

Q38 Are there any comments you would like to share?

Answered: 341 Skipped: 536

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It's way past time for the town of Windham to have a sensible lighting ordinance. Trespass LED lighting is ruining the quality of life for this resident.	12/6/2024 5:40 AM
2	I have owned and operated a retail gift shop in Windham for over 30 years. Sad to say tourists come in and say, "this whole town smells like pot!" "There are a lot of pot shops in this town!" I have called the town numerous times over the past 5 years. We get temporary results, but the smell still remains. There are over 45 new apartments next to the pot farm on the corner of Page Road and Route 302. I will go over there with the town phone number, and make all these new residence aware that I have been told we do not have to tolerate this smell. Maybe additional phone calls to the town will make this pot farm owner do something about it.	12/3/2024 8:15 AM
3	I would like to see a community center in Windham so that I do not have to travel into Westbrook.	11/30/2024 5:54 AM
4	-I would love to see yellow flashing arrows for turning left at stop lights to help alleviate traffic on 302. -All the growth happening on and around 302 what is the plan to increase flow of traffic on 302 or bypass it? -A lot of business look pretty dumpy and make our town look gross. I would love an ordinance that requires keeping signs nice, storefronts nice and this one's hard but maybe residential yards nice.	11/26/2024 3:51 PM
5	Would like Windham to have a bulk waste trash pickup day. Would like the Windham Library to spend less money on books promoting the left and liberal views. let's try and be fair and balanced in the books purchased for the town.	11/26/2024 3:17 PM
6	Kudos to finally getting a sewer system in place to protect the watershed in North Windham.	11/25/2024 10:13 AM
7	The amount of residential development in recent years is way too much. I don't know how the schools and roadways can continue to support the influx, and although there is a plan to help with traffic issues it's still a concern. Also, all of the renters in the new rental units don't contribute to the town taxes but utilize the services.	11/24/2024 9:31 PM
8	There needs to be better services and more attention to and less negativity to the parts of Windham that are not connected to Windham Proper	11/23/2024 12:56 PM
9	Windham seems to have sold its soul to the devil when it comes to retail establishments and chain restaurants. There is no cohesive town feeling or community but rather just a place to go to Walmart and Home Depot and terrible restaurants. Windham has no character and if it weren't for the beauty of the lakes and proximity to Portland and other cute towns like Bridgeton and Gorham and Portland we would probably not be living in Windham.	11/23/2024 9:59 AM
10	We need to figure out traffic flow to Raymond it is brutal.	11/22/2024 9:39 AM
11	Stop the growth	11/22/2024 9:37 AM
12	Bless you all for the work you do for our town. Thank you.	11/21/2024 1:47 PM
13	I am concerned about group housing. They should not be in residential areas (children around) and should be well supervised. property maintenance is also an issue, we don't need our property values compromised.	11/21/2024 1:38 PM
14	stop building	11/21/2024 11:18 AM
15	I would like Parks and Rec to take back senior shopping, a great program that was handed over to RTP. It is not working.	11/21/2024 11:05 AM
16	I was treated very badly for a complaint by code enforcement. the person in that office did not sound like they knew anything about environmental law/rules	11/21/2024 10:11 AM
17	Windham is growing too fast. North Windham has far too much traffic. 302, as you enter from Westbrook, is very unattractive.	11/20/2024 2:30 PM

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18	I appreciate the opportunity to offer my opinion. Well done!	11/20/2024 1:35 PM
19	Taxes need to be lower for retired residents. They have already paid too much	11/20/2024 8:44 AM
20	Our biggest concern is the huge increase in property taxes this year. It is on everyone's mind. People are very unhappy about an enormous increase, in some cases 30 percent. Horrible.	11/19/2024 4:39 PM
21	Enforce the upkeep in landscaping and appearance of the strip in NoW- weedy and gross, unattractive plants (all new developments plant as required but existing look neglected-Post Office & Shaws plazas). Stop with the developing ontop of the road (Clark Insurance, new housing past Dominos) sooo close to the road! Stop allowing so many copy cat ugly houses from being developed on all the rural areas in southern half of Windham. Make the bypass roads a priority in NoW!!! Trim the Japanese knot weed (aka "bamboo")that grows all along the sides of the road, blocks driving visibility when pulling out of roads and will continue to be invasive with zero control	11/18/2024 6:29 PM
22	I would prefer to opt our taxes out of trash services please as the new service does not work well for us. Thanks for reaching out to get our opinions.	11/18/2024 5:24 PM
23	I think our business district needs beautification. Something to make people think it's charming	11/18/2024 4:48 PM
24	Constructive Criticism It is clear our road treatments for snow/winter are not up to par with surrounding towns. There's a drastic difference as soon as you hit Westbrook or Cumberland. This is the only time it's a relief to not be in Windham. Also, it would be nice if we could enforce code enforcement in relation to inhabitable and/or condemning residences. Lastly, let's give the Windham Town Hall a face lift! The outside of our town hall looks a little frumpy and not a good representation of our town to visitors/newcomers. Maybe some elegant letters that spell out Windham could spruce it up.	11/18/2024 4:35 PM
25	As a retired senior I'm being tax out of Windham on a fixed income	11/18/2024 2:54 PM
26	I am pleased that you have this survey	11/18/2024 2:12 PM
27	Please listen to the people that live here, not the people who might live here. It matters to us now, so we still want to live here.	11/18/2024 1:51 PM
28	No	11/18/2024 12:07 PM
29	None	11/18/2024 11:52 AM
30	Windham needs a community center for indoor activities	11/18/2024 11:45 AM
31	No	11/18/2024 9:41 AM
32	Be me proactive in keeping windhams lgbtq+ community safe.	11/17/2024 8:24 AM
33	Excellent survey	11/16/2024 1:06 PM
34	There is not enough police presence on 302 we need to have the speeding caught. Live in a town know as the green mile is so sad. Why have we allowed so many pot shops within such a small area. For our police we need to support them and have more. Stop putting money into walking trails and take care of our police so they can protect us.	11/15/2024 6:03 PM
35	Development needs to consider water supply. Many of us are still on well - a dug well. we are in a drought again and can't connect to water district. Don't add more dwellings until water lines can be extend. It creates more problem.	11/13/2024 3:34 PM
36	The road plan should be accelerated- 302/115 are dangerous	11/13/2024 10:33 AM
37	I am troubled by the uncontrolled speeds that people drive and the constant running of red lights. This pertains especially to the retail segment of 302 in windham. the traffic light at the intersection of 115 and 302 gets way backed up coming to and from The direction of Gray. Exiting from the post office on to 115 can be intimidating, especially because of cars exiting from Walgreens at the same time. DI want to bring to your attention the speeding traffic going through Dutton Hill Rd and onto Center Rd. At least 50 mph, is my guess, when cars approach the straight of way that begins before the town line. Speed limit on Center rd is 45. I have pretty much given up walking on this, "my"road. (I live on Rural Hill rd) Pedestrians have to walk in the dirt on the side of the road, which is not always maintained. This is a main thoroughfare, i hope you realize, to the center of Gray. It is A short cut for those preferring to not go the longer way on 202. And, FYI, the walk-way between WalMart and Shaws is	11/13/2024 9:35 AM

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unmaintained, has shrubbery completely overgrowing the walkway, is loaded with invasive bittersweet (and is unlit, i think). I have mentioned this to WalMart who is reportedly responsible for the maintenance of that walkway. Perhaps you can at least give them a nudge? Thanks.

