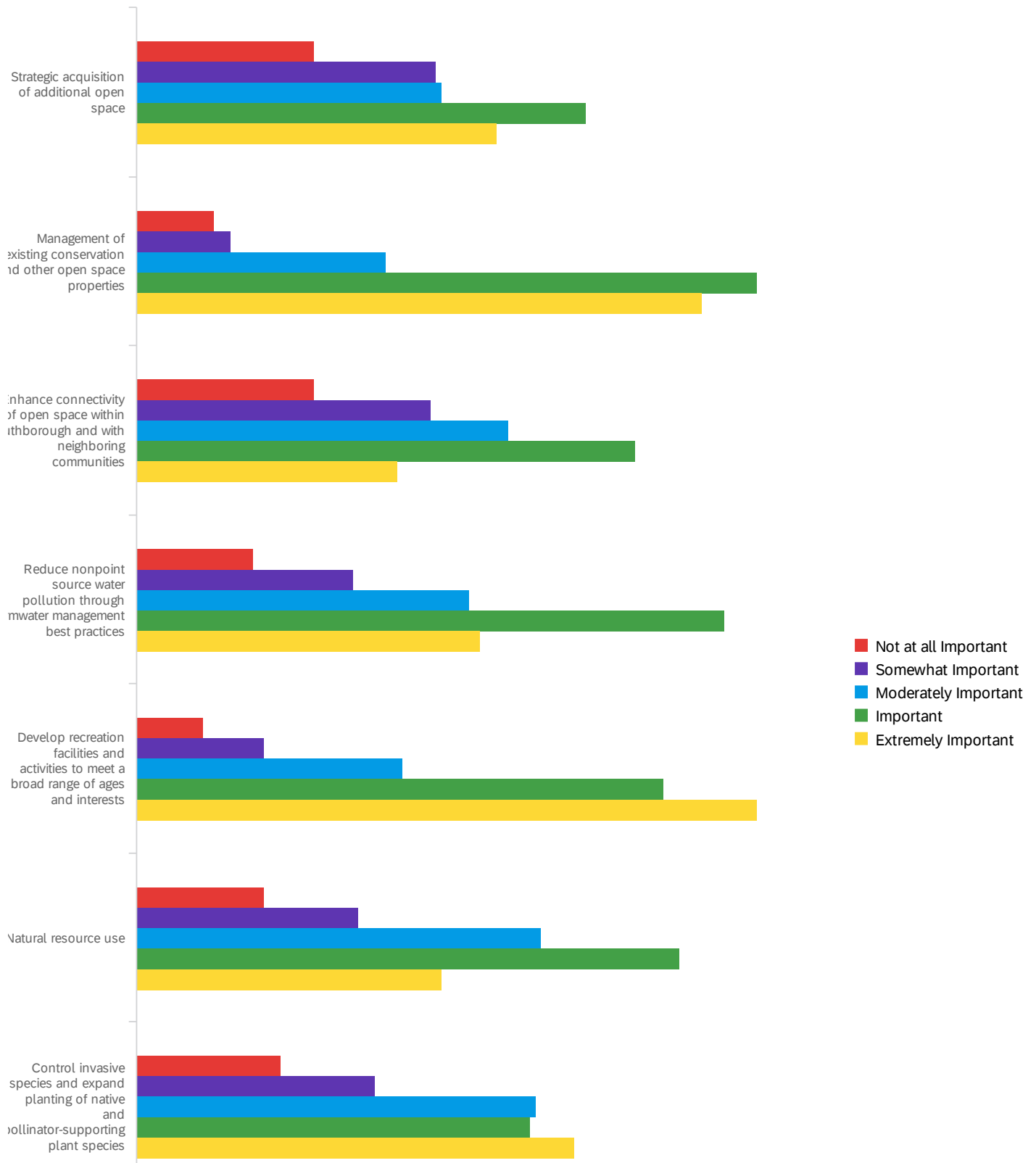


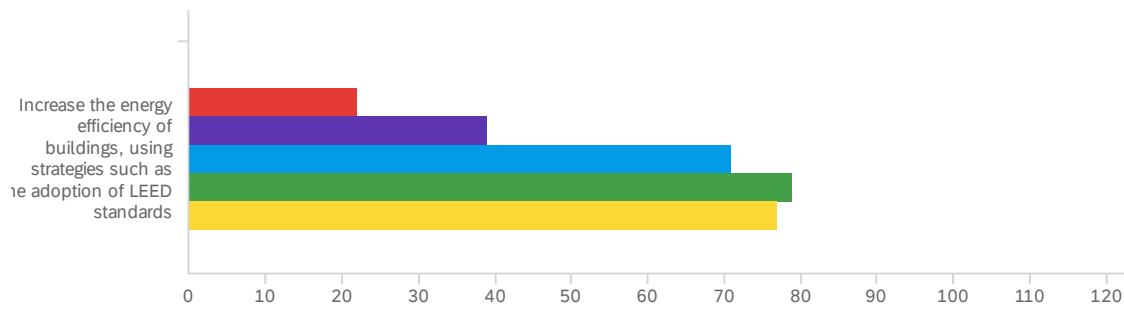
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Southborough Master Plan - DRAFT 2

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Q2 - Protection of Open Space, Green Initiatives, and Recreation Organize the following obj...





#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Strategic acquisition of additional open space	1.00	5.00	3.32	1.31	1.72	287
2	Management of existing conservation and other open space properties	1.00	5.00	3.93	1.08	1.17	290
3	Enhance connectivity of open space within Southborough and with neighboring communities	1.00	5.00	3.23	1.24	1.53	289
4	Reduce nonpoint source water pollution through stormwater management best practices	1.00	5.00	3.52	1.18	1.39	288
5	Develop recreation facilities and activities to meet a broad range of ages and interests	1.00	5.00	3.94	1.11	1.24	290
6	Natural resource use	1.00	5.00	3.42	1.17	1.38	289
7	Control invasive species and expand planting of native and pollinator-supporting plant species	1.00	5.00	3.46	1.27	1.62	291
8	Increase the energy efficiency of buildings, using strategies such as the adoption of LEED standards	1.00	5.00	3.52	1.23	1.51	288

#	Field	Not at all Important	Somewhat Important	Moderately Important	Important	Extremely Important	Total
1	Strategic acquisition of additional open space	11.15% 32	18.82% 54	19.16% 55	28.22% 81	22.65% 65	287

#	Field	Not at all Important		Somewhat Important		Moderately Important		Important		Extremely Important		Total
2	Management of existing conservation and other open space properties	4.83%	14	5.86%	17	15.52%	45	38.62%	112	35.17%	102	290
3	Enhance connectivity of open space within Southborough and with neighboring communities	11.07%	32	18.34%	53	23.18%	67	31.14%	90	16.26%	47	289
4	Reduce nonpoint source water pollution through stormwater management best practices	7.29%	21	13.54%	39	20.83%	60	36.81%	106	21.53%	62	288
5	Develop recreation facilities and activities to meet a broad range of ages and interests	4.14%	12	7.93%	23	16.55%	48	32.76%	95	38.62%	112	290
6	Natural resource use	7.96%	23	13.84%	40	25.26%	73	33.91%	98	19.03%	55	289
7	Control invasive species and expand planting of native and pollinator-supporting plant species	8.93%	26	14.78%	43	24.74%	72	24.40%	71	27.15%	79	291
8	Increase the energy efficiency of buildings, using strategies such as the adoption of LEED standards	7.64%	22	13.54%	39	24.65%	71	27.43%	79	26.74%	77	288

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Q4 - Please list any additional objectives related to the protection of open space, ...

Please list any additional objectives related to the protection of open spa...

Connectivity between different areas of town, walking/biking options to get to downtown, over reservoir roads safely.

A splash pad would be great

I would love to see a community pool in southborough!!

Walked the trail twice this week off route 30 and there were two half open trash bags full of hundreds of beer cans by the water. This area is a gem and could be better maintained.

A better downtown. Places to gather. Less of an eyesore.

Protect conservation land

More sidewalks and less telephone poles

Open access to open green space and rec/school properties.

Curb appeal of downtown. A destination downtown will increase all our property values

We feel that all areas of outdoor recreation are important. Traditional sports as well as non traditional activities such as a skate park, dirt jumping bike trails, etc.

A town pool would be amazing!

Compared to the surrounding towns, Southborough has the worst recreational facilities; no town beach, no field turf soccer fields etc. but at least the prisoners have nice new cells.

A community gathering place like the park in Northborough where people can play and ride a bike

It is critical to preserve existing neighborhoods and not allow large scale developments such as what has happened in Hopkinton.

Do a study to determine whether there is a need to replace or expand the existing library.

Please list any additional objectives related to the protection of open spa...

Fund a staff person to manage the Town's open space, with duties to include (but not be limited to) pursuing grant opportunities, managing grants, managing contractors/billing, invasives control, providing technical assistance to volunteer Town committees in implementing the Town's priorities for open space, educating citizens/kids on sound environmental practices

Landlocked open space (space without an accessible easement) is not ideal for town use unless the property is purchased for wildlife use only.

