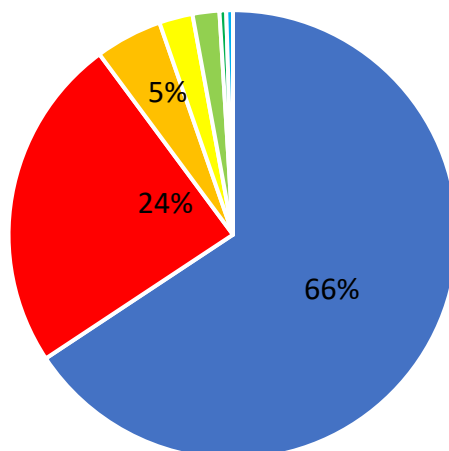


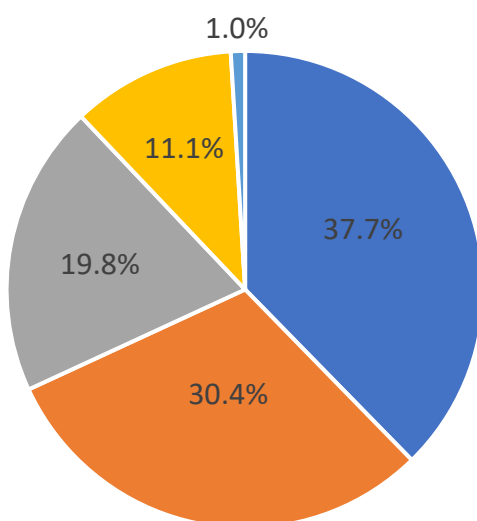
Town of Center Harbor Community Survey

1. What best describes your residence in Center Harbor?
(Please choose one) (207 Responses)



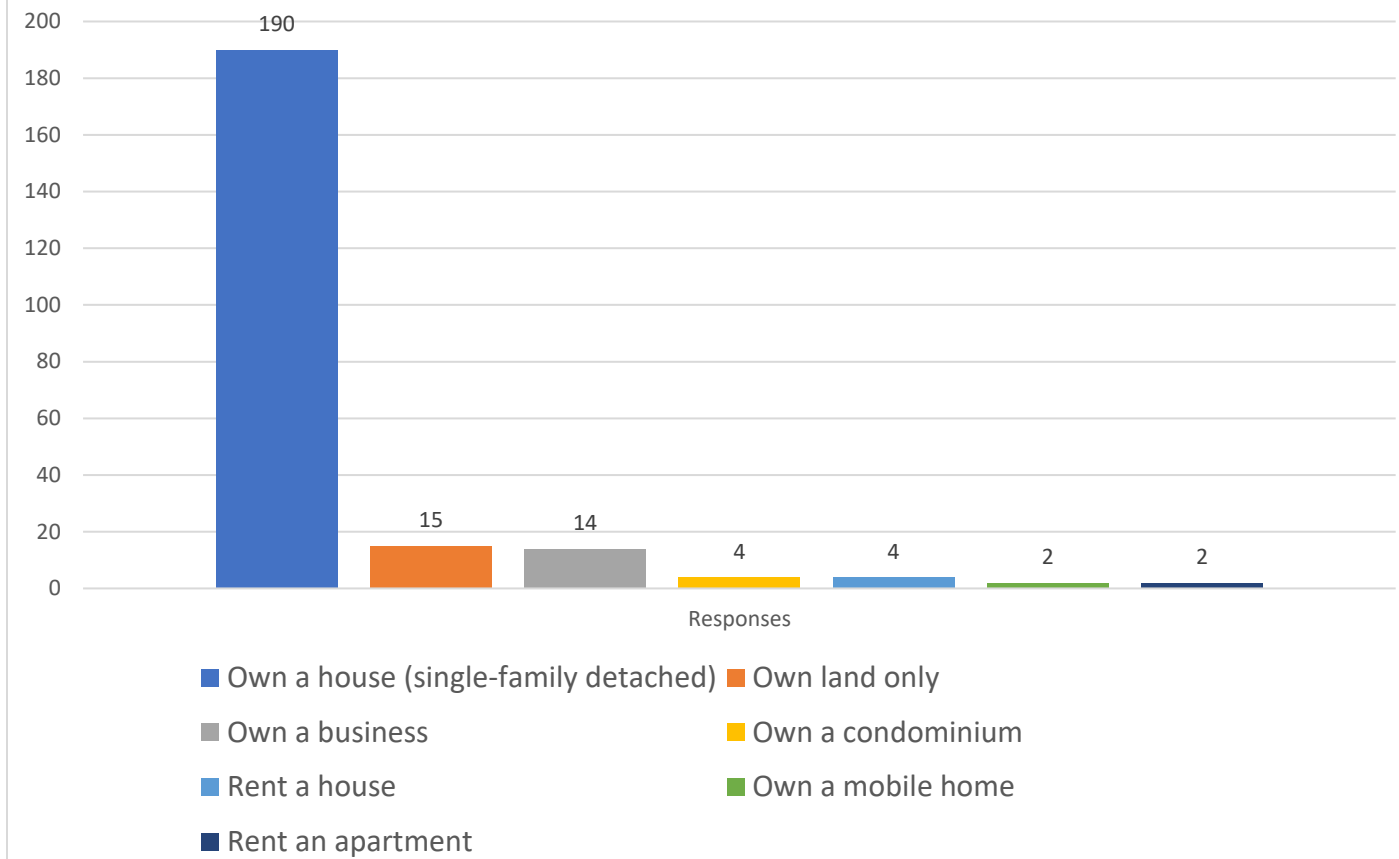
- Year-round resident
- Seasonal and/or weekend resident
- Land owner only
- Business Owner/Resident
- Owner of rental/leased property
- Business Owner/Non-resident
- Renter