38	Stop over developing my town! I hate it and it makes me want to move away	11/12/2024 4:15 PM
39	Traffic on 302 is insane. Every morning I pick up little nip bottles at the end of my driveway, so people are drinking and driving on the road.	11/12/2024 10:32 AM
40	No	11/12/2024 9:33 AM
41	No	11/11/2024 12:56 PM
42	Only the comments I left on the previous page,about social services,general assistance people that work there	11/11/2024 10:21 AM
43	I don't mind taxes going up if it makes sense and something is provided by the increase such as more services, parks, playground, community center, or other community offerings. Also to support emergency workers	11/11/2024 8:48 AM
44	There's too many people living in Windham we're not big enough to have this many people in this town driving in Windham is a nightmare	11/11/2024 8:03 AM
45	No	11/10/2024 10:49 PM
46	I like be the library. The staff is amazing. However, the library could use better funding for services and resources.	11/10/2024 10:31 PM
47	Thank you for asking!	11/10/2024 10:19 PM
48	Fact checking the vocal minority, and not permitting the spread of misinformation.	11/10/2024 9:27 PM
49	Overall I am happy with living in the town. I see high taxes as being a major factor in people being able to continue living here. I have contemplated an out of state move due to the ever increasing taxes without the tangible return on the increases	11/9/2024 8:35 AM
50	Thanks and keep up the good work! Also - really appreciate the new trash service. Great communication on setting up for it and timelines were followed so good planning apparent!	11/8/2024 4:30 PM
51	Manager dont return emails/answer resident questions. Police need to work on traffic - too many issues	11/8/2024 3:33 PM
52	Sidewalks are so needed! Also green space and community areas in the commercial area	11/7/2024 2:02 PM
53	Need more awareness of the deaf community. We're here but obstacles remain. Police services (non-emergency) recently required the use of the phone. The "TTY" outside was for emergency only. Had to come back another time with someone who could use phone in lobby. Not appropriate.	11/6/2024 10:49 AM
54	You lacked questions about the school system, curriculum, school board, and leaders. Their dismissal of concerned citizens.	11/6/2024 9:11 AM
55	More frequent. And shorter surveys. Fix the traffic downtown. Or stop shoehorning people into the damn town!	11/6/2024 7:11 AM
56	No, well done	11/5/2024 5:43 PM
57	I grew up and lived in Windham since 1978. The infrastructure cannot handle all these housing and apartment complexes going up. I feel Windham town officials care more about getting revenue for property taxes by allowing all these housing, apartment complexes, and big buildings at the corners of North Windham. The Sizzler restaurant spot has been vacant for years now, that would of been a better place for Bangor Savings bank. The middle school should of been built on the baseball fields by Field Allen and next to the middle school. This way the school would be on the same campus. When the new middle school opens, the old building could of been torn down and the baseball fields added. People had the choice to vote on a new middle school or pay to have the current one renovated. Now we have a new middle school coming and we still have to put money into the old one for a community center, talk about being blind-sided.	11/5/2024 2:37 PM
58	I grew up here in So Windham and currently live there.	11/5/2024 12:17 PM

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59	Thanks for reaching out with this survey	11/5/2024 8:05 AM
60	We need places to live! There are no jobs here! The rentals are over \$2,000 a month! We cannot buy a home and raise children because all the homes are half a million dollars with an 8% interest rate, and the old people that run this entire state don't care, because they got theirs and they want everyone else to suffer and serve them and be homeless.	11/4/2024 6:59 PM
61	I live on James Way, a private road by Forest Lake. While I understand the reasoning behind the halting of winter road maintenance for private roads, I find it illogical that roads with existing arrangements were not grandfathered in. The town approved the development of my neighborhood with 40+ plus homes with the understanding that plowing would be provided by the town and these services were provided for a decade just to be reneged. Yet our property taxes continue to increase significantly, without consideration for the impact this change has on our actual market value— nor the fear we have about emergency services being able to access us if the private plowing is not timely or unable to clear the road as effectively as the larger town equipment. Half of the homes in the neighborhood are behind on dues due to the required increase to compensate for the cost of winter services in conjunction with the annual hike in of our property taxes. The town of Windham has a responsibility to its residents and its commitments— this was pulling a rug out from under residents. If the private road cannot be plowed, Windham should either investigate how to obtain ownership of the roads where there is a large number of residents or re-evaluate the impact of this on tax assessments.	11/4/2024 6:14 PM
62	Every time I see the police in the community they are hiding behind the mall, the veterans center or school doing nothing	11/4/2024 6:05 PM
63	Barry Tibbetts is an outstanding town manager, and I appreciate all he does for our community.	11/3/2024 1:50 PM
64	I am grateful Windham is doing this survey in hopes of “ tweaking” some things in the community. I live in an Apartment Bldg that has no recycling and it makes me crazy!! And also that there are no handicapped parking spots saved for residents and guests. Seems very odd in this day and age.	11/3/2024 10:23 AM
65	Basically I feel that Windham is a good community to live in. However, most recently I feel the town is making some poor decisions regarding where new buildings are being placed (for example the bank on the corner of 302 and 115). Also, instead of building single level homes for seniors to afford, the only thing being built are apartment complexes with a very high rental.	11/2/2024 1:01 PM
66	None, thank you for making the survey	11/2/2024 12:33 PM
67	Most concerned about local taxes, non-car transportation, slowing and controlling traffic speed.	11/2/2024 9:33 AM
68	It's clear that Windham's population is growing substantially. I've noticed a lot of different ethnicities and languages and wondered if we are welcoming many immigrants to the area with financial assistance. I've seen and heard of increased crime, increased traffic, which has lowered my comfort level living here. I work hard and to see immigrants getting so many handouts is incredibly frustrating. They can afford better housing than me and the hard working couples all around me, families that can't afford to feed and care for their children, etc. I realize the government and the state are providing much of the assistance, but please as a community, do what you can to keep them out before we become like the town of Lewiston! When I moved here 4 years ago, I thought it would be a great area to buy a home, but now I've started looking elsewhere as it seems the town of Windham has different objectives	11/2/2024 8:11 AM
69	the construction this summer has been very painful - 1st. to live near it and 2. to have to travel through it each day. the lighting in South Windham to walk to Red City Ale house is HORRIBLE. NO LIGHTS AT ALL IN THE PARKING LOT NEAR NEW FIRE HOUSE AND THAT IS WHERE THEY WANT YOU TO PARK - NO LIGHTS AT ALL!	11/1/2024 3:06 PM
70	Please explore the Town of Windham purchasing and managing Lakeside Dr. and James Way neighborhood. It is too big and there are too many homes for it to continue as a private road. We need paving and infrastructure so we can safely access our homes and receive fair value on our property taxes.	11/1/2024 11:01 AM
71	I wish the library would switch to Libby, much better user experience. Need sidewalks in residential areas. There is not a safe place to run and walk. I tripped on the side of the road that was torn up and needed stitches in my knee. North Windham traffic is a nightmare; I rather go to Westbrook or Falmouth to shop and eat	10/31/2024 5:51 PM
72	First Item: People drop a substantial number of rugs, air conditioners, portable heaters, etc. on	10/31/2024 5:42 PM

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our rural roadside. Riverside Recycling charges a fortune to accept these items. Public Works sometimes picks them up from the roadside; sometimes not. This is a significant problem.

Second Item: I understand that traditionalists are in the minority in our Town. However, (1) the majority leftist Town leaders implement their philosophies without softening them for the sake of the offended 45% minority, and (2) Town leaders and many residents present the majority leftist viewpoints with hubris, disdaining traditional viewpoints as illegitimate. As a result, I feel marginalized as a traditionalist in the Town. It appears to me that thousands of residents feel this way. That's not a happy Town, but I don't think Town leaders care about this dimension of "inclusivity."