Make solar more accessible and also have relaxed rule to put solar panels in home owners yard. Roof may not work out for everyone.

better attention from the town to dog litter

Include an urban forest management plan for the town and hire certified arborists to work with tree warden to preserve landmark trees and plan for new trees to replace street trees when removed.

develop marketing awareness plan partnering and branding as needed to reach top objectives.

Better communication on how the public can access open space for recreation.

stop selling chunks of land for development.

Town pool would be awesome-sauce!!

Improve the quality of the soccer field, with better drainage. Identify grounds for inclement weather

Rec - community pool/park

We would like to see the town build a pool for the community.

I would love a town pool with swimming lesson offerings.

WE NEED A TOWN POOL - not everyone here is wealthy and you can't even get into Hopkinton state park with all the out of town era on weekends

Please remove the red tape around the process to get things done. rational people can figure out how to amend prior law and practices for the realities of living in 2020 and beyond.

Please list any additional objectives related to the protection of open spa...

Community pool

A footbridge connecting south and north parts of town at parkerville or at least somewhere over route 9. Sidewalks (wide) on major streets, even pathways alongside levys so we can walk all the way up and down 85. There's a body of water in westborough that runs right alongside a major road. They built a pathway on the waterside of the guardrail.

Continue to Connect Southborough trails around the reservoir to 911 field by continuing path up framingham road to meet up with 911 field and other trails around reservoir.

Open space is the one thing we can't get back easily once it's gone. Open to every.

I wish our town had a common green area.

A dog park!!

Sidewalk on Rte 85 from "Town Center" shopping center to downtown. A traffic light at intersection of 85 and Mt Vickery.

Connect trails to other loops and towns.

Maintaining outdoor space for family use- walking, biking, picnic areas. More sidewalks on Main St connecting downtown to Chestnut Hill Farm. Keeping grass cut along aqueduct for use during summer months

Bring nature back...try to open up more conservation areas in town that way the forest stay

a town pool would be a great addition to our town

Town pool w slides and splash park

Sidewalks. The recent quarantine has shown just how dangerous Southborough is for recreation. Kids are forced into a few parking lots to ride bikes. Taking a mile walk to library means risking your life on most roads. Make Southborough bike and walk friendly.

Town pool!

Would love a town pool to enjoy in the warm season.

Please list any additional objectives related to the protection of open spa...

Community center with a town pool. Youth football field

Please consider a true Recreation Facility. We moved here before we had children and now our children are 13 and 16. I've volunteered and worked for years for this to happen but it has not come to fruition. Youth in our town would benefit from an indoor gymnasium for use during school hours (for children not yet in school and town use). The town has no outdoor or indoor pool and children and adults would benefit from leisure and lap swimming

the town should set the example and stop dumping street sweepings, road debris and grass cutting on town owned properties

Build a town pool, more walking trails for dogs ☐

A town pool

More walking, biking space-important town pool somewhat important

Town pool

Please fix the fields that we already have.

public swimming pool. Town sewers. Both are extremely high.

I would love a town pool.

Connect residents living south of Rt 9 to the North side of town so people can walk, jog and especially bike to the center of town from the south side. If you don't know what I mean then ride your bike from the train station to pilgrim church. Getting past DUnkin donuts to the reservoir is very tough

Build a town pool and youth recreation area

Places for dogs to play, a downtown near library that has stores buying Mauros, pizza& banks/realty. Clean up trails and trees, brush around the Sudbury trails.

Recreational boating would be lovely

Please list any additional objectives related to the protection of open spa...

We need to make Southborough THE place to live in central mass. Expand the down town area through new construction and renovation of existing structures. Add a central open green space for summer concerts and farmers markets. Incentivize local business and entrepreneurship but add more space for businesses to expand and grow. I'm a new resident to Southborough, I'm a millennial with a growing family and more or less represent the future of this town. Rural sleepy town charm is not quite the draw it was in years past. While we need to keep to our agricultural roots, modernizing available spaces and expanding town wide social programs in the direction in which we need to head. People want things to do with their families on the weekend and are looking for ways to keep their money in town to support local business or at least businesses in the other boroughs.

We desperately need recreation fields. Our lack of decent fields is embarrassing for a town with the resources we have. If we want to attract people to southboro we need a commercial downtown and decent fields including turf. Thank you!!!

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Use Park Central as a park, not homes.

Green initiatives- recycling, adopt a single stream comprehensive recycling program

Develop areas that facilitate a wider variety of activities for safe, easy exit and entrance, parking and use during regular school hours

Please address mosquito breeding areas and reduce the future quarantine because of EEE

Provide community access to Sudbury reservoir, and build more sidewalks

Support acquisition and conservation of land adjacent to Callahan State Park

Marking open space for all types of uses would be great. Have maps available and related to activities so all can enjoy

parking at places, Thank you for doing this:)

Management of the Southborough Golf Club including expansion of irrigation to include fairways and constant care of the greens.

I feel that the current committee is heavily weighted towards conservation and open space.

Please list any additional objectives related to the protection of open spa...

We need more of a downtown

Preservation of Open Space to maintain quality of life in Southborough is of primary importance.

We need to control Japanese knotweed on an urgent basis. It has already taking over the open land near the water and trails,

Dog Park, water recreation. Lots of dog owners here and many of the main trails are not dog friendly, dog parks are very popular and well used in other towns. Lots of water here that can only be looked at. Seems like some sort of compromise in the middle from no use to ski boats that still maintains water quality if needed.

All of the survey points above could be interpreted in a variety of ways. In general, my belief is that the town missed a huge opportunity with the golf course acquisition - and I'm hoping that in time, that will turn around. That space, in particular, would have made (and still could make) for a fantastic community gathering area - with space for recreation, socialization and perhaps even great indoor space with a real community center. What does not make sense, in this taxpayers mind, is random acquisition of a small piece of property here or there, scattered all over town, that really does not benefit the town or taxpayers overall. So, "strategic acquisition of additional open space" might mean one thing to the author of the survey, and something entirely different to me. I would love to see a survey with more detail about the kinds of things that fit into each of the above categories. For example, where would a project to put more sidewalks and safer space for biking fit in? Those are green initiatives in that the more people can move about the town safely without cars, the less emissions. That would also lead to more recreation and better health for those who choose to use those resources.

Particularly with Coronaviris situation the vulnerability of our food source has become apparent. We need to make a concentrated effort to preserve Prime Farmland Soil. It is a critical resource for the town. Another area that has become obvious is better resources for walking. Although we have many trails in town some have become overcrowded. This is in large part because we do not have parking areas to provide more access. There are no parking areas in Southborough for the Bay Circuit Trail or the Reservoir Tail. Having multiple access to these resources would iliminate crowding but in non pandemic crisis the additional lots would prevent overuse of the only trails that have parking while allowing people the ability to experience additional resources. Without adequate sidewalks residents can't just walk to many of these places.

Given the chat on the town facebook page it seems that unleashed dogs on the trails are the most significant hazard people face. Failure to enforce existing rules is a liability to the town. Get the police involved, make signs, work with Recreation to enforce this rule across town.