2. How long have you lived/owned in Center Harbor?
(Please choose one) (207 Responses)



- More than 25 years
- 10-25 years
- 1-5 years
- 6-9 years
- Less than 1 year

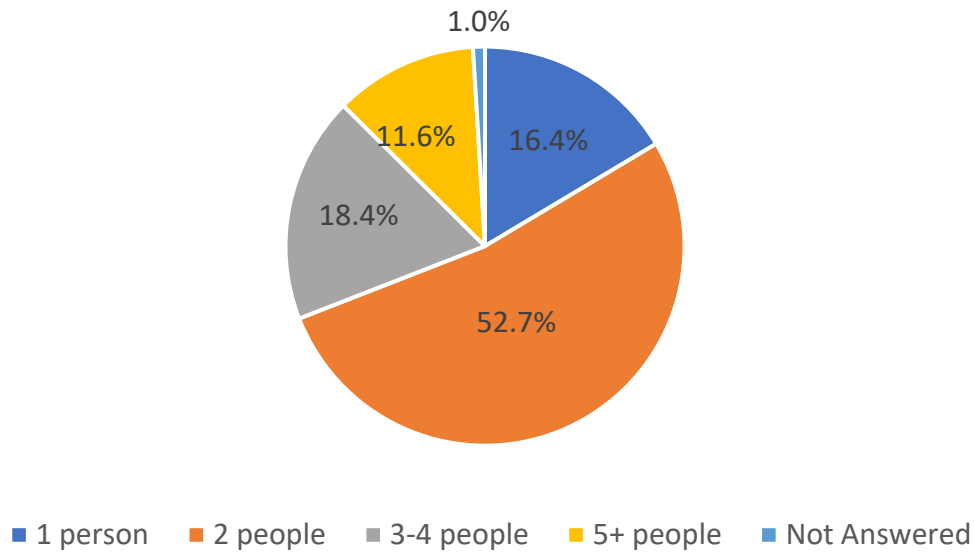
3. Presently, do you:
(Please check all that apply in Center Harbor) (231 Responses)