73	None	10/31/2024 5:11 PM
74	I wish the town stuck to being open 5 days a week and not closed on Fridays.	10/31/2024 9:14 AM
75	A 47% raise on residential taxes was over the top and has effected many retired people.	10/30/2024 6:33 PM
76	I would really appreciate more policing of the roadways. The speed limit seems to be an option these days. I understand attending to domestic violence may take preference but the violence is spilling out into the streets. I am concerned for neighborhoods especially with young children,	10/30/2024 3:23 PM
77	Too many repetitive questions. I do not want to be asked for my personal info (even if it's optional) or I want it clearly stated it's optional. My household income and family dynamics are not necessary to share.	10/30/2024 10:37 AM
78	I don't use facebook, and I generally need to get news about what's happening from friends who do. It makes me feel out of the loop. I wasn't aware there was a newsletter, and I wish there were better avenues of communication to people not on social media.	10/29/2024 8:48 PM
79	Not happy with the exponential growth, increased traffic, and the high taxes	10/29/2024 7:59 PM
80	I like the new trash collection. The bins hold more and keep trash and recycling off the ground. One issue I see is the people in the town who over stuff their bins or pile additional bags of trash around it. It was clearly stated in the paperwork provided by the town not to do so. Would there be any option to allow people to purchase additional bins? This may help prevent them leaving trash on the road. The other issue is the people who leave their bins out by the side of the road for days and even weeks at a time. This will become a hazard once it snows. I appreciate the work done by the town to roll this program out. Code Enforcement issues There are many junk unregistered vehicles around town. This brings down the appearance of the town as well as causes a potential safety hazard. There are people on drugs living on family property in a camper surrounded by trash on Highland Cliff road. I've driven by and seen people passed out. Too many canabis stores allowed in town. Near daycares and neighborhoods. Canabis store allowed for growing and customer pick up in a farmland zone residential area. This impacts traffic as well as I've seen people smoking joints as they leave the house the business is at. The people in the surrounding houses have to deal with increased traffic speeding up and down the road as well as a 3am weekly trash pickup for the business in a residential area. A daycare provider in the area has called the police due to the speeding traffic. Several of the daycare parents have followed the vehicles to the residential road the Canabis home store is located. Many areas in the town have a strong smell of Canabis. I appreciate the police department, ems and fire department. I've had to make an emergency call due to break in as well as medical emergency and they have been quick to respond, professional and helpful. I appreciate the public works employees. They have always been pleasant when doing work in our area. Affordable housing for the elderly is needed in the town. Alot of these other people have lived in the town all their life and if they're trying to downsize they're not able to because of the cost of housing. Thank you.	10/29/2024 7:43 PM
81	The clerks office at the town hall is amazing! Excellent customer service. The ordinance office is so rude. I called one time with a question and they were clearly so put out by a question the woman answering the phone went on for 5 minutes about how busy she/they were (longer than it would have taken to answer the question).	10/29/2024 4:56 PM
82	no	10/29/2024 3:46 PM
83	I would hope you would consider environmental issues when considering development near our precious lakes & ponds. Please consider purchasing more land for conservation to protect our natural resources.	10/29/2024 12:51 PM
84	We would love to see more sidewalks on secondary roads where people walk and run but there	10/29/2024 12:42 PM

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is also a good amount of travel. Ex.: Park Rd.

85	Trash pick up works great in new bins but residents should have to buy bags. Pretty sure free trash pick up for all contributed to the high property taxes.	10/29/2024 12:14 PM
86	I'd love to see Air BnB's limited especially on the lakes. I'd love to see the trails better maintained. Dust Control for Dirt Roads. Love the Recycling, would love to see us have a place to dump & Recycle large trash similar to Gray/New Gloucester. Happy with the Recreation Director and Employees. Happy with Town Clerk Employees. Would love to see CODE checking on development and run off issues from one neighbor to another, especially with homes that are renovating or have new owners. Would love to see CODE more involved with the tree cutting done in neighborhoods near Lakes and Streams.	10/29/2024 12:11 PM
87	Please consider more small business growth. My husband owns a car dealership and would like to open in Windham but it is near impossible with zoning	10/29/2024 10:19 AM
88	Kinda long. Wouldn't be surprised if people stopped before finishing.	10/29/2024 9:35 AM
89	I am very concerned about the utter lack of sidewalks or safe walking or biking for students in the school campus area i.e. Windham Hill area to get to high school, the library and now the new middle school. This is unacceptable! I also want to walk and bike in that area but it is not safe! I am appalled that there isn't a cross walk across from my subdivision to the Windham Hill Church. Many walk across Windham Center Rd. there to walk in the subdivisions but crossing is getting dangerous. A lot of the walker/bikers are elderly and benches to rest are essential in this area! not only for the elderly but those pushing carriages. Please contact me about this issue. (theresa.gauvin@gmail.com) public trails are nice but Windham's are very secluded and unsafe for women, and children, teens unless going in a group. I would never use a secluded trail anywhere by myself. So, Windham needs to do much better with sidewalks for this very reason. There are also no nice, safe public outdoor areas/venues to rest, linger or congregate after biking/walking, to sip your coffee and eat a sandwich you bought locally. If you want people to get food and beverages here, and enjoy the outdoors (remember Covid?) we also need a place to park our bike, or just walk to to enjoy the so-called downtown. Families need this!!!! There isn't an outdoor bench, chair or picnic table to be found anywhere in this town after buying a sandwich. Not even in the awful strip malls we have. That's not a livable, walkable, age in place town. The landscaping or lack thereof of these Strip malls is depressing. Wal greens on 302 side looks terrible. There is No flowers, greenery in the concrete containers this fall going into CVS--ugly! The worst is the strip mall with Aubuchon and Bull Moose where our pathetic town Xmas tree is lit. All of these areas are un-bark-mulched, dirty, grassless areas. This main street is disgraceful. Get some flowers, have some aesthetic standards. We have the most wonderful people in Windham. I have felt safe and have enjoyed it here for those two reasons. And it is a beautiful area naturally, but our human built infrastructure is ugly and unattractive.	10/28/2024 7:57 PM
90	survey was too long	10/28/2024 4:50 PM
91	We hate all the tire mark "graffiti" on the roads. The town should take measures to stop it. Would also like to see better & more transportation options.	10/28/2024 12:41 PM
92	😊	10/28/2024 10:39 AM
93	nil	10/28/2024 10:11 AM
94	No	10/27/2024 8:12 PM
95	It would be nice if the town. Continues to clean up the appearance, especially all along 302. Big concerns about sewer/water/roads/flow of traffic with ongoing growth of the town and the schools not being able to adequately hold and manage the amount of children in the school system	10/27/2024 6:40 PM
96	Taxes are too high, Too many speeding cars. Speed limit to high on 302, west of White Bridge Rd to Raymond line.	10/27/2024 2:50 PM
97	Too much growth, too units been built, too fast. What is the tow going to do about the increase in traffic? And what about the increased need for fire, police and other services? (Schools?). Also, at this point, we could use more public transportation.	10/27/2024 1:03 PM
98	Defund the police!	10/27/2024 12:23 PM
99	I would love to see the town council or the planning board ditch the "put anything, anywhere"	10/27/2024 11:59 AM

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approach to town expansion. North Windham, is a hodge podge of business, big business and residential all mixed together. It looks like a disorganized mess.

100	A traffic light at Rt 302 and Albion road would be helpful. It's not a safe intersection.	10/27/2024 10:46 AM
101	I feel that windham would greatly benefit from the existence of more diversity in places to hang out and do things.	10/26/2024 4:43 PM
102	lower property taxes - they are way too high i love that our homes values have gone up significantly - but our wages haven't and those of us approaching retirement will not be able to afford to live in Windham... it's a shame.... my home's total assessed value has gone from 90k back when i purchased to 900k this year... most of the increase is on the tiny .28 acre land valuation.... very sad about this because i did not pave my land with gold maybe have town hall services available late at least one night per week and i mean like 7pm since they don't work on Fridays.. those of us that travel to portland or elsewhere leave windham at 7am and don't return home until at least 6pm or be open one Sat a month for some morning hours the town cannot be everything to everyone and we should stop trying to save some money. i realize wages, insurance, maint costs to buildings, vehicles and more keep increasing - but there has to be a way for the town to save money - go thru budgets better... give incentives to depts that don't spend their whole budget or to depts that find ways to save money on expenses. this new school that we are building is probably loaded with cost savings - that won't be explored because someone has already decided the cost.... savings can be realized by working with the vendors to determine when manufacturers are offering incentives/discounts to purchase certain building supplies/hvac/IT infrastructure etc.... Thank you for letting me rant a little have a great day!	10/26/2024 10:39 AM
103	I do recognize we are adding more homes however I would like to see more SFD homes rather than the 1000's of apartment which changes the family dynamic of the Town. The 302 corridor is a disaster and really needs a huge over haul to make it safe. The access roads need to happen ASAP.	10/25/2024 1:54 PM
104	We reside in So. Windham, 5 mi from Portland, so it's easier for us to utilize goods and services in Portland. That's why some of our answers are what they are. We love Windham, resided here for the last 58 years. Can't say enough good about the town's services!	10/24/2024 8:51 PM
105	Need to control growth; going too fast	10/24/2024 8:09 PM
106	Low town employee rating due to Barry T not responding to my concerns over the draining of Dundee Pond by Presumpscot Power	10/24/2024 7:49 PM
107	Please stop increasing property taxes and slow down building in north Windham. The area is getting way too congested. Windham use to be a nice little town but now it is getting too busy	10/24/2024 4:05 PM
108	You need more locations for BMV services	10/24/2024 12:37 PM
109	I would love to see better development and planning on the shopping strip on Roosevelt Trail. People complain it looks like Portland. We'd be lucky to have that. It's more like a strip on 128 in MA. No cohesiveness or character. Thanks for asking!	10/24/2024 12:07 PM
110	Lower property taxes, cut school budget.	10/24/2024 12:03 PM
111	Should allow room more comments.	10/24/2024 9:17 AM
112	Took too long	10/24/2024 8:38 AM
113	We need a transfer station!	10/24/2024 7:27 AM
114	Should have one on schools.... I think we need to look at having to cut outside businesses plowing and sanding our schools lots and sidewalks when we have school maintenance people. We also hire outside companies to do landscaping at schools not sure why this is. Time to look at what the school dept is really spending money on in the winter months on services when maint and public works could be stepping up!!!!	10/23/2024 8:18 PM
115	To keep Windham viewed as a premium or high class town, we need to restrict residential development. Primarily affordable housing, apartment and condo complexes. Overdevelopment undermines and under values single family residences and create an instant burden on town infrastructure, traffic, safety, school etc... In addition the town has lost that small town feel for more of a city environment. Town growth should focus on cooperate development or persuading quality white collar business' to be established in the areas, to help attracted high	10/23/2024 3:02 PM