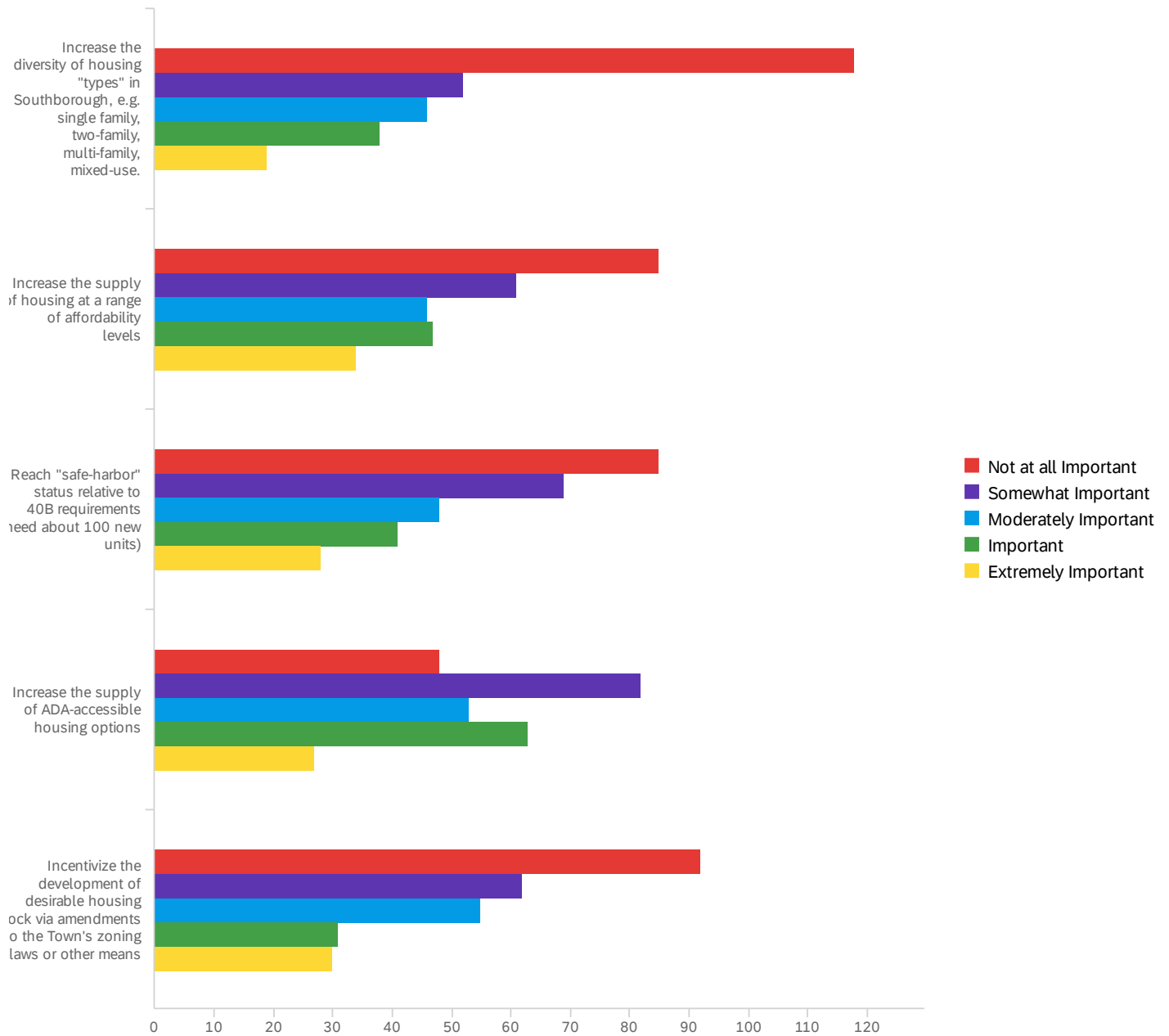
would like to see the town use the reservoirs for recreational use in some way

What is "Natural resource use" supposed to mean? Using them more? Less? For some purposes and not others?

Please list any additional objectives related to the protection of open spa...

Make sure building & development are held to LEED standards that we protect our natural resources & land rather than let developers benefit from relaxing of rules and standards

Q5 - Diversity of Housing Organize the following objectives according to their priority level:



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Increase the diversity of housing "types" in Southborough, e.g. single family, two-family, multi-family, mixed-use.	1.00	5.00	2.22	1.32	1.73	273
2	Increase the supply of housing at a range of affordability levels	1.00	5.00	2.58	1.40	1.96	273

#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
3	Reach "safe-harbor" status relative to 40B requirements (need about 100 new units)	1.00	5.00	2.48	1.34	1.80	271
4	Increase the supply of ADA-accessible housing options	1.00	5.00	2.78	1.26	1.58	273
5	Incentivize the development of desirable housing stock via amendments to the Town's zoning bylaws or other means	1.00	5.00	2.43	1.35	1.82	270

#	Field	Not at all Important	Somewhat Important	Moderately Important	Important	Extremely Important	Total
1	Increase the diversity of housing "types" in Southborough, e.g. single family, two-family, multi-family, mixed-use.	43.22% 118	19.05% 52	16.85% 46	13.92% 38	6.96% 19	273
2	Increase the supply of housing at a range of affordability levels	31.14% 85	22.34% 61	16.85% 46	17.22% 47	12.45% 34	273
3	Reach "safe-harbor" status relative to 40B requirements (need about 100 new units)	31.37% 85	25.46% 69	17.71% 48	15.13% 41	10.33% 28	271
4	Increase the supply of ADA-accessible housing options	17.58% 48	30.04% 82	19.41% 53	23.08% 63	9.89% 27	273
5	Incentivize the development of desirable housing stock via amendments to the Town's zoning bylaws or other means	34.07% 92	22.96% 62	20.37% 55	11.48% 31	11.11% 30	270

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Q6 - Please list any additional objectives related to the diversity of housing that yo...

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Mixed use housing in overlay district downtown is critical to serve the needs of seniors, young people, and businesses looking to attract workforce.

enforce existing zoning laws

Increase affordable housing for single mothers

More affordable 55 or older separate unit options rather than attached condos

Large scale projects such as Park Place should not be prioritized.

Extremely important to embrace the "culture" of Southborough into the diversity of housing- I am still challenged by the safe harbor requirements of a state standard in a town that does not have amenities required to achieve 40B status (such as safe roads, sidewalks, town center, walkable and accessible public transportation, etc....)

The 40B projects are not affordable.

Changing the zoning laws to allow for mixed use real estate

Apartment complexes bring a strain to small towns that does not outweigh the economic benefits

I'm not sure what the last question means. Developers seem to be taking advantage of loopholes and destroying open space. I would like to see them properly incentivized.

No to park central now or ever.

Mixed use zoning to allow residential units over commercial downtown will increase diversitt if housing stock and provide an option for young people and the aging population in town for affordable, walkable living.

We don't need more homes. Cut down on construction.

no more new housing.

More restaurants, shops, etc. please

Please list any additional objectives related to the diversity of housing t...

Keep building to a minimum to protect our towns quaint appeal.

Southborough is a diverse community. All are welcome here and should be supported. I volunteer at the Food Pantry. I can't find a way to view my comments. Please contact me if you would like another volunteer to help. Melissa Shields 508-904-4230. Thank you.

Senior housing/family housing that is owned and managed by the Commonwealth (Colonial Gardens) each unit is counted

Make it easier for single family homes to have accessory apartments they can rent.

Plenty of homes with diverse options

Stop trying to turn Southboro into Worcester.

We have enough already

Let the market reach its own levels thru zoning that will allow options rather than prevent choices

Every decision made should be to improve the housing values in town, such as public reservoir access, attractions and a true downtown

Make Southborough a more desirable town by adding coffee shops and local stores in the downtown

Need more housing, encourage development and redevelopment of variety of housing types and less restrictive zoning

Diversity of housing is not that important to me here.

The only way to increase the diversity of housing is to have affordability requirements. Changing zoning to "encourage" diversity is a pipe dream. All you get is denser housing which the town doesn't need. Allow condos and you'll get million dollar condos. Allow apartments you'll get \$3,000 a month apartments. If the stowing wants to create affordable and divers housing the town needs to partner with non profit builders to create friendly 4ob's.an for what the town wants and not expect developers to limit their profits to give the town what the town wants. There is nothing wrong with developers maximizing their profit. That's what every business that wants to succeed does. It makes no sense for the town to expect them to do otherwise. Building low priced housing is not how thy maximize their return on investment. Expecting hem to be responsible for fixing the towns hosing need by changing zoning is shortsighted and fool hardy