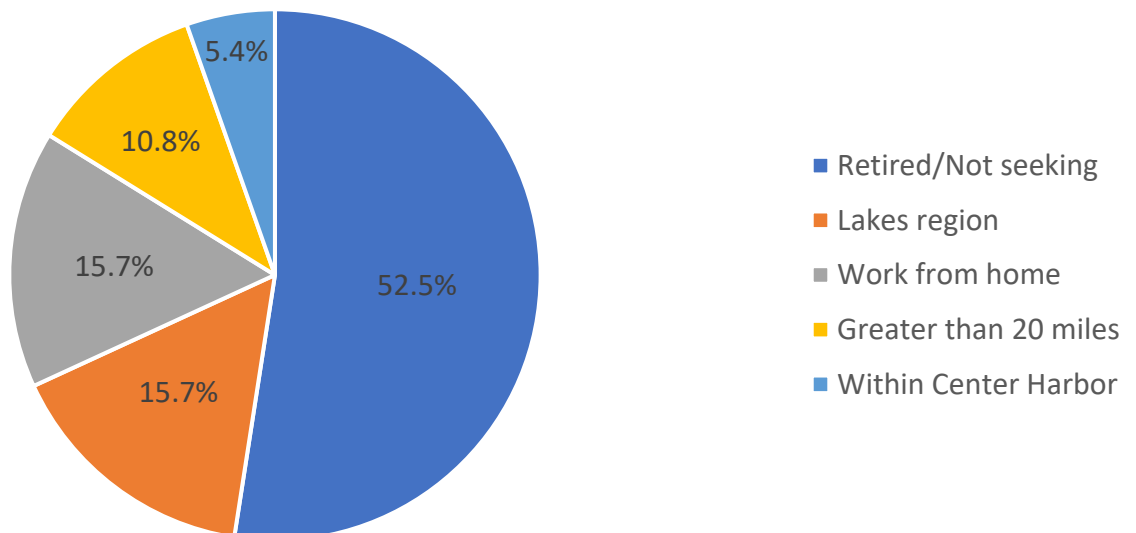
4. What is your age? (Please provide a number below) (207 Responses)

Age bracket	Respondents	% of Respondents	Census Count	% of Age Group
UNK	4	1.93%		
18-34	3	1.45%	57	5.3%
35-44	13	6.28%	107	12.2%
45-54	22	10.63%	120	18.3%
55-64	47	22.71%	162	29.0%
65+	119	57.49%	386	30.8%
Total	207	100.00%	1008	20.5%

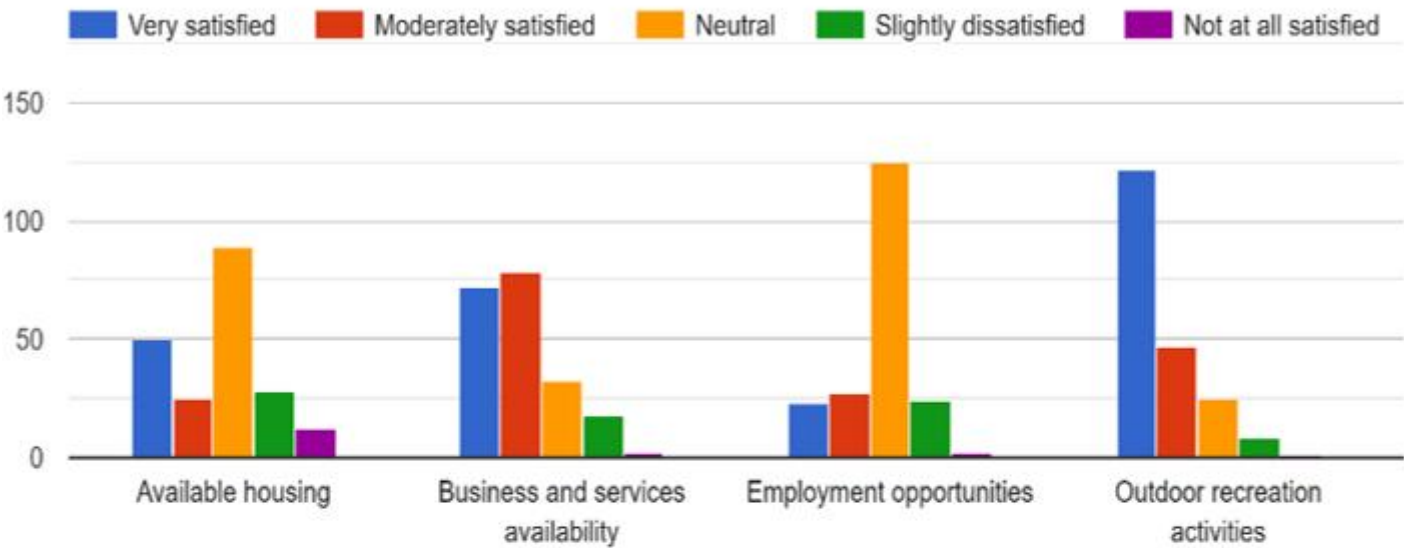
5. Number in Household (200 Responses)