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quality residence and establish Windham as a premier town. Current proception is the town is going backwards and not viewed as premier luxury small town.

116	Would love a community center with indoor playspace for kids, pool, gym, etc. would keep young families here instead of looking elsewhere in surrounding towns.	10/23/2024 2:46 PM
117	We need to do a better job with Landscaping, building appearance, Windham is dumpy compared to other towns.	10/23/2024 2:16 PM
118	Lived in this town my whole life and it is so sad to see what it is becoming- Northern Massachusetts . Traffic nightmare everyday, high taxes and very few services offered	10/23/2024 2:14 PM
119	Taxes way too high-mine went up almost \$1000 this year! Being retired this is unsustainable. Building growth is out of control. Allowing houses and developments anywhere, There will be no green space.	10/23/2024 12:43 PM
120	have only recently moved here, and do not have enough experience to answer many of the questions	10/23/2024 12:34 PM
121	I can't get service on my phone in N Windham. Aggravating when in Hannaford. I have Verizon	10/23/2024 12:26 PM
122	The thing I am most concerned about are rising taxes. This last evaluation raised my mortgage significantly, which is very concerning. I've heard of people being priced out of their homes due to taxes, but I never dreamed it could happen in Windham.	10/23/2024 12:01 PM
123	We live in Windham, and own a business in Windham. The traffic lights are a strong issue for us, the traffic in general is horrible and hard to get anywhere.	10/23/2024 11:03 AM
124	I live in North Windham and prefer to walk to stores/restaurants. Crossing 302 even in a crosswalk is dangerous because drivers do not look for pedestrians. Please get the large pedestrian in crosswalk signs that come on when the crosswalk button is activated.	10/23/2024 7:48 AM
125	Don't become another Portland. Asking questions about social services and such leads me to believe Windham wants to start burdening our tax base by extending certain social services that Portland currently is over-extended on. With my property taxes going up almost \$1000 this past year, I'm beginning to question if Windham is operating a fair budget for its citizens.	10/22/2024 8:54 PM
126	Would like to see better traffic control along 302 and alternate routes coming into town plus making accommodations for all the additional traffic the apartments are going to bring in. Hope police will be doing extra patrols of the apartment complex parking lots...they are very attractive to criminals to boost. Part of the reason we moved to Windham was that it was mostly single family homes which traditionally are more stable in terms of length of stay and building relationships with neighbors. Apartment buildings have higher turnover and residents are less invested in their community.	10/22/2024 8:25 PM
127	Town planning is not in good shape in its current leadership. Local business struggle to get their foot in the door with the current decisions being made. Windham needs a target. Windham needs a better, more executable, and quickly developed downtown. People who are moving to Windham are moving from areas where that exists currently, and it drives in business and community support. Make the town less of a bedroom community and one that is self reliant.	10/22/2024 7:53 PM
128	In looking at my answers, please do not assume that my dissatisfaction with an issue or service means that I feel more is needed; it does not. Often it means we're moving too fast, providing too much with no consideration of cost. Not all of us are "of like mind"; our "No" on an issue is not simply due to our "need to be educated" or our need for our "protection"; perhaps it's due to wisdom.	10/22/2024 5:35 PM
129	We desperately need to address traffic along 302, especially in North Windham. Also need to attract more business options as mentioned in our previous comments and slow the pace of housing development. Houses, condo's etc are being built too fast and I hear of many issues with the quality of the build (especially about 1 builder and I'm sure you are aware of who that is). Builders should be held accountable by the town (no new builds until major issues are address from prior builds within the last 2-3 years of a new build). Not easy, I'm sure but that's what our town leaders need to figure out. Thank you for asking for feedback. We look forward to seeing the unfiltered results (comments included) and what the plan and priority is to address them.	10/22/2024 4:46 PM
130	Appreciate the outreach for feedback	10/22/2024 4:43 PM

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131	My thoughts are too many new developments in the town. With all the new residents why are property taxes still so high.	10/22/2024 3:47 PM
132	No	10/22/2024 11:01 AM
133	It seems over the 11 years I have lived here and it worries me that our taxes have almost doubled in that time and at some point we may be forced to leave due to tax inflation or allocation.	10/22/2024 8:01 AM
134	Property taxes are ridiculously high. New trash cans cost me \$2000 per year! Traffic enforcement (speeding, passing, failure to yield, etc.) is severely lacking. Sewer updates originally proposed to protect lakes now focused only on retail corridor.	10/22/2024 6:54 AM
135	The state as a whole needs to do better with property taxes, how they are spent and making homestead mean a thing. Better take breaks, taxes capped at no more than 3% per year so people aren't taxed out of their homes. Trash should be picked up twice weekly since smaller bins, bulk debris pick up should be added as well.	10/21/2024 9:47 PM
136	North windham is the trouble spot. It was poorly planned, needs bypass roads	10/21/2024 9:44 PM
137	No	10/21/2024 8:06 PM
138	North Windham should have more curb appeal. Very dated shopping plazas. Ciuld use lanterns for lighting, themed flags on telephone poles, planters in summer. More modern signs in plazas.	10/21/2024 6:02 PM
139	Please please stop building condos, homes, apartments ect. WAY WAY too much. Your destroying the quality of life here let alone wildlife. Contractors are doing more than allowed and getting away with it!!! We are fed up with building more and more and more. It's absolutely ridiculous!!! STOP THIS NOW!!!!	10/21/2024 5:00 PM
140	How about synchronizing the traffic lights thru Windham. For instance Walmart light turns green, you just going and have to stop at Home Depot for a red light. That light should be green at the same time as the Walmart light to allow for the flow of traffic to move thru that area. Also at Whites Bridge Rd. Anglers Rd & Rt. 302 The minute a car pulls up at either of those streets the light immediately changes to red for the Rt. 302 traffic to stop for one car to pull out. Really! can I get a light to get out of my street on Rt. 302. Not hardly. Thank you	10/21/2024 4:45 PM
141	None	10/21/2024 4:16 PM
142	taxes in Windham are out of control and pushing older people out of the homes they have lived in and would like to retire in but can't because of taxes going up every year is just out of control.	10/21/2024 1:11 PM
143	Lower the ridiculous car registration fees. You buy a 15 year old car for \$4000 and you pay the original msrp? Crazy!! Give free registration to ALL veterans. They all have sacrificed something. Find the money for roads somewhere else.	10/21/2024 12:57 PM
144	No	10/21/2024 10:39 AM
145	Thanks for asking. Hope that there is a way to give more specific, meaningful input once results are tallied.	10/21/2024 9:04 AM
146	The tax burden this town has put us under is devastating we are considering leaving	10/21/2024 7:43 AM
147	Too many questions—most people will not complete this	10/20/2024 11:26 PM
148	I'm glad that growth and traffic concerns are presented here. The town is being over developed residentially and it will drive native residents out, which should not be the goal. Also traffic laws are not followed by anyone and they need to be strictly, strictly enforced with serious repercussions. The driving culture is disgusting and needs fixing	10/20/2024 9:27 PM
149	Moved here 21 years ago. Enjoy the town. Think the school system is excellent. Third grandchild now in school system. I taught in Portland for many years,	10/20/2024 9:05 PM
150	Stop building 1 and 2 bedroom apartments that are not family friendly and are just causing more traffic. Fix the roads first	10/20/2024 8:34 PM
151	It would be great if there was communication to residents about what police/crime events are happening around town. I think we have the right to know since we are paying for police services and we should be made aware of what sort of issues are being dealt with and with	10/20/2024 7:47 PM

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what frequency. No details need to be given about people involved. Just what the issue was that was being responded to and the location, date, and time it occurred.