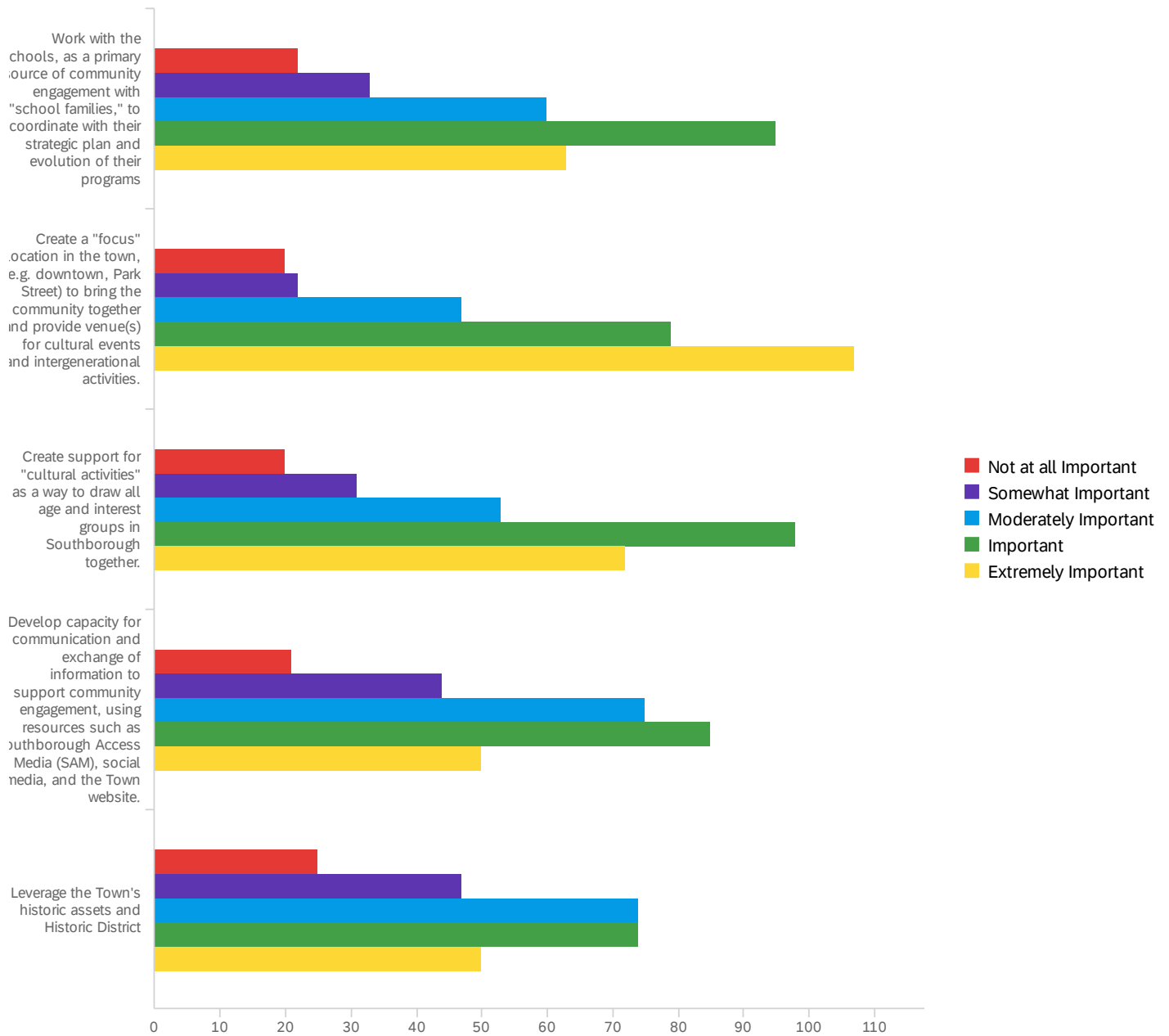
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FIX the zoning laws so that Cains Crossing never happens again. The developer had help from his cousin in finding a loophole and the town could do nothing. The neighbors or which I am one, know it's ugly and you can bet it never would have happened on the north side.

Developers have been given WAY to many exceptions under 40B law. We need to protect our town from developers who see 40B & ADA as a way to skirt Laws. We can achieve these goals without sacrificing our standards & putting those who have lived in SB behind those who may live in SB

Please do not turn Southborough into Framingham by changing the zoning code.

Q7 - Sense of Community; Schools; Historic Assets Organize the following objectives accor...



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Work with the schools, as a primary source of community engagement with "school families," to coordinate with their strategic plan and evolution of their programs	1.00	5.00	3.53	1.20	1.44	273

#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
2	Create a "focus" location in the town, (e.g. downtown, Park Street) to bring the community together and provide venue(s) for cultural events and intergenerational activities.	1.00	5.00	3.84	1.23	1.51	275
3	Create support for "cultural activities" as a way to draw all age and interest groups in Southborough together.	1.00	5.00	3.62	1.19	1.42	274
4	Develop capacity for communication and exchange of information to support community engagement, using resources such as Southborough Access Media (SAM), social media, and the Town website.	1.00	5.00	3.36	1.17	1.37	275
5	Leverage the Town's historic assets and Historic District	1.00	5.00	3.29	1.22	1.48	270

#	Field	Not at all Important		Somewhat Important		Moderately Important		Important		Extremely Important		Total
1	Work with the schools, as a primary source of community engagement with "school families," to coordinate with their strategic plan and evolution of their programs	8.06%	22	12.09%	33	21.98%	60	34.80%	95	23.08%	63	273
2	Create a "focus" location in the town, (e.g. downtown, Park Street) to bring the community together and provide venue(s) for cultural events and intergenerational activities.	7.27%	20	8.00%	22	17.09%	47	28.73%	79	38.91%	107	275

#	Field	Not at all Important		Somewhat Important		Moderately Important		Important		Extremely Important		Total
3	Create support for "cultural activities" as a way to draw all age and interest groups in Southborough together.	7.30%	20	11.31%	31	19.34%	53	35.77%	98	26.28%	72	274
4	Develop capacity for communication and exchange of information to support community engagement, using resources such as Southborough Access Media (SAM), social media, and the Town website.	7.64%	21	16.00%	44	27.27%	75	30.91%	85	18.18%	50	275
5	Leverage the Town's historic assets and Historic District	9.26%	25	17.41%	47	27.41%	74	27.41%	74	18.52%	50	270

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Q8 - Please list any additional objectives related to the Sense of Community/Scho...

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Revitalize downtown, make it look better and be proactive before St. Mark's buys it all up. Make it a place residents want to go so we keep our business in town and build a sense of community. This can be done responsibly while maintaining our distinct character.

We need a downtown with more restaurants

PLEASE create a beautiful, updated, accessible downtown for us to enjoy.

Town pool

Downtown needs to be revived.

Some sort of community amenities such as a town pool club would be fantastic

Work with the New Safety facilities and personnel in coordinating safety and security

Invest in downtown with restaurants and other small businesses

I am in favor of leveraging the town's historic assets only if it does not impede the ability for the town to also add new retail and commerce and recreation. please lift old restrictions and embrace the future.

Not sure what you are asking in this last question...

A cohesive downtown area could increase community engagement and provide a place for residents to come together.

I strongly believe that we need to work together as a community. We should work to find ways to vote online so that more residents can be heard. We need a Recreation Facility with indoor and outdoor facilities including a gym, pool, playground

We have private school properties and homes along Main Street what can they provide?

A strong downtown presence, similar to Wellesley would be fantastic

Please list any additional objectives related to the Sense of Community/Sch...

Build a town aquatic center

A downtown that's vibrant with small business initiatives

Yes.. yes to all of this. Honestly, how to I get involved? If I can help in anyway please email me at ginaglazomitsky@gmail.com

Need a better, more vibrant downtown area, including more restaurants and shopping

Stop St Mark's from buying up everything on Main Street!

We have Historic bylaw, we have SAM,we have a cultural center,downtown does not have a anchor and the schools are 68% of budget . What are you trying to accomplish in this section.

Downtown. Location location location desirability

We need to get all schools both private and public be involved We should have a more unified calendar and create opportunities for more events

Support revitalization of business village districts - currently they are shabby looking, bring NO (very little) needed revenue to the town and currently zoning (and process) does NOT encourage development.

The Senior Center and the Recreation Dept. need to pursue the idea of a Community Center for use by town citizens of all ages. A combined facility has many benefits including financial, intergenerational and building a sense of community . This could include an auditorium for town meetings and cultural events

I would like Southborough to have some sort of downtown as a place to shop and gather

We should follow through getting the Historic District finalized and approved. If you want to bring the community of 10,000 together for cultural activities then you need to be looking somewhere that can accommodate traffic and parking. Something at the EMC property rather than downtown. On a smaller scale the Library is already doing that so look to support their swirl, as well as activities at Cordaville Hall. Partnering with St Marks and Fay schools. Utilizing church buildings is another way to use exiting infrastructure.

