road is foolish.	11/28/2023 8:22 PM
43	By far one of the largest unclaimed resources in Town that could improve or enrich lift in Leverett are the \$1.5 million sitting in the CPA funds. While some groups (societies, committees, citizen groups) have worked very hard to put in proposals that are suitable for these funds they are often turned back for editing repeatedly over months and months. It seems that the CPC is often not clear what is allowable for funding under the law. Also the procedure could be improved substantially. Rather than having multiple meetings of the applicant with the CPC asking for revisions why not start with asking people in Town with an idea for projects that would access these funds to meet with a small group of CPC members to help them develop the application. Road blocks could be identified right from the start and solutions could be crafted in outline form. The correct procedure to follow could be outlined at the beginning. This harkens back to comments I have made above as well about standard operating protocols being crafted and available of all town committees and boards.	11/28/2023 2:19 PM
44	No	11/26/2023 11:58 AM
45	no	11/24/2023 2:11 PM
46	Half the questions on the survey lacked enough context for me to give a good answer. Clearly they were referencing some concerns or plans the writer had in mind but those were never made clear.	11/23/2023 11:06 AM
47	Town Meeting is a very short-term look ahead, by design. But I would like part of the planning process to be not only what we want from our community but also what long-term choices we will have to make. Can we afford our school? Can we afford our pension commitments? Do we have adequate infrastructure for the future? The fiber project was a huge success for the town, but it's also a big commitment - what are the costs up ahead?	11/22/2023 2:55 PM
48	Many people are afraid to speak up at town meetings due to fear of retaliation.	11/21/2023 5:07 PM
49	no	11/17/2023 7:41 PM
50	Not at this time	11/17/2023 7:06 PM
51	When harvesting any forest, using healthy foresting techniques and no clear cutting. Keeping hunting available on public land to prevent and over population of deer, bear and other wildlife	11/17/2023 9:03 AM

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52	Thrilled that this is happening and appreciate the Group's work!	11/12/2023 7:16 AM
53	Although I do read much of the Leverett Connect emails... for me, it is far too much online. I know that is the easiest and maybe the most efficient, but for those like me... if it's important for the town, a paper newsletter through the mail is my preferred way to keep up. Clicking on a link and spending more time online is not my happy place. I would certainly be willing to pay a REASONABLE fee to receive a monthly or quarterly newsletter.	11/11/2023 1:13 PM
54	Keep a good information flow to all residents.	11/11/2023 12:01 PM
55	I'd love to know how the planning board is coordinating with other boards to ensure there is a unified recommendation.	11/10/2023 8:56 PM
56	How Leverett can join with Shutesbury , Montague, Whately, Sunderland and Amherst to help combat climate change NOW. We all need education and paths to volunteer and help make us less energy reliant in general but also have goals for our town/region to stop using fossil fuels. It is the main task of our time. There is no time to waste? It seems our energy committee in town basically urges energy conservation - dry clothes outside - and is not facing the real problem of an unlivable planet for our children and grandchildren. We need to be part of Melissa Hoffer's plan for Massachusetts. Maybe people are working on this in town government but I don't know who. Maybe we need to put a solar factory in our protected woods..work with Cows. No time to waste!	11/9/2023 7:13 PM
57	Please keep the rural, peacefulness of this town. Do not develop! Keep nature and conservation important. If I wanted development and businesses, I would live in a city or larger town like Amherst or Northampton or Hadley. We are close enough to amenities in Leverett to live a good life. Don't change what makes this town a gem.	11/7/2023 8:05 PM
58	Hi this is Tim. Discard this submission, it's just a test.	11/7/2023 3:12 PM
59	More diversity and voices would be present in town committees if there was compensation, volunteer in lieu of taxes. Volit.	11/4/2023 10:31 PM
60	No	11/3/2023 4:47 PM
61	No	11/2/2023 12:06 PM
62	I felt like this survey was not constructed to yield actionable results. For example putting things in order of importance would better than just saying if you thought each thing was important.	10/31/2023 9:44 PM
63	no	10/31/2023 4:19 PM
64	One concern is that every survey asks about adding businesses in Leverett. Things like coffee shops etc. We have a COOP in town that few residents use - few probably even know of or visit and that struggles to stay open. Because of the lack of business the COOPS prices are high - which in turn makes using the COOP out of price range for people with lower income. So why do people continue to suggest new business when the town can't support the business/businesses that already exist? Second concern: Leverett Pond a warm water pond which being a warm water pond will always have vegetation growing in it. But it seems like annually the town puts funding, towards pulling vegetation or putting chemicals in the pond to kill vegetation. One, this is a waste of limited funds that could go to LES or to the Police/Fire Dept/ or for elderly projects. Second - if we (the town) are so environmentally conscious why are we spending time, money to try and change a normal part of what a warm water pond does?	10/30/2023 9:55 AM
65	Not yet. I basically like things as they are. Our present officers and services are very good.	10/29/2023 11:34 AM
66	Why are toxic chemicals being used in Leverett Pond in violation of our bylaws?	10/29/2023 11:14 AM
67	I think a cafe similar to Cushman market on or near route 63 / Long Plain Road would be fantastic	10/29/2023 11:05 AM
68	The word " development" worries me. A house on top of Brushy mountain should have never been allowed. Rich folks, quite literally, take away beautiful public spaces and Leverett allowed it. Olver would be turning over in his grave.	10/29/2023 9:39 AM
69	Not at this time.	10/29/2023 8:41 AM
70	This is a wonky process answer. In this survey there was nothing preventing me from selecting	10/27/2023 10:12 AM