152	Windham is getting way to big to fast I can't wait to move 302 and 115 is a joke. And who Robie builders paying to approve all these buildings in town it's a joke. We are going to out grow the new high school before we no it. Having all these new buildings and houses in town you think our taxes would go down but no they went up what a joke. I use to love windham now I can't wait to get out. Shame on who is approving all these buildings and housing all you are looking for is \$\$\$\$. Windham is a joke now we are not Portland keep windham small	10/20/2024 7:05 PM
153	In my opinion, there are too many apartments going up in town. I've heard a lot of these will be for low income housing, some will be used to allow immigrants that the Catholic Dioceses need housed. I don't want that. We need ppl in this town who will work and not expect a hand out from the town. Windham has working families, ppl that work hard to earn money and keep a roof over their families. We don't want that to change. Don't let Windham become another Westbrook.	10/20/2024 6:43 PM
154	It was long! Some of the answer options don't really capture my opinion. For example, I'm "highly dissatisfied" with police services because I will never support funding cops, not because I think we need more police presence. Hopefully that comment makes sense!	10/20/2024 5:46 PM
155	We have been lucky to have amazing Town Clerks. Rita. Linda. Both were always fair and neutral. In this insane political environment, we need to protect against radical political rhetoric.	10/20/2024 5:41 PM
156	Property tax cost is getting to the point of a a financial burden. When we move it will be out of town	10/20/2024 4:33 PM
157	No	10/20/2024 4:08 PM
158	We need much more care for our roads and neighborhoods including post storm clean up, road side erosion repair to prevent the road edges from breaking off, proper road edging for the safety of walkers, street lights and much more speed control. Nash Road is a speedway and in dire need of all mentioned. Thank you.	10/20/2024 3:56 PM
159	Do something about the property taxes they went up every year I've been here for the last five years it's unsustainable	10/20/2024 3:42 PM
160	We need more paved roads in our community. Private roads are always a mess. If you approve a development make it paved. Or give a much bigger tax break for people that live on dirt roads.	10/20/2024 3:22 PM
161	Please stop saying yes to every request for a new program, position, equipment or building. We cannot afford this	10/20/2024 2:44 PM
162	Some questions were hard to answer For example... I wanted to comment that the library stopped doing inter-library loans. I don't know if that was a statewide mandate, or if local library change in policy. No where to make specific comments like that	10/20/2024 1:22 PM
163	Your property taxes are killing us (retired-fixed income). Specifically, the school budget.	10/20/2024 1:13 PM
164	No	10/20/2024 12:58 PM
165	Please enforce the sign ordinance, there are far too many political signs cluttering roadways. They're ugly and distracting.	10/20/2024 12:46 PM
166	Would like to have lower property taxes for homeowners who are adults only, no children and not using the school systems Since such a large percentage goes towards school systems.	10/20/2024 12:38 PM
167	I think you would get far better survey results if library patrons were surveyed annually as they used the library, and if you surveyed area realtors regarding the mix of housing available, etc. Most importantly, this survey provided zero information on the specific services or activities currently offered - particularly the trends over time on town spending, traffic accidents, police call-outs, fire emergencies, new housing builds, etc. and public usage of the various services, but you wanted our opinion on them. You MUST provide detailed info and trends over time for us to have informed opinions on these things. Only then can we know if we usually get sufficient info from the town about them, and if we feel the trend is heading in the right direction or not.	10/20/2024 12:07 PM
168	Windham is becoming too expensive to live in. Taxes increase but services and infrastructure does not improve. 302 has been developed with a complete lack of planning. Just build it and	10/20/2024 11:35 AM

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then residents deal with aftermath. Re-think main 302 shopping district. Road, dangerous center turning lanes and poorly timed traffics lights

169	Please add speed bumps and sidewalks on Chute Rd. People drive way too fast and it is dangerous to go for a walk.	10/20/2024 11:12 AM
170	We need to do something about the garbage accumulating on the side of the road, can we hire someone a few times/year to clean up trash? Use prisoner workforce or people that need to do community service as part of a sentence? A bulk waste pick up a few times/year would be great. Also need more trash receptacles at the park and covered bridge area. People are not doing carry in and out. North Windham commercial area could use some beautification, updating and traffic control. Overall Windham is a great place to live. The parks and rec is amazing. New trash/recycling program is a huge upgrade. Schools are amazing, the community values education. Look at Scarborough they can't approve anything for their schools or library. Windham has approved the new middle school. We have so many community programs and public spaces. School transportation department is amazing!	10/20/2024 9:12 AM
171	no	10/20/2024 8:54 AM
172	Put an end to speeding, running red lights, and noisy vehicles including motorcycles.	10/20/2024 8:43 AM
173	It would be nice to have town office open on Fridays	10/20/2024 8:33 AM
174	Please provide house trash pick up on private street Natilie Lane. We must take it up to end of street. Aprox 200 to 300 yards.	10/20/2024 8:21 AM
175	Enforce speed limits in rural areas.	10/20/2024 8:19 AM
176	If we don't slow down our growth, the Windham we all talk about and want to protect will be gone.	10/19/2024 8:54 PM
177	Emergency services blasting down Pope Rd with sirens at any time of day, regardless of actual traffic. Feels like they just want to go 'wee woo' sometimes with little care for residents along this road. It'd be nice if they could cut down, especially because we're so residential and relatively low traffic. This isn't 302 or 202 but an in-between access road folks. Our house is set back somewhat and we still feel the sirens in our bones when they tear by on a call/emergency. Also, the impersonality and 'doesn't matter if you don't like it' feeling of the recent property reassessments.	10/19/2024 8:27 PM
178	Nah	10/19/2024 7:48 PM
179	Note definitions or examples	10/19/2024 7:36 PM
180	STOP THE DEVELOPMENT IN TOWN. Also, enough with the private roads. I pay exorbitant taxes to this town and receive absolutely NOTHING in return. My road doesn't connect to ANY Windham roads, so I literally NEVER drive in Windham unless I have no choice. We get no maintenance, you cons took away our road plowing last year... the road is too long and was designed incorrectly - there is no way private citizens can possibly maintain it correctly, so my cars continually get destroyed... as my taxes increase exponentially. All the farmland that attracted me to this area is going away to make way for enormous apartment complexes that are a drain on resources. The comment on Facebook is always, "If you don't like it, you should attend town meetings." I shouldn't HAVE to attend town meetings. The elected officials should understand what their constituents want - and it's clearly NOT what they're voting for. If I could move away from here, I would absolutely do it in a heartbeat.	10/19/2024 7:32 PM
181	I would really like to reiterate the importance of having at least one park with jungle gyms in South Windham/ Little falls. So many children live in this area and could really use it. Maybe a jungle gym could be installed in the proposed senior center on high street in the old elementary school? Seniors would have fun watching the children play and kids in the area could walk there easily and safely.	10/19/2024 7:13 PM
182	Thank you for reaching out!	10/19/2024 6:10 PM
183	No	10/19/2024 5:55 PM
184	We're doing the best we can with what know.	10/19/2024 5:17 PM
185	Not satisfied with a \$1000 increase in taxes in 1 yr.	10/19/2024 4:39 PM
186	should have brush and leave pick up 2 times a year.	10/19/2024 1:28 PM