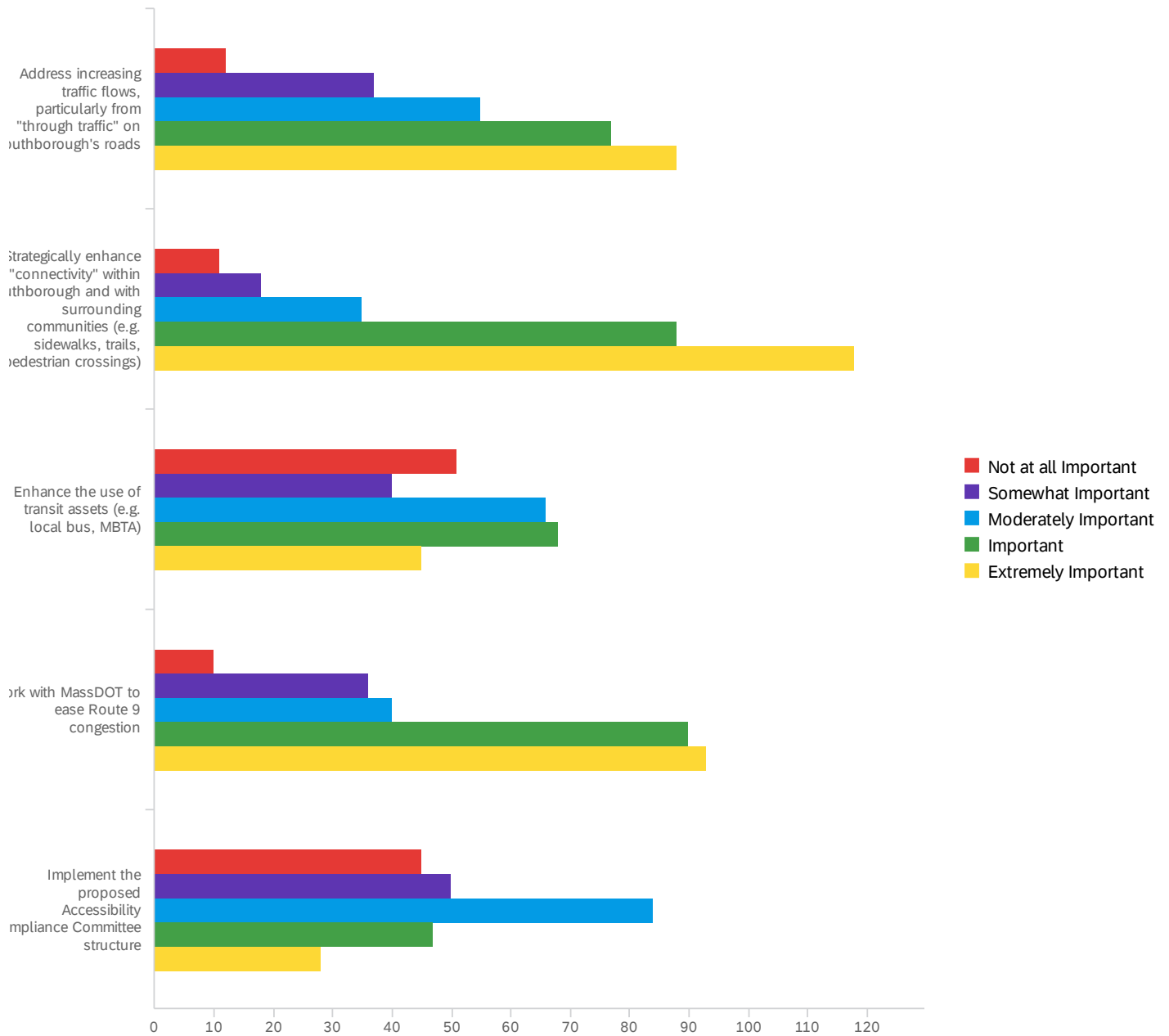
The town and all it's employees, police included, want to actually do as little as possible. How about identify the ways we could be harmed or how existing laws are unenforceable because of police favoritism. Unleashed dogs on the trails and illegally exhausted cars and motorcycles. come to mind.

Please list any additional objectives related to the Sense of Community/Sch...

Gobbledygook mumble - this is (mostly) content-free jargon for the sake of jargon

SB has a good sense of community & it would be good to grow it further. Not everyone has kids in the schools and that is a problem that it is assumed everyone does. We need to protect historical properties thoughtfully not just because they are old.

Q9 - Accessibility and Connectivity; Transportation Organize the following objectives accordi...



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Address increasing traffic flows, particularly from "through traffic" on Southborough's roads	1.00	5.00	3.71	1.18	1.40	269
2	Strategically enhance "connectivity" within Southborough and with surrounding communities (e.g. sidewalks, trails, pedestrian crossings)	1.00	5.00	4.05	1.09	1.20	270

#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
3	Enhance the use of transit assets (e.g. local bus, MBTA)	1.00	5.00	3.06	1.35	1.82	270
4	Work with MassDOT to ease Route 9 congestion	1.00	5.00	3.82	1.15	1.33	269
5	Implement the proposed Accessibility Compliance Committee structure	1.00	5.00	2.85	1.23	1.51	254

#	Field	Not at all Important		Somewhat Important		Moderately Important		Important		Extremely Important		Total
1	Address increasing traffic flows, particularly from "through traffic" on Southborough's roads	4.46%	12	13.75%	37	20.45%	55	28.62%	77	32.71%	88	269
2	Strategically enhance "connectivity" within Southborough and with surrounding communities (e.g. sidewalks, trails, pedestrian crossings)	4.07%	11	6.67%	18	12.96%	35	32.59%	88	43.70%	118	270
3	Enhance the use of transit assets (e.g. local bus, MBTA)	18.89%	51	14.81%	40	24.44%	66	25.19%	68	16.67%	45	270
4	Work with MassDOT to ease Route 9 congestion	3.72%	10	13.38%	36	14.87%	40	33.46%	90	34.57%	93	269
5	Implement the proposed Accessibility Compliance Committee structure	17.72%	45	19.69%	50	33.07%	84	18.50%	47	11.02%	28	254

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Q10 - Please list any additional objectives related to Accessibility and Connectivity...

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Southborough is the gap in the regional trails loop. This is embarrassing. Find ways we can walk/bike more safely in town and to downtown. Include bike racks. While you're at it make sure new parking in connection with a downtown development includes electric charging stations.

Sidewalks on main roads

Route 9 will always be congested and the majority of it is through traffic. We need to focus more on what we want Southborough to be and this means growth, better housing diversity, it will come with traffic but it will also displace cut through traffic. Also, we are a suburban community. We should not waste material assets on lightly used transit options and focus more on pedestrian, bicycle facilities and expanding commuter rail parking which is the one from of MBTA transit that is heavily used.

I would love to see a way to slow traffic on Flagg Road, especially near blackthorn to route 9. Cars travel MUCH faster than the listed 25 mph, which is very unsafe as there are no sidewalks.

FYI - didn't understand what last objective means; 2nd objective - I think we have plenty of walking trails and good work happening there. We need sidewalks, crossings and safe biking

The sidewalks in this town and accessibility is an embarrassment and dangerous. Every other town has a beautiful downtown with practical walking routes.

Better ways to connect north and south sides of town. The crosswalk at Tomasso's is insufficient and dangerous. Would like to be able to safely walk and ride bikes from one side to the other. Is a pedestrian bridge over 9 ever an option?

Fix traffic on route 9

Wider sidewalks on main roads with better protection from the road. Build up stronger walls on route 85 over water areas.

Improved MBTA access such as electrifying the tracks would increase the attractiveness of living in Southboro as it would reduce the travel time to Boston.

Developing safe mechanisms for biking and walking along with car travel in the parts of town that do not have sidewalks.

Please list any additional objectives related to Accessibility and Connecti...

Increase bike lines and pedestrian trails/ sidewalks to decrease uses of cars.

no Idea what the Accessibility Compliance Committee Structure is... sounds important though. need local Public Transit, the commuter rail is not public transit its for commuters and doesn't connect residents with any services or stores or local jobs

Sidewalk along 85 past St. Marks to Ledge hill road to allow for safer access to library/downtown without fear of being hit by a car or walk through a jungle of poison ivy

Street lights in neighborhoods - esp for early morning bus stops

please consider a plan to add an additional connection from south of route 9 to north of route 9, like parkerville rd.

Sidewalk from "Town Center" shopping center to downtown. Traffic light intersection 85 and Mt Vickery.

Trails and walking and biking connectivity would be good for the environment, public health, and sense of community. Would be great to creat non-driving options to get to downtown.

Just fix the roads, I'm tired of potholes

Sidewalks on rt 85/Marlboro road (similar to what the Marlborough town did leading up to the town line).

more parking for the train station and more frequent trains.

Southborough must fix the sidewalks to make them accessible for handicapped. It breaks my heart to see a woman driving her motorized wheelchair down the middle of route 30 to get to Mauros everyday because the intersection at 30 and East Main is so dangerous for her to cross and the sidewalk is all broken up and the train track are to high for her to cross. Isn't there a federal law that says the sidewalks have to accessible for a wheelchair?

Lights at dangerous/high traffic u turn pots on rt 9 esp Parkerville rd East I turn

We need sidewalks on Rt. 85 North. We need to find solutions to keep our town connected through walking, biking and commuting.

Consider one-way streets to help in "through traffic speed" may help in keeping traffic off side streets

Slow and reduce traffic on roads connecting to route 9 Flagg/Deerfoot/Parkerville/Middle

Please list any additional objectives related to Accessibility and Connecti...

Route 9 divides the town in two. An underpass or pedestrian/cycle bridge over Rte 9 at Parkerville would reconnect the Town and the schools.

Sidewalk accessibility and other accessible standards

PLEASE fix the disaster of the paving on Main Street

Wide Sidewalks on all streets especially residential pass through streets

This survey should be explaining what some of the questions mean.

Southborough desperately needs another Crossing on Route 9, this was called out in the last master plan. Parkerville Rd. had a crossing years ago and makes the most sense. It would connect 2 schools plus reconnect the town in a central location. It would also change the traffic pattern on 9.

not sure what the ACC structure is

Put an overhead toll on route 9

I'm unclear on what the proposed accessibility compliance committee is.

Don't know what the 'proposed Accessibility Compliance Committee is.

Sidewalks please!!!

The town should make sidewalks a priority particularly along Rt 85 from the railroad station to St Marks.

Not really sure what is meant by "Implement the proposed Accessibility Compliance Committee structure."