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everything. I care about a lot of issues, but realistically we need to think about resource limitation. Decisions become clearer when we are forced to RANK choices (prioritization).

71	Thank you for your efforts. I like your ideas about having small discussion groups. I hope the highlights of these discussions make it back to the larger community and Planning Board so that they aren't just a lot of blab that doesn't impact the actual decisions that are eventually made. Thanks again.	10/24/2023 6:58 PM
72	Not at this time	10/23/2023 2:51 PM
73	We share water resources and borders with other towns. Should we be working with them on issues that impact both Leverett and them?	10/23/2023 11:02 AM
74	I am concerned that maybe the zoning laws are too restrictive but I am also not for over development. I value the preservation of our natural environment highly.	10/23/2023 7:17 AM
75	The information that is out is very hard to weed through it needs to be more concise on exactly what this group is proposing and what it effects. Pros & cons list etc.	10/23/2023 7:05 AM
76	No	10/23/2023 6:27 AM
77	What options are on the table? E.g. can areas be rezoned? Would it be possible to extend town water, and are there state resources for projects like that?	10/22/2023 8:21 PM
78	no	10/22/2023 2:24 PM
79	Zoning change made in the name of increasing tax revenue, while important, is insidious. This is the path that nearly all towns and cities take. I was born and raised in Houston, where zoning is largely nonexistent, and people have the worst of all worlds: neighborhoods without peacefulness and commercial areas without density. It's all mixed together. My wife and I chose to move to Leverett last year for the very reason that it is different from other places. We could have gone anywhere and choose Leverett as a place to settle permanently. We used three maps: (school quality: niche.com, nature-forest-trails: alltrails.com, and voting patterns: the biden/trump 2020 election map.) The combination of rural-intellectual people, preserved spaces, great schools, and access to world-class culture and institutions, put Leverett at the top of the list for us. Of course the ability to meet the school budget is crucial. But the warning of what happens when you loosen zoning can be seen in towns across the country. You reduce livability in the name of commerce, which is good for taxes short-term, but will slowly change the composition of town's inhabitants.	10/22/2023 11:52 AM
80	The Leverett CPA raises money through a surcharge of 3% on real estate taxes each year to be spent on open space protection, historic preservation and affordable housing. The requirement to spend this money has proven to be challenging -- about \$1 million is now unspent -- because 1) Leverett has plenty of open space already, 2) the select board has not wanted to take fiscal responsibility for historic preservation so has given historic assets to private groups with limited oversight and professional experience, and 3) "affordable" housing stock is limited by market conditions. Should we rethink the wisdom of the 3% surcharge? Is this surcharge permanent or possibly up for discussion? I understand even bringing this question up may be politically incorrect.	10/21/2023 12:11 PM
81	Squeaky wheels get greased, I would like to avoid that as much as possible.	10/19/2023 5:46 PM
82	Master Planning is less about actual solutions for town concerns and problems than it is about educating the town's people to the nature of those problems. In effect developing a well informed population.	10/19/2023 2:22 AM
83	Thank you, you are doing a great job!	10/18/2023 10:35 PM
84	We need more buildable land in town and incentives to promote businesses and development. We cannot sustain the town with just the current tax base. Thank you	10/18/2023 5:40 PM
85	.	10/18/2023 2:48 PM
86	Do we need a comprehensive plan?	10/18/2023 12:12 PM
87	concern about development, more houses, etc that takes away from rural environment	10/18/2023 8:31 AM
88	As a new resident, I find governance a bit opaque. For example, the "energy committee" -- what's it a committee of (town meeting, town hall, ad hoc?), how are its members chosen, is it	10/18/2023 8:10 AM

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representative, what powers does it have, etc.? Maybe there should be a briefing document for newcomers about how things work and how to engage. Thanks!

89	Leverett is a wonderful, beautiful, rural small town. I don't want to see development that would make it lose that characteristic. Striving to make it a place with more urban amenities and the associated expenses could undermine our rural character.	10/18/2023 7:22 AM
90	Keep talking to people like you did tonight (10/17). That was great.	10/17/2023 8:03 PM
91	Curious about potential for new town-appropriate businesses in Leverett to provide additional economic benefits to the town that would offset the burden on property taxes.	10/17/2023 5:39 PM
92	What kind of demand is there for public transportation for Leverett, if any.	10/17/2023 12:52 PM