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187	I'm invested in Windham for life. This town in my opinion is in a great position to reinvent itself(look at Westbrook). Please don't turn it into a strip mall	10/19/2024 12:41 PM
188	Stop the overflow of apartments buildings! Traffic is bs on all routes to No Windham	10/19/2024 12:32 PM
189	We need our road PAVED!!! WE HAVE ASKED, AND ASKED, AND ASKED....	10/19/2024 12:17 PM
190	We love living in Windham and appreciate the folks working at the town hall for their great service.	10/19/2024 12:13 PM
191	No	10/19/2024 12:08 PM
192	NA	10/19/2024 12:05 PM
193	Too many questions that were very similar. You asked the same question in multiple ways, a few times.	10/19/2024 11:26 AM
194	I feel the growth and multi family dwellings are not well thought out and way too much for this small town. The influx on 302 alone is staggering. Better planning is needed to keep the small town feeling. Almost too late!	10/19/2024 10:57 AM
195	no	10/19/2024 10:56 AM
196	Not thrilled about the new clunkiness of the new waste system	10/19/2024 10:21 AM
197	I believe because of the depth of the survey and hopefully the town fathers will use it for improvements that this can be very helpful for future growth	10/19/2024 9:45 AM
198	Taxes are too high	10/19/2024 9:17 AM
199	We love Windham. It's a perfect town for us. The town does almost everything right. My biggest concerns are the traffic and the apartments springing up in every corner taking woods away. As the town grows I see a divide in the town and I'm worried in ten/twenty years the town will be stretched thin in resources and divided in how to proceed.	10/19/2024 8:59 AM
200	25% property tax increase-seriously? Why did we need a newer form of garbage disposal services? New construction 15' from the road is dangerous at intersections and ugly all over town. I sent a letter to town manager with a problem and never received a response. Is there an installation date yet for a traffic light to be installed at Rt. 302 and Albion Road? Why doesn't Windham offer a senior discount for internet services like surrounding towns?	10/19/2024 3:53 AM
201	Town still challenged with mentality of limiting growth and going back to times gone by. Do need to protect our ground water as grow continues. Need affordable housing, realistic rents and mortgages.	10/19/2024 12:11 AM
202	I'd like to see better plowing/snow removal this year. It used to be SO good, but over the last winter (and part of the winter before), it was NOT so good~	10/18/2024 11:23 PM
203	Traffic is very bad especially in the summer. Construction timing is very poorly planned.	10/18/2024 10:35 PM
204	Have our town people reply to us when we visit them Windham town office great on service Mow town land next to our highways Slow these cars down that have noisy mufflers & motorcycles mufflers	10/18/2024 9:02 PM
205	Yes the trash toter I was given won't hold enough trash what are options. My house is on River rd across from the unity church coming south there are three hills then a passing zone I have almost been killed twice pulling out of my driveway making a right while someone is passing going very fast coming right at me The passing zone is in a residential area and needs to be put to double solid line for safety sake it's just as dangerous getting mail or putting out trash because drivers go so fast here there are never any police checking speeds	10/18/2024 8:29 PM
206	No	10/18/2024 8:11 PM
207	I would like to see businesses or retail property owners be held accountable for keeping buildings and property maintained and landscaped better. Our downtown looks so rundown.	10/18/2024 7:19 PM
208	Brought up many times is the four way intersection of Albion Rd. and RT 302. A traffic light is needed there sooner than later! This is a major issue that has to be fixed. Shouldn't be delayed any further by the DOT.	10/18/2024 7:18 PM
209	New rental buildings have outrageously high rents. Commuter and summer traffic very heavy.	10/18/2024 7:04 PM

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	Needs solutions .	
210	None	10/18/2024 6:11 PM
211	Overall I am very happy to live in Windham. I'm not happy with the amount of multi-unit buildings rapidly being constructed. I do appreciate that the town council is trying to keep these buildings restricted to certain areas thus preserving our more rural / farmland areas. Taxes are way out of control. We are retired and are fortunate to live on Little Sebago (we worked our hard for that privilege) but property taxes are \$1000 +/- month of our budget. That's ridiculous! But it is also more of a state wide problem than just a Windham problem.	10/18/2024 5:52 PM
212	No	10/18/2024 5:38 PM
213	Why is there predatory content eg drag queen picture books at eye level of the toddler play area in the town library? Why is there always LGBT content around the children's area?	10/18/2024 5:10 PM
214	STOP the over building ASAP! Town has gone down hill fast due to the overwhelming building you have allowed	10/18/2024 5:09 PM
215	Stop the invasion of investment groups and wealthy tax evasion	10/18/2024 4:01 PM
216	All the towns citizens are being taxed out of there homes. The citizens are angry so hopefully a message will be sent this yrat by voting down all the bond issues.	10/18/2024 3:46 PM
217	No	10/18/2024 3:39 PM
218	I have young kids that will attend Windham public schools. I would like to know what Windham is doing for the safety of these kids/teachers. How do we prevent guns from making it in the schools because eventually it will happen in every town at this rate if real action is not taken. What can be done on a town level? We cannot wait for the government on this, clearly the partisanship will not allow real action to be taken. Thanks!	10/18/2024 3:35 PM
219	Multi unit dwellings will create more crime and traffic, as-well as tax increases. Windham is losing its small town charm.	10/18/2024 3:34 PM
220	We need to not let people like Adam Zajac coach our youth sports teams . Look at how he speaks to people on community boards. He's an embarrassment and if he's a coach my sons won't play.	10/18/2024 3:30 PM
221	North Windham needs a bi-pass. The overall look of the downtown 302 area needs a complete makeover. Right now it looks like rt 1 in Saugus Mass. North Windham lacks charm and a visual appeal. Traffic is awful as you know. Also, wouldn't mind seeing sidewalks and bike paths in residential neighborhoods. It's very dangerous to walk these days. Thank you.	10/18/2024 3:11 PM
222	Traffic flow is the biggest issue right now	10/18/2024 3:07 PM
223	Yes, when will the Town install year round public water on Basin Rd? It will have to be done as the pipes on Basin road are iron and were installed in the 1930s. Unsafe water conditions that will have to be addressed sooner than later. Peoples health are involved.	10/18/2024 3:03 PM
224	Please listen to the people	10/18/2024 2:45 PM
225	this survey is just an overview nothing substantial.	10/18/2024 2:35 PM
226	No	10/18/2024 1:39 PM
227	Town is growing to Fast	10/18/2024 1:38 PM
228	I wish I was able to provide context in my answers. After reading through the budget items for 24/25 it is clear how much waste is given out. With doubling taxes you are continuing to increase the cost of living in town.	10/18/2024 1:07 PM
229	Some of the homes are over valued as you only see the exterior. Some of the 40 plus old homes are under valued as they have had significant repairs and upgrades. The property taxes are a heavy burden now, unfortunately	10/18/2024 1:00 PM
230	Shorten or provide a progress indicator so that people know how much more they have to go. Please improve the town website! It is very difficult to find even simple information. Perhaps this is a failure of the search function within the website?	10/18/2024 12:19 PM
231	The infrastructure can NOT handle the balance of growth. Thus all dept's are over burdened	10/18/2024 11:08 AM

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especially public works. Due to overgrowth there is no year round dump site areas, roads can't handle the traffic or natural disasters. You lack a natural disaster emergency management plan. Policing services also are burdened due to overgrowth without an infrastructure in place. Thereby before you allow to build something, assure all levels of your dept's can handle the increased population. As seasonal owner get taxation without representation. My deed as also my neighbors deeds state that we are to have access on sposedo road to 302. Having it closed for 2 years is unacceptable, make it available on the weekends that owners have to right to access the road. On public easements there is NO legal police protection or law enforcement or safety such as speeding, excessive trespassers, littering (even dumping a toilet on owner's property), and 911 calls go to cumberland county not windham. There is a state law that if you are not a resident you can not speak at town council meetings, although the council is open and accommodating to allow people to speak, I fear that there may be a lawsuit for violations to the law.