We need public transportation. The computer rail is exactly that ... a tool for commuting but it is not public transit. A real plan for sidewalks need to be started

Improve Main Street for retail & restaurant & other small businesses

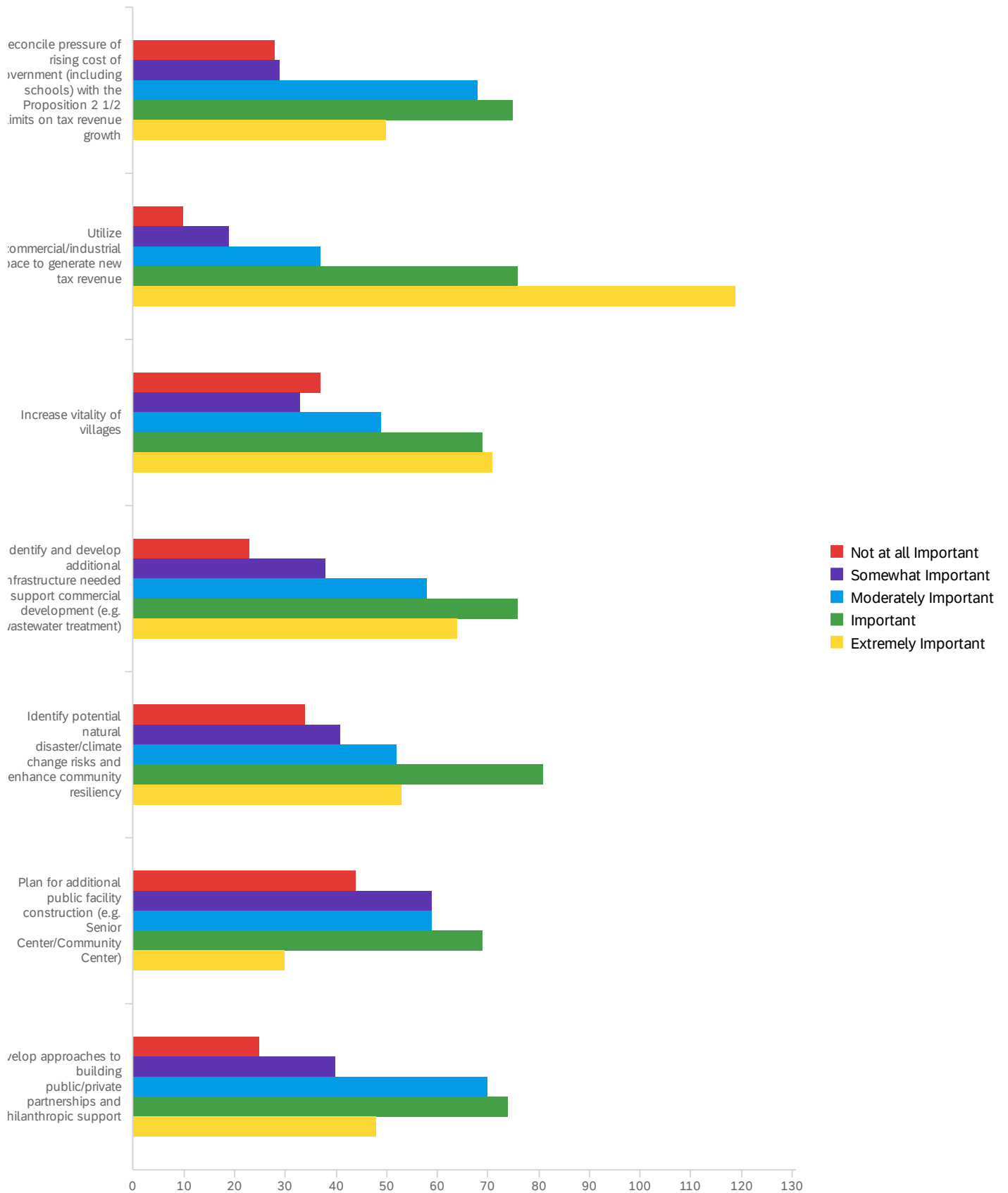
This is where you should have a link to the ACCS because most people will not know what it is. Also fix the roads and sidewalks before you go make any more.

Please list any additional objectives related to Accessibility and Connecti...

Sidewalk along Pine Hill Road

Reducing Rt 9 traffic should NOT be done by sending it to other SB roads

Q11 - Commercial Diversity, Public Services & Resiliency, Build-Out, Funding Organize the f...



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Reconcile pressure of rising cost of government (including schools) with the Proposition 2 1/2 limits on tax revenue growth	1.00	5.00	3.36	1.24	1.53	250
2	Utilize commercial/industrial space to generate new tax revenue	1.00	5.00	4.05	1.11	1.23	261
3	Increase vitality of villages	1.00	5.00	3.40	1.38	1.90	259
4	Identify and develop additional infrastructure needed to support commercial development (e.g. wastewater treatment)	1.00	5.00	3.46	1.25	1.57	259
5	Identify potential natural disaster/climate change risks and enhance community resiliency	1.00	5.00	3.30	1.31	1.71	261
6	Plan for additional public facility construction (e.g. Senior Center/Community Center)	1.00	5.00	2.93	1.27	1.62	261
7	Develop approaches to building public/private partnerships and philanthropic support	1.00	5.00	3.31	1.22	1.48	257

#	Field	Not at all Important	Somewhat Important	Moderately Important	Important	Extremely Important	Total
1	Reconcile pressure of rising cost of government (including schools) with the Proposition 2 1/2 limits on tax revenue growth	11.20% 28	11.60% 29	27.20% 68	30.00% 75	20.00% 50	250
2	Utilize commercial/industrial space to generate new tax revenue	3.83% 10	7.28% 19	14.18% 37	29.12% 76	45.59% 119	261
3	Increase vitality of villages	14.29% 37	12.74% 33	18.92% 49	26.64% 69	27.41% 71	259

#	Field	Not at all Important		Somewhat Important		Moderately Important		Important		Extremely Important		Total
4	Identify and develop additional infrastructure needed to support commercial development (e.g. wastewater treatment)	8.88%	23	14.67%	38	22.39%	58	29.34%	76	24.71%	64	259
5	Identify potential natural disaster/climate change risks and enhance community resiliency	13.03%	34	15.71%	41	19.92%	52	31.03%	81	20.31%	53	261
6	Plan for additional public facility construction (e.g. Senior Center/Community Center)	16.86%	44	22.61%	59	22.61%	59	26.44%	69	11.49%	30	261
7	Develop approaches to building public/private partnerships and philanthropic support	9.73%	25	15.56%	40	27.24%	70	28.79%	74	18.68%	48	257

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Q12 - Please list any additional objectives related to Commercial Diversity, Public ...

Please list any additional objectives related to Commercial Diversity, Publ...

Infrastructure and resiliency are essential to master planning. Let's revitalize our once vibrant village districts, starting with downtown. No more dilly dallying, get the antiquated zoning fixed, utilize grants and other measures, and actively support and encourage local businesses which will benefit our community and ease the residential tax burden.

The first point in this section is, whether intentionally or unintentionally, too vague to generate useful input. If you wanted opinions, you should have specified what you meant by "reconcile." Does that mean "restrain government spending to stick within Prop 2 1/2 limits?" Does it mean "try to loosen the Prop 2 1/2 constraints so government spending can increase more easily?"

A swimming pool is 100% of interest to community members instead of rebuilding an existing services (senior center).

Fay school and st marks should be giving more financial support to the town since they do not pay taxes and they both own a lot of land, buildings and homes.

The tax burden is not sustainable. Bring in commercial to offset. The private schools are buying up real estate and not paying tax. The older generation cannot be catered to because they are the loudest. Their desire to have this remain a sleepy town is not practical or progressive.

Keep chains out of Southborough.

Create more affordable housing for families

Not sure what reconcile means in this context - I think the town needs better spending control within the limits of prop 2.5 and rely on overrides and debt exclusions to fund capex projects and fixed operating budget expenses - we should be building in free cash and improving our stabilization account

I would like a community pool. Few or none of the neighboring towns have a community pool. Adding one to Southboro would 1. Generate revenue 2. Increase attractiveness of the town 3. Improve the community by creating a natural meeting space 4. Put the town on the map as there are a lot of swim teams in the area that would discover it.

Invest in green infrastructure to mitigate storm water and climate change

The example for "Plan for additional public facility construction" is the Senior Center... I think construction planning for the Library should take higher priority, as the library provides for all ages in our community.

Please list any additional objectives related to Commercial Diversity, Publ...

If the zoning laws could be changed to allow more business along rt. 30 to draw more business to the area. It seems there are a lot of obstacles to even bring any ideas up for debate

YES - adding selected community commercial development would add value to this town - we want our people to shop, eat and benefit in this town and create a sense of community.

Pursue tax dollars on private schooling residential properties

I don't think we need a new senior center.

Need to deal with waste water and infrastructure issues to support downtown development. Resiliency for environmental issues is critical as well.