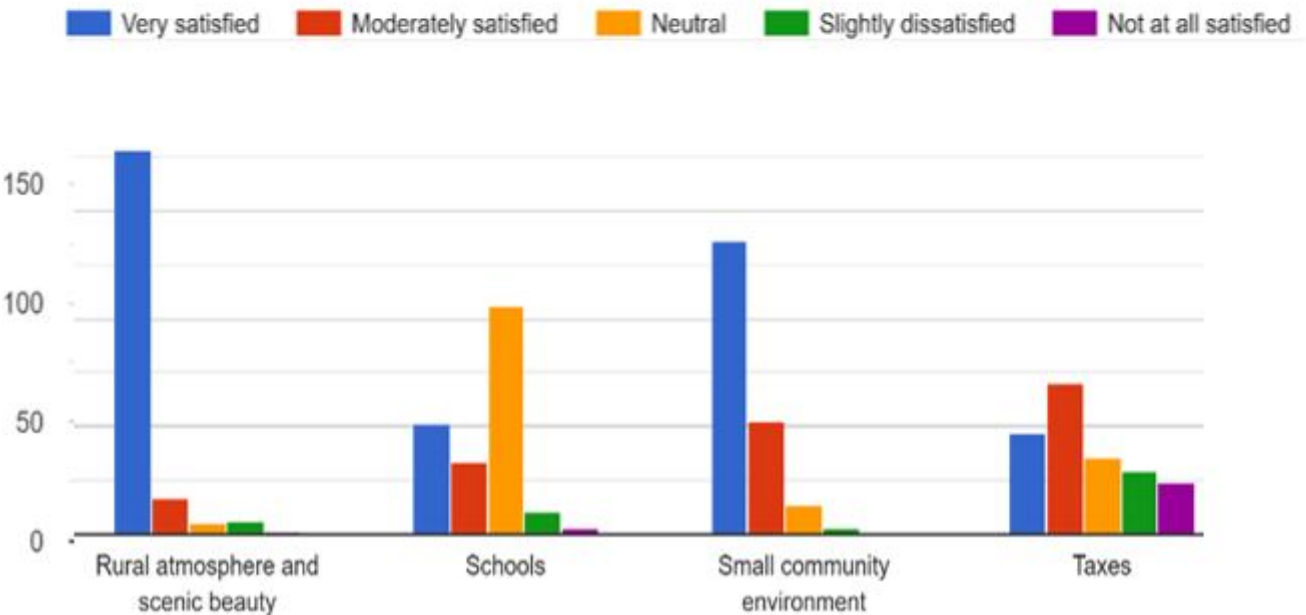
6. What is your work commute? (Please choose one) (204 Responses)