232	rapid building of apartments and traffic flow needs to be addressed and better planned.	10/18/2024 10:31 AM
233	Too much growth happening without planning for the whole picture such as crowding, traffic, increased crime and costs to upkeep schools and public spaces.	10/18/2024 9:52 AM
234	Stop the growth of apartment buildings. Do more with aesthetics of the town. Route 302 looks like Rt 1 in Saco - embarrassing.	10/18/2024 6:47 AM
235	I feel like we only hear from radicals in Windham, or individuals that are angry at people "from away". Even some school teachers publicly direct their anger at people "from away." We moved to Windham to be closer to family, but housing is impossible, and affordable housing is unheard of. There are too many new apartment complexes, but no new single family homes,	10/17/2024 9:56 PM
236	I dislike all the duplex and apartment complexes and how that impacts road use, school over crowding and more. I strongly feel that Windham needs to have more areas for recreation and preservation. And we love the library. I also wish that parks and rec had more youth programs like kids running clubs, etc	10/17/2024 9:20 PM
237	The receptionist at the code office was rude and unhelpful. Everyone else at town hall has been great	10/17/2024 9:12 PM
238	Slow the residential growth!	10/17/2024 9:05 PM
239	no	10/17/2024 8:16 PM
240	What happened to plans for a community Pool?	10/17/2024 6:55 PM
241	No	10/17/2024 6:16 PM
242	nope	10/17/2024 2:01 PM
243	Needed estimate of time needed to complete. Opportunity for comments after each section. Trash has become a mute issue. New program seems to be working well. Appreciate that. The town/community rallies around some, but others are ignored/not assisted. It's a bad reflection on our community. Partnering with Habitat for Humanity would be an option. The towns Social Service Department seems to be really lacking for those living on the edge. Our town/ community needs some partnerships. A way to facilitate assistance. "Go fund me" and the like work for the "in crowd" but not so much for those who are rough around the edges.	10/17/2024 1:35 PM
244	No	10/17/2024 11:27 AM
245	I think our town council is outdated and needs a shake up with term limits. Very single minded and "good ole boy" focused	10/17/2024 10:42 AM
246	Lower property taxes for seniors!	10/17/2024 10:10 AM
247	Way too many questions	10/17/2024 9:12 AM
248	The Town Manager is a tool of developers. Biased and corrupt.	10/17/2024 12:29 AM
249	(This is for sharing with the town for purposes of the survey, not the public.) We love living here. The community is friendly, people are courteous, and it's beautiful. That said, I wish the library was larger and had more options (book club is impossible without enough copies). The staff is fantastic there, and the programs are great! Just wish there were more books (especially ebooks). We walk Gambo frequently, but it's a nightmare in the winter because it isn't cleared of snow. There is no community center here, and no quaint downtown. It feels like	10/16/2024 9:12 PM

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a strip mall suburb. The community park is great for young people, but there aren't enough paved areas for older folks to walk (with geriatric dogs). We don't have sidewalks on our road, and it's too dangerous to walk because of blind hills and fast cars. As more people figure out how wonderful it is here Windham, and Maine in general, is going to grow so managing that growth with new roads and housing (including low income housing) will be important. We don't mind paying more in taxes to support the services we want to see (infrastructure, trails, library, etc.). The town can't please everyone, but the areas of focus I would like to see are accessible parks/trails, population growth management, and plans for more intense storms, power outages, flooding, etc. There are many challenges out there, and surveys are a great way to get feedback on what's important to us. Overall though, I think the town is doing a good job. PS: We love the new trash/recycling program!

250	Nope covered it all	10/16/2024 7:23 PM
251	Cut property taxes!	10/16/2024 6:32 PM
252	You are behind in getting quality pickleball? We have no Main Street. Outgrowing the schools.	10/16/2024 5:50 PM
253	We need to make sure the schools can handle our growth.	10/16/2024 5:30 PM
254	Better enforcement of red lights in North Windham. Maybe video enforcement	10/16/2024 4:53 PM
255	No.	10/16/2024 3:46 PM
256	Looks like you are trying to get the town govt more involved in low income housing and social services. The town has gotten run down over the past few years and hopefully it will go back up. The larger it gets, the worse it will be.	10/16/2024 2:15 PM
257	You failed to include community service opportunities in Windham. The FB community page is a hub where people can outreach but the town of Windham needs a focus on community service- the high school places focus on service but the town just takes and spends taxes. Adults in this town do not lean toward service and the town departments should all take it upon themselves when planning to work in programming that empowers residents to give, not just be recipients.	10/16/2024 1:46 PM
258	Slow down the building. Take care of horrid traffic. I'm moving because of it.	10/16/2024 1:21 PM
259	define specific services listed in the questions...give examples	10/16/2024 12:41 PM
260	Found the survey to be very thorough and one in which the results will be of great benefit to the town.	10/16/2024 12:08 PM
261	Glad you are soliciting feedback	10/16/2024 12:05 PM
262	Don't build the "bypasses" at sand bar and Manchester. It's not supported by residents or businesses. There has to be another / better option.	10/16/2024 11:56 AM
263	No	10/16/2024 11:41 AM
264	Too many multi-unit apartment complexes going in especially along 302 and 115! Traffic nightmare.	10/16/2024 11:20 AM
265	Make Nash Road safer with marked lines and reduced speed.	10/16/2024 11:18 AM
266	The survey is little lengthy	10/16/2024 10:37 AM
267	Needs a status bar	10/16/2024 10:25 AM
268	The growth of town government is growing to fast and outpacing what we can afford.	10/16/2024 10:24 AM
269	Way too long, I doubt many people will complete it	10/16/2024 10:21 AM
270	Community pool	10/16/2024 10:20 AM
271	Would like to see speed limit from river road to Gorham set at 25. And be a guilt zone, no engine brakes or excessive noise.	10/16/2024 10:18 AM
272	Element compatibility concepts seem like they were abandoned throughout North Windham's development history. Everything is a different architectural style, so many ugly plazas, and it all looks a mess. Hoping for more thoughtful planning for the South Windham/Little Falls renovation. Appreciate the continued development of the Mountain Division Trail.	10/16/2024 9:57 AM

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273	I wish Windham would put more resources and money towards building a community for the kids. Better parks, better playgrounds, more activities, better rec services, etc. There isn't much for my 8yo to do here.	10/16/2024 9:51 AM
274	Keep Windham a farm town. We are not a city	10/16/2024 9:40 AM
275	I have tried to get more information about the senior rides to appointments but my email wasn't answered.	10/16/2024 8:46 AM
276	Not at this time	10/16/2024 8:09 AM
277	Please fix the North Windham corridor. It is so unsafe to drive there and it is just so ugly. Look at how Falmouth redesigned their Rt. 1 area to make it safer and better to look at. Sidewalks and ways for kids especially to get from one school campus to another safely are huge issues for this family.	10/16/2024 7:25 AM
278	Just that I want the town to be safe and welcoming to all, and focus towards creating more local businesses in town and a reason to hang out.	10/15/2024 10:30 PM
279	The tax burden continues to grow at an unsustainable rate, causing us to consider moving. Also, the housing growth seems to be done without consideration to the impact this will have on school enrollment growth. Our schools are already full and school tax burden is very high.	10/15/2024 10:09 PM
280	I would like to see Windham conserve more woods and open spaces. I grew up in Westbrook and left for Windham because of its rural feel and close proximity to the city. Once the rural feel leaves, it will be time to pack up and head a little bit further north.	10/15/2024 10:08 PM
281	Too many questions	10/15/2024 9:49 PM
282	town needs to have maine power start putting major powrelines along streets under ground	10/15/2024 9:13 PM
283	Windham needs to not just be a strip mall on 302. Clean up that area, modernize it, one light in and 1 out for traffic flow. Synchronize lights so traffic flows. I hear a lot from all over Maine how people hate to travel through Windham. Try and change that! Be a welcoming community! Thanks.	10/15/2024 8:54 PM
284	There are way too many apartment buildings going up way too fast. Population will grow much faster than available resources. It seems to be an irresponsible management of town growth. Why not put single family "affordable" homes on some of these properties rather than 100+ apartments.	10/15/2024 7:19 PM
285	Growth is going to overwhelm our schools and our taxes are getting unaffordable	10/15/2024 7:11 PM
286	There needs to be something done about the traffic patterns in N Windham and the amount of people running red lights especially at 302 - 302, 115 are a mess with backed up traffic	10/15/2024 7:05 PM
287	Town Manager is invisible. Town clerks/staff are amazing! I see the greatest challenge is making Windham welcoming and lovable for all people. Not just the Trump, conservatives, longtime Windham residents, entitled white men and developers, but all people of all walks of life, origins, economic status and political leanings, Windham's divisiveness is alarming and not conducive to a sense of joy filled community.	10/15/2024 6:58 PM
288	Some questions seemed to repeat.	10/15/2024 6:26 PM
289	The town used to be a wonderful place to live and now it is absolutely over saturated with greedy apartment owners. The traffic is out of control. The first chance we get we are going to move.	10/15/2024 6:17 PM
290	I don't agree in general with direction town is taking. Find policies not fiscally responsible. Do agree with sewer. Should have happened years ago. I live had occasion to speak with assessing (not present assessor) and was dressed down because I inquired as to the land use and taxes for land around south windham which didn't appear to be taxed fairly. I have also found code to be less than helpful in some situations. Windham has the reputation of. Not being a friendly place for businesses. I think they do cater to wrong business. I've seen no police anywhere and certainly little enforcement.	10/15/2024 6:04 PM
291	Drain the swamp! Get rid of these apartment building! Who is allowing this? You are fired!	10/15/2024 5:33 PM
292	Try having the town manager respond to multiple emails.	10/15/2024 4:45 PM
293	I think you covered my concerns in the survey	10/15/2024 4:45 PM