We need more businesses in town that will bring the community together (open air cafe/brewery/coffee shop,etc) specifically in the "downtown" area. Business ideas have been shot down with excuses like there is a lack of parking...I see that as a good issue to have. We may also attract others from different towns to generate revenue in our town

Describing the propositions and plans you're asking about (instead of assuming everyone has the knowledge that the quiz maker possesses) would be extremely helpful for everyday citizens when you're asking them to pass judgment upon said plans.

I support our police and firefighters but as a newer resident I find it a bit depressing how much was invested in the new complex. Only because the library leaks/floods quarterly, we have to rely on private schools for gathering spaces and lack any meaningful indoor community recreation facility. Without benefit of the initial debate perhaps the scale was required... but seems bit much.

Southborough needs a Recreation Facility, such that all residents of Southborough would be served. Please consider infants, toddlers, young children, school age children, teenagers, young adults, single adults, young couples without children, parents, town employees, adults and seniors, who all make up our community. Opportunity for physical exercise (indoor and outdoor gyms/exercise options/playgrounds/pools, etc.) appropriate social (distancing?) options, ways to grow intellectually and concern for the emotional well-being of all people regardless of age would be afforded through a thoughtfully constructed Recreation Facility. Youth & Family Services, Cultural Arts, Food Pantry, Health, Town Offices, Kindergroup, Senior Center and any other "Friends of" or town groups or organizations could share the space, if desired. I am willing to help. Thank you for your consideration and hard work in creating this survey. Thank you for caring what residents care about to make Southborough the best it can be.

More information is need on what the obligation of the town would be on a proposed waster water treatment infrastructure. (would a bond be required for maintenance/replacement,who decides who/what business would have access to this facility?. We need to find funding through grants and local contributions from any business that may benefit (public/private partnership) Some of the questions are too vague.

Please list any additional objectives related to Commercial Diversity, Publ...

I'm interested in maintaining our town feel. I love sidewalks and slow traffic on surface roads. I'd love to hve more small businesses on Main Street, but I'm not interested in getting a new Starbucks or the a chain. As far as the housing goes, I'm generally against development. If housing becomes a focus, then there also better be an examination of how that impacts education and senior supports. Once you make one thing a priority, it will have a domino effect.

Walkable downtown with small shops and small restaurants to improve commerce and community.

We need some commercial diversity. Feels like we live in this town but practically fund (in terms of shopping, auto services, dining, health etc) the neighboring towns for everything.

It's insane how much we already spend on a senior center, when the users pay almost no taxes

Safe bike and running paths. Need to fix how people cross rt 9 via the rt 85 bridge it is a disaster

Community aquatic center

We need a commercial tax base. Much land sits adjacent to Route 9 undeveloped for decades why?

A less opulent public safety building may have allowed for additional funds for improved senior/community center.

Manage costs; shrink local government

We need to allow for responsible commercial property in downtown. Raise tax revenue from this and create a desirable place to live/visit

Increase non resident tax revenues to ease the burden of residents which is quite high for many families

We should get the private schools to own up to more of the infrastructure of the downtown that they monopolize. We need to create a center for shops to create a greater sense of town.

Would like to see these questions addressed with the Master Plan. Some of your questions are key to keeping the town viable for the right type of growth in the right areas AND to being able to address the issues that seniors are facing. They should be able to stay in the town where they have lived for years and supported the schools.

Please list any additional objectives related to Commercial Diversity, Publ...

I feel that Southborough is not friendly when drawing in businesses. I have been here for over 60 years. Most people feel they need to leave the town to go out to dinner. We are missing out on tax monies. We have a crazy number who pass through our town each day and we do not benefit in any way from them unless it is the occasional stop for a gas fill-up. We need to get creative withdrawing funds into our town without losing our village-like town.

See earlier comments regarding the need for a Community Center

No free giveaways of town income assets to non profit organizations

A true community center yes (Natick has a great one). Additional senior center not needed, as the one that exists is wonderful. Unless an overall Community center would include what currently takes place there, and that piece of property would be sold to a tax-paying entity.

The biggest boost to our economy with the least negative impact to the residents would be to work with Dell to develop the well over 100 acres (maybe 200 acres) of business zones land with easy access to rte 9 and 495. Bring in business that the townspeople want, plus services (supermarkets, pub and bakeries) make sure you have Hugh tax revenue offices parks (and not just parking for Westborough offices like EMC planned) and fill them, lure corporate headquarters (Cumberland farms) have hotels and restaurants, put your large cultural gathering endeavors here as well as additional 50 acres of Residential land that could be planned diversity of housing walkable to jobs and resources.

Vitality of villages? You mean dumping more 55+ communities in the villages where we don't have the time and money to hire a lawyer? How about you put a zoning rule in there that requires developers to orient their houses towards the south so that they can be good candidates for solar. I'm sure there is some federal funding and green credit we can get for solarizing for Southborough. Give Natick a call and see what they got out of it.

Public private partnership are vital to SB growth and seem ignored. The library needs help as well. A community center with the library & senior center attached seems a perfect solution-Rec as well & would a central location for the community as well as reduce costs.

Q13 - What have we missed? Please provide any additional comments on the list...

What have we missed? Please provide any additional comments on the listed o...

This survey seems to be broken into two main themes: (1) environment/open space and (2) development. Too many of our more vocal town participants think this is an either/or choice. It is not. We can be responsible, proactive, and resilient while also having a healthy local economy, including vibrant villages and responsible development that promotes business and provides for our families, our seniors, and those with disabilities. The Master Plan Committee should lead the messaging on this front. So far I have not been hearing that as much as I'd hoped.

a splash pad would be awesome!

Actively develop and organized community sports space. The current facilities are extremely fragmented and not well maintained. Public walking space is a must. There are not enough sidewalks, especially on main roads making connectivity difficult for many citizens.

Making Southborough attractive to citizens, potential new citizens, and visitors (make main st and downtown physically attractive and bring in businesses that attract small/scale shoppers) is very important. The town has a lot to offer but is letting itself fall behind our neighbors in terms of options and interest.

COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL!

Comment on survey. The way objectives were written, some were hard to understand.

i'm concern that overdevelopment has hurt what's left of Southborough's rural charm and character

We need to focus on cutting education costs - close a school, cut staff since number of students is declining. Also Southborough should have a split property tax rate like many other towns in MA. Residents are subsidizing our businesses. Also find a way to get more pilot payments out of St Mark's and Fay Schools.

Downtown. Sidewalks. Commercial businesses.

Provide more housing for single mothers

Town pool; Thriving downtown/brew pub

Important to fully fund the unfunded pension and start to save for unfunded OPEB.

What have we missed? Please provide any additional comments on the listed o...

Southboro needs to improve its downtown. The renderings at the library about what it could look like were amazing! It would be great to have a place to walk to and around that looked nice and had small businesses to shop at.

A lot of focus has been put on the Senior Center and the Golf course in the past few years, while the rank has fallen for the high school. This at a time when the rank of Westboro and Hopkinton (3rd in MA in a recent report) schools have increased. The focus needs to be reversed to focus on the future (our children and schools) so that Southboro will rise above the neighboring towns again. This way young families will be attracted to the town. This will, in the long run, improve home prices and increase tax revenue for the town.

You mentioned community based cultural events and family oriented programming, I would think that is outside the scope since that is an element of town leadership and community coming together to maximize resources. Within scope is the Master Plan providing the opportunity /venues for the programming. Good luck this is an important part of our future.

Please see my comments about the library at the start of this survey.

We can't bike off road in Southborough. None of the trails currently allow biking. Biking is an amazing family activity that is lacking in our town. Biking on the road is not safe. Please change this!

This survey appears to be highly biased. Only focusing on things that will cause tax rates to increase. How about offering respondents a list of things they no longer want to spend their tax dollars on.

- Improve our downtown!! Including burying the wires and get rid of the poles, and adding more green/garden space.
- Get past the politics and figure out a way to build/clean-up the vacant lots in town (downtown, corner of Rt 9 across from Walgreens, old restaurant on Rt 9) - Fix up the old Art/Rec building - Improve the Library - fix the flooding issue in the children's room long-term! - Make sure we stay on the forefront of education innovation (and renovate Neary?)

I would LOVE to see a thriving downtown area that would attract Southborough residents of all ages and from everywhere in town; bolstering our economy AND encouraging social connectivity.

No, nice job.

As a town, we either need a larger library that can act in a greater capacity as a community gathering place, or a community center for kids and teens (and any age). The current library is limited in capacity, and there is no other place for our kids and teens to gather once they age out of playgrounds. A town pool and community center would provide a useful place for our community. At this time, particularly in the summer, there is a lack of community since residents need to seek out activities and camps out of town due to the lack of robust options in town.

Town Pool

What have we missed? Please provide any additional comments on the listed o...

Make Southborough more affordable for younger families to be able to move in. Create a real Town Center, with shops and restaurants

We absolutely need to revitalize the downtown area and allow for more retail and restaurant expansion in order to increase tax revenue and become more competitive with other nearby towns.