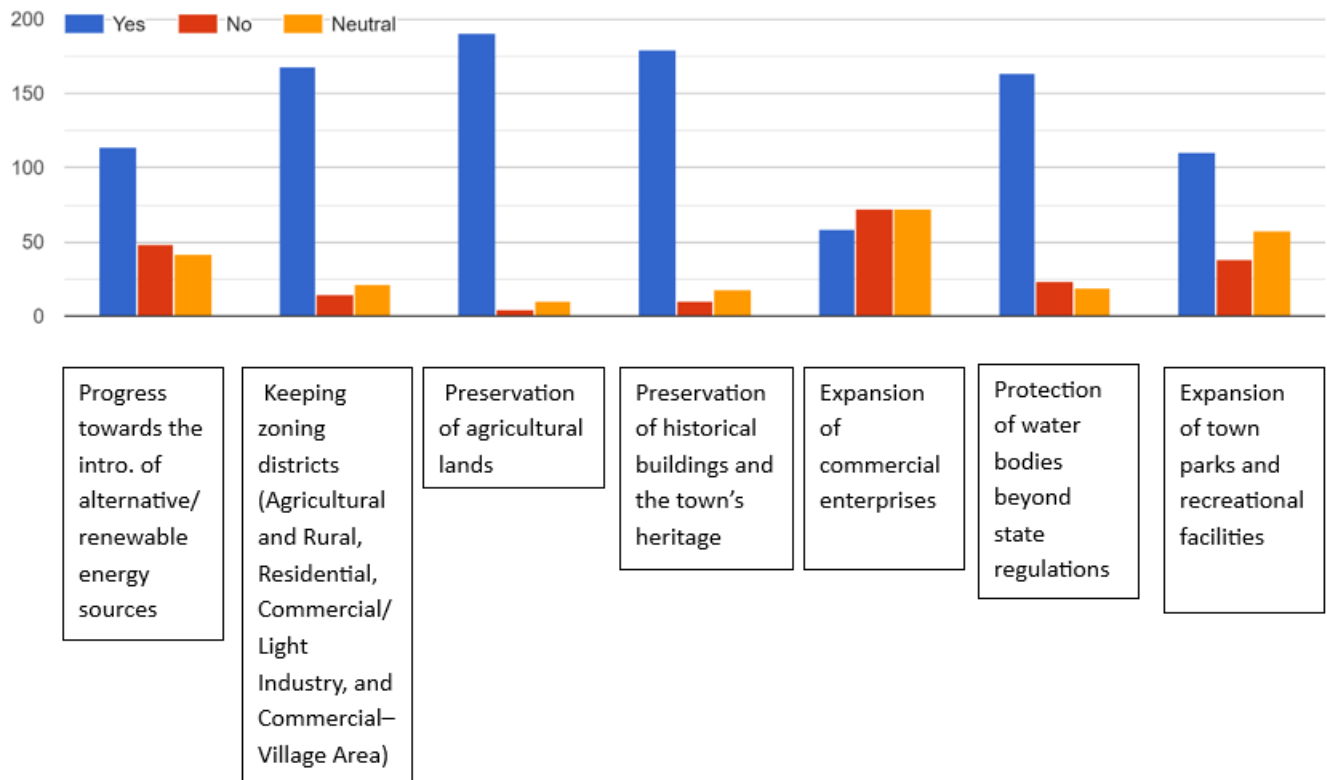
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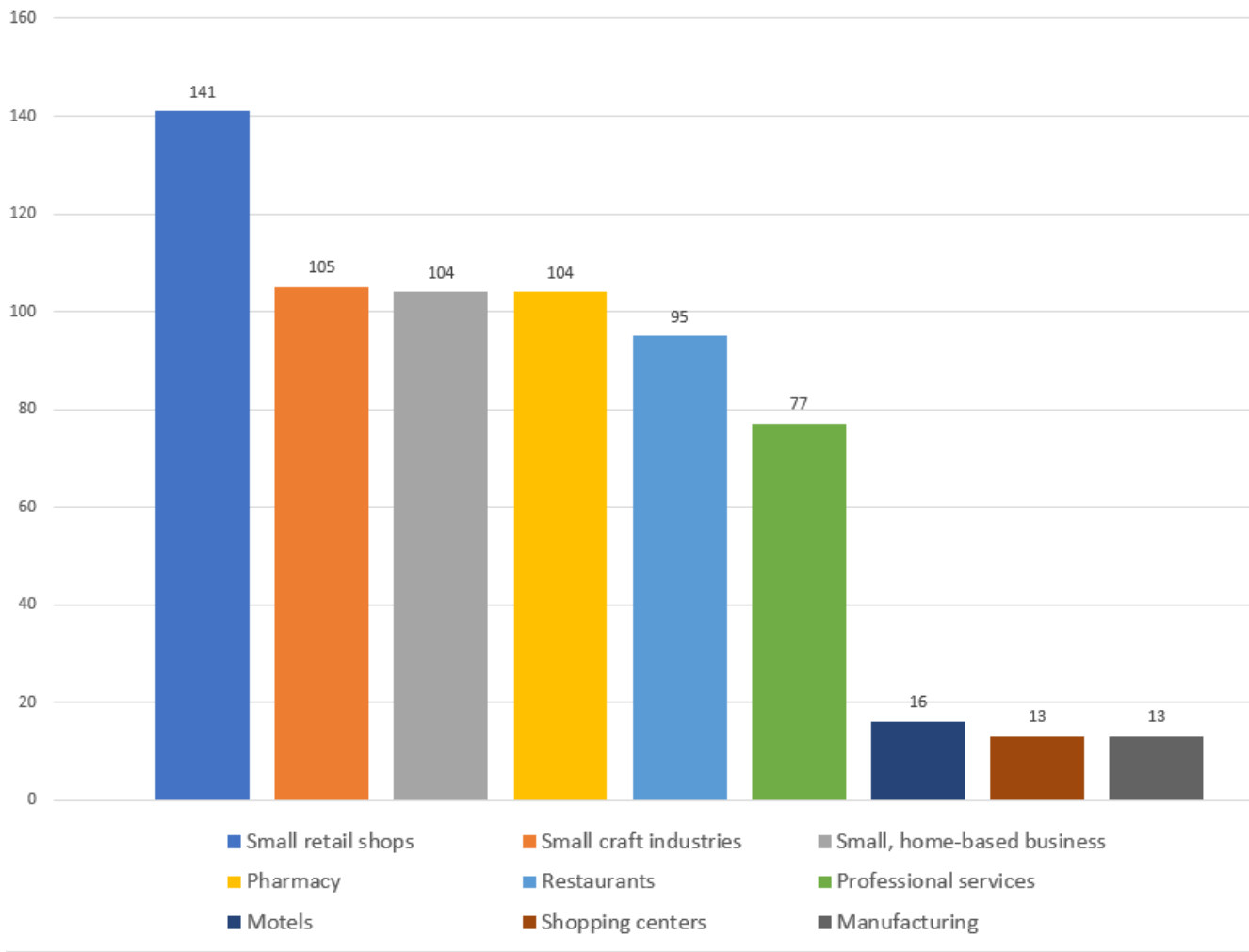
7. Please indicate how satisfied you are about the following in Center Harbor?