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294	I feel that the town hall office hours are very worker unfriendly especially for people that work out of town not everyone has a computer or is comfortable with putting personal information online should be open atleast 2 nights and atleast til 7 or 8 pm	10/15/2024 4:45 PM
295	Would not want to see general assistance grow, housing or housing developments stuck everywhere, Town Hall open on Fridays. Spending needs to be curbed to stop large tax increases. Seniors and fixed income individuals will be priced out of their homes. Happening in Westbrook. Thank you for this opportunity!!!	10/15/2024 4:37 PM
296	The town is expanding residential multi family in very value and rare open commercial district. This needs to be commercial for tax base growth that minimizes tax burden. If you are going to push multi in commercial they need to be 40/60 mixed use so you still get true commercial growth. We need to do a lot better on traffic and bringing in business both national and local. This will help lower the tax bases. My taxes have sky rocketed and you can't just blame the schools.	10/15/2024 4:34 PM
297	North windham way to congested to support the number of apartments that are going to be built. Also concerned that the new middle school will be outgrown as soon as it's completed due to number of people that will be moving in. I know studies show families live in home and not apartments, but the current reale estate situation bars most families from owning.	10/15/2024 4:20 PM
298	No	10/15/2024 4:09 PM
299	WAY TOO MANY HOUSES BEING BUILT, contributes to UGLY sprawl; N Windham shopping is charmless and unattractive, tourists have no good impression; police details should be required for traffic altering projects (like 202/River Rd)	10/15/2024 3:55 PM
300	Stop building apartments. Preserve our farm land.	10/15/2024 3:41 PM
301	Do less survey, make more change, stop acting like Windham is dayton when it's actually mini Westbrook. Time for a city.	10/15/2024 3:30 PM
302	Lay off on the unaffordable apartment farms	10/15/2024 3:29 PM
303	If I could change anything about Windham it would be to increase sidewalks/crosswalks, and overall pedestrian safety.	10/15/2024 3:19 PM
304	I have contacted the town office three times in the past three months regarding services and property issues. In each case I was told they would "call back". I haven't heard back, yet.	10/15/2024 3:10 PM
305	Please build the new community center with swimming pool that has been talked about for years	10/15/2024 3:00 PM
306	The building of town houses and apartments need to slow down.	10/15/2024 2:58 PM
307	The reason I expressed some dissatisfaction comments is that 1. i live in South Windham Village and the town did not respect our wishes to have new sidewalks on just one side. Many of us now will have a new sidewalk coming right up to our front doors. Also its taking longer time than we were told. the other major concern is people speeding and running traffic lights, in our village and all over Windham. I feel safe from crime, but unsafe on roads as driver or pedestrian.	10/15/2024 2:57 PM
308	More police presence to feel safe running, biking on our road. Speeding is a huge safety concern. Meth house down the road is also a huge concern. Maintenance of hanging branches over roads is also a concern. Children's library should be geared toward preserving their innocence and not indoctrination of social issues.	10/15/2024 2:47 PM
309	I would like a community pool	10/15/2024 1:59 PM
310	This survey was so long, I don't know how many will quit part way through and actually make it to the end	10/15/2024 12:57 PM
311	I appreciate how transparent the town of Windham is, and how they always seem to be striving for town involvement in decisions!	10/15/2024 12:29 PM
312	tax dollars should be used equally among residents	10/15/2024 12:24 PM
313	With a long survey, a % complete per page is helpful. Police communication - when crime or safety concerns are present in Windham, an update from the police (Facebook page perhaps) would be helpful to acknowledge they are monitoring and/or aware.	10/15/2024 12:11 PM

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314	All of the town employees I have interacted with in my short time living in Windham have been exceptional, professional, and truly wanting to assist members of their town.	10/15/2024 12:05 PM
315	Get rid of the current town council. Listen to the older people in town and stop building..building building for a least 5 years.	10/15/2024 11:13 AM
316	It would be good to know the results of this survey and what, if any, would be the next steps.	10/15/2024 11:06 AM
317	No more large scale housing in north Windham until traffic issues have been addressed	10/15/2024 10:41 AM
318	Taxes way too high	10/14/2024 11:18 AM
319	I think the 3rd area that Windham will need to focus on over the next 5 years is managing growth in our schools.	10/13/2024 8:30 PM
320	Would love to know if there are any committee openings for community event planning/ programming.	10/13/2024 9:17 AM
321	Nope	10/13/2024 8:47 AM
322	Windham needs to slow its roll. More thought needs to go into the growth of the Town. The unnecessary spending needs to stop. Example: that Taj Mahal Middle School! The tax paying residents simply cannot continue to support this fiscal frivolity . Yes, we need a new school. No, we don't need that one! Bring more commercial enterprise to town to absorb some of the tax burden and provide good paying jobs.	10/11/2024 8:50 PM
323	Thanks for this survey. Nice work.	10/11/2024 7:07 PM
324	I feel the town has taken advantage of the skyrocketing values this year, increasing my values so high that I have a 31% rise in property taxes this year on a very small condominium property. This is obscene and does not correspond with the budget increase that was approved by the town. The town of Wyndham used to be known for having reasonable property taxes, not high or not low. After this current tax bill, Windham is now known as unreasonable, high taxes. The town needs to adjust the mill rate to these crazy high assessments, so the revenue is legally what was requested and approved in the budget.	10/11/2024 5:45 PM
325	Thank you for this survey, so I could give my feedback regarding the town of Windham.	10/11/2024 5:26 PM
326	Windham is no longer Windham	10/11/2024 3:11 PM
327	No space for zip code of employment	8/13/2024 2:01 AM
328	Open box for two - three general comments 1) what brought you to Windham (specific reasons) 2) what do you like about Windham and do you intend to stay the next 5+ years 3) what are three things you like about Windham 4) how can we improve - be specific 5) Specific concerns if any	8/7/2024 5:51 PM
329	It will provide a lot of information, but I worry the length will turn many people away. Several notes: - The "primary source of information about the town" was a great question (somewhere around Question 11) - The demographics info said it was optional, but it would not let me proceed without filling it out (specifically, the question about how long I have lived in Windham- I am not a Windham resident and tried to skip that question). - The employment question around 34 or 35 asked for a zip code but did not provide a place for it.	8/7/2024 12:42 PM
330	No	8/7/2024 12:05 PM
331	Zip code where you work is a question with no enterable field	8/7/2024 12:02 PM
332	Survey requires responses to specific questions, even if you have indicated 'no' to that section.	8/6/2024 3:06 PM
333	I think it's very thorough. I'm interested in seeing the results.	8/6/2024 1:26 PM
334	caught in a loop when I choose to indicate n/a on one of the demographic questions.	8/5/2024 4:43 PM
335	No	8/5/2024 8:59 AM
336	Final question on where you work, asks for Zip Code where you work but is a radial button and not a fill in the blank. This actually would be good information to have if they are willing to share.	8/1/2024 3:55 PM

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337	I started to think around the parks and rec questions that I might close it and not finish it if I had been a real windham recipient of this survey. I think it would be ideal to trim it a little bit, at the expense of data detail, to ensure as many responses as possible.	8/1/2024 3:04 PM
338	N/A on all questions More opportunities for comments	8/1/2024 3:00 PM
339	Seems very comprehensive... would like some type of question (s) about recreation programs/activities rather than just parks and trails. Maybe one simple question about whether a community center would be something used by the household members.	8/1/2024 2:58 PM
340	NA	8/1/2024 2:55 PM
341	It would be nice to have a comment section with either each answer or at least each section for specifics.	8/1/2024 2:27 PM