Public town facilities, free/at low cost accessible for town residents, like a town pool/town tennis courts (summertime), central iceskating rink (in wintertime) etc., which will benefit and connect most of our families, will be a huge game changer for all residents. More area's/small businesses in town along hiking trails with outdoor dining/lunch/drink/snack options (preferable not directly located aside parking lots/major routes) throughout winter (using heaters/blankets) and summer. More local business and a decent (chain) grocery store will encourage residents to shop in, in stead of out of town and enhance local businesses

There are not enough resources for middle class hard working residents of Southborough - not everyone has a cape house! We need a town pool - we need more town events to bring the community together - there is not enough being done to keep people here and not leaving for cape or beaches far away

Our children are craving more places where they can safely meet and enjoy commercial and recreation time with others, as are we. We can do this while also enjoying the already extensive open space this town has.

I would really like to see more useable recreation space (rec center, etc) for kids of all different ages.

We want a community pool!

Increasing the walkability of our town and developing main Street are extremely important.

Southborough's business community will provide essential tax revenue during the impending economic downturn. There are opportunities to responsibly develop downtown through mixed use zoning that will reflect a positive, proactive vision of our community before St. Mark's scoops it up. Accountability will be key, we've had too many reports and studies that have collected dust. Let's actually implement our vision of our community. Change will come either way, either through deterioration or through St Marks buying up all the land, let's instead implement what we want downtown.

Southborough has a small town vibe and in my opinion, it should stay that way. That's what draws people here, so try and stick to the small town vibe. And cut it with the 55+ condos, we have enough. Try and make it more welcoming to families with young children and more accessible for young adults just starting.

I would love for Southborough to have a vital, walkable downtown, full of businesses (dining, shopping, etc.) and community organizations - creating reasons (including events), for the community to gather in town.

What have we missed? Please provide any additional comments on the listed o...

I'd love to see a center for the arts, or a permanent place for arts in town.

Thanks for all you do!!!

My priorities are: Reduce taxes. Make this town/downtown safe for all including handicapped and families with strollers and bikes. Bring new small business into downtown.

The schools are slipping in terms of academic performance related to other towns (primarily at the High School level) - how can we support the new administration in working toward improving academic successes?

I am very encouraged by how many residents want to make a difference and improve the community.

A town pool in Southborough would be lovely addition.

We've been hoping for many years they would add more restaurants on route nine or build up the downtown. It's such a nice town but we always have to go all the way to Framingham in Westborough except for a very few places in Southborough. Is there a way to build an incentive program for small businesses to come to Southborough

Many beautiful places in Southborough are funded through the Community Preservation Act and Town Meeting votes such as Chestnut Hill Farm, the Burnett Property and open spaces. We need to continue not only to invest in places, but our people. A Recreation Facility would allow us to invest in both our residents and a place to support everyone regardless of age, income or background.

Most important would be creation central town center with shops, restaurants

Community pool, fix Neary school

For young families, our downtown is really a disappointment and an eye sore. Side walks aren't safe. Crosswalks not painted clearly. Woodward crosswalk on main should have flashing light because people blow through it while little ones are waiting to cross. We need some small shops and cafes. Some have opened (At number 10 shop) and had to close because no foot traffic. Look at downtown Hudson, Natick, Wellesley, concord. Walkable. Beautiful. Safe. Options for food and shop local. This really could be an amazing downtown. For now, we are stuck with an undesirable space for all.

We need to start acting like other expensive communities to ensure that our tax dollars benefit the ones who are paying taxes.

A community pool and off leash dog park would be great asset to the town. I like the idea of more commercial offerings (restaurants/stores) but do not support the idea of large chains or franchises.

What have we missed? Please provide any additional comments on the listed o...

Food truck fairs like St marks has put on Use of town facilities - make them available try to cover costs and not make money on them Use of school gyms - allow for more adult leagues Need to figure out the mauros area. It's a mess

I'd love to see more sidewalks, a support for restaurants on Main Street, and a town pool.

Southborough needs to develop a commercial tax base so as to provide funding for the many improvement projects the residents would like. Surrounding towns have far superior recreational facilities. Despite being hosting large bodies of water we don't have a town beach nor do we have any town owned field turf fields for soccer etc. I recommend that a survey of surrounding towns is done to show how far behind we are and what we would need to do to catch up. Route 9 cuts the town in half. Parkerville is a good example of this. Neary/Tottier and Finn are geographically close but made farther apart by Route 9. An underpass or at least a pedestrian/cycle bridge would fix this problem.

Provide resources for small businesses to thrive in town and find a way to attract exciting new businesses that make residents proud. This includes new restaurants, coffee shops, boutiques, book store, general store etc. Rarely do I spend money in Southborough - I am going to Hopkinton, Westborough and Northborough which is unfortunate! We need new and exciting places in town to spend our money!

Stop looking for areas to spend, and start looking for areas to contain or lower costs. There is a precipitous drop in revenue coming as a result of Covid-19, and the town should prepare for it accordingly

Making the town more walkable with wide sidewalks on all streets.

Please build up the downtown and invest in recreational fields for all ages.

We need more restaurants and the downtown area needs a revamp that would permit for more sources of tax revenue.

We desperately need a community rec center with swimming pool, gym, classes for all ages, etc. Look at the Hopkinton Center for the Arts as an example of what we could do in Southborough. Let's make Southborough less of a bedroom community and offer something to residents and a reason to stay in town rather than having to drive everywhere!

SOUTHBOROUGH needs to balance preserving a historical heritage (early farming community) and becoming a modern town that is focused on families. Good schools, good recreation and conservation, with some Rte 9 business corridor alleviating household taxes. We DON'T need townhouses and apartments for short term solutions, or any fast food restaurants.

In light of the covid-19 pandemic, Southborough may have to take a hard look at how public monies are spent .This crisis is a game changer for many businesses.

What have we missed? Please provide any additional comments on the listed o...

Don't forget the tolling of route 9. As long as the pike has tolls people will always take route 9 to avoid them

Southborough needs a noise ordinance

Great town but I feel that we are conflicted with the old and new. Especially with a lot of folks that want the old rural feel which no longer exists. The biggest gap this town has is a decent downtown where you can congregate to eat, drink, etc. I believe we can create that but the towns leaders need to put a master plan in place. Something that will require both private and public entities to contribute. I believe this is more important than burying the powerlines in the main street. The beneficiaries are the private schools and they should pay for them with their tax free money Good luck.

The library should be built in an area that does not get flooded

Close Fayville Post Office in deference to having just one post office. Work with home owners and/ or landlords who face a Route 9 to clean up their property. Work with the state to have regular trash pick up that often lies on the sides of Route 9 within the area of Route 9 in Southborough. AND FINALLY BEAUTIFY THE DOWNTOWN IN SOME APPRECIABLE WAY AND RESOLVE WITH THE OWNER OF THE VACANT LOT AT THE CORNER OF NEWTON STREET AND MAIN STREET TO EITHER BUIKD SOMETHING THERE OR MAKE IT INTO A PKEASANT GREEN SPACE EVEN IF IT IS JUST GRASS. THE LOT IS AN EMBARRASMENT TO THE TOWN. ALSO WORK WITH CHRIS LAMY TO RECONSTRUCT AN ATTRACTIVE SIDEWALK WITH CURBING ON HIS PROPERTY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CORNER OF MAIN STREET AND ROUTE 30.

bike trails

PLEASE - tell your member who is posting (anonymously) incorrect and inflammatory comments on mysouthborough to 'cut it out'. Many people know who this person is - this behavior does NO GOOD for your committee. Thank you,

The downtown area needs a facelift

Open Space is key to maintaining Southborough's character, quality of life and beauty as a Town. Lose that, and you've lost everything. Open Space and town prosperity go hand in hand and are not mutually exclusive concepts.

more connecting sidewalks would be nice, examples: new developments that have sidewalks to nowhere, I feel the builder should be made to install sidewalks on roads leading to the development

Non-profits should not benefit at the expense of residential communities.

PILOT Payments from non-profits Increase resident engagement with Town government

What have we missed? Please provide any additional comments on the listed o...

Coronavirus changes everything. Likely we will rethinking how we work, where we live, shop, recreate, relax, how we school children. Transportation? Likely need to replace crowded public transit but with what? Trends towards city living likely to revert to exodus. senior housing - assisted living and Nursing homes? All changing. Everything in Society has changed.

The town has been taken over by private schools. This is particularly true of the downtown area. They do no add to the tax base. The town needs to find a way to end this encroachment.

Solarize Southborough. Close zoning loopholes that allowed Cains crossing. Get dogs off school property where they do not belong. Enforce the leash law and fine dog owners who do not pick up their dog crap. Enforce existing nuisance laws regarding loud motorcycles and cars. Just because several of the police officers are motor heads doesn't mean the rest of the town has to suffer with smelly loud and ILLEGAL vehicles on the road.

Keep the rural feel and character without strangling us with taxes!

Put citizens first over developers and businesses. However we need to encourage businesses & get their tax revenue without hurting those who call SB home.

End of Report