8. Do you support the following?



9. Would you like to see any addition of the follow business in Center Harbor? (183 Responses)



Other/Comment on Question 9:

I'm not planning to start business and don't require any additional types of businesses in town.

programs for after school, like clubs, scouts, helping with homework

N/A

Hotels. We used to be the destination, not a pass-through.

So sad that Meredith's Rite Aide is closing. Now we have to drive to Laconia, Plymouth, or Ossipee for pharmacies!

I would like to see more of a "Main Street" with more small retail shops close together.

Being sure that essential businesses are available, e.g.pharmacy, is very important

No chain corporations

Pharmacy is most important of those needs. Medical help would be good too.

I would not be opposed to any of the above, depending upon the specifics, but it seems we are very limited space wise for such expansion currently. It seems changes to the boundaries of the zoning areas might be required to accommodate. I also don't feel a need to try and compete with Meredith or Moultonboro.

Keep it small. Pharmacy good.

Keep it small we don't want to see growth it hurts the small town feel

We LOVE this town!

perfect just the way it is

It seems with expenses rising each year (cost of electricity in town offices, police & fire salaries), the only way the town can afford such increases is to raise taxes. This does not seem a sustainable fiscal strategy. Has the town modeled what the next 10 years look like with expenses rising at the 10-year average, the # of houses & businesses paying taxes remaining flat and other conservative assumptions. What annual property tax increases (%) would homeowners expect? Is this "reasonable"? If not, what options does the town have to raise revenue (beside property taxes) and/or reduce the budget?

The population of Center Harbor is not large enough to support things like a pharmacy or a shopping center. That is why we go to Meredith, Laconia, Plymouth, Concord, and Manchester for those things. Their lack is why we have a rural nature.

No shopping centers or manufacturing! Rt 3 is becoming unattractive

Those businesses checked above are the types I would like to see in the town, but not necessarily expanding the size of the business community.

Any of the above are fine provided they meet the existing code requirements.

More parking for businesses, so one business does not use parking provided for/by others

Center Harbor is great as it is

Stabilizing property tax for business, home and otherwise is important

It is important to strike a balance between nurturing a strong local economy and not becoming a generic business center with national chains.

Economic Opportunity Center in conjunction with Belknap County

Home occupations potential expansion of business without rezoning.

I'd like to see the expansion of the commercial district to include all the frontage on Rt. 25 up to and including The Canoe restaurant.

none

No Motel needed, no pharmacy needed, another shopping center would ruin the current small town

Health care eq. Doctors etc.

The town's current level of economic activity seems adequate.

Encouraging and incentivizing small retail businesses would perhaps add to the appeal of "downtown" Center Harbor. Particularly in the area of the hotel and Plaza adding to the available services might bring more year round business.

Sustainable development in character with the Town and the location within the Town

I do not want more business in the town. If I wanted to live in a larger town w more businesses, I would have purchased a home there.

Pharmacy- possibly; Professional services- too vague of a categorization

need doctor, npr, nurse, bakery

Question 9 did mention home repair services i.e. roofing, handyman, siding, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, landscaping. These are the categories that I would like to see.

We need to support businesses that can survive

More tourist housing would improve local business and bring money in to the town and local business owners "downtown" space is full enough.

Would like to see Main Street developed as a walking/shopping/ restaurant area similar to Wolfeboro.

No desired business growth

Our town has the opportunity to significantly move up the scale with respect to "nicer" towns. Sure, we may not be Wolfeboro but at least plan to shoot for something better

Lakeside home builders who answer permit review questions truthfully and consistently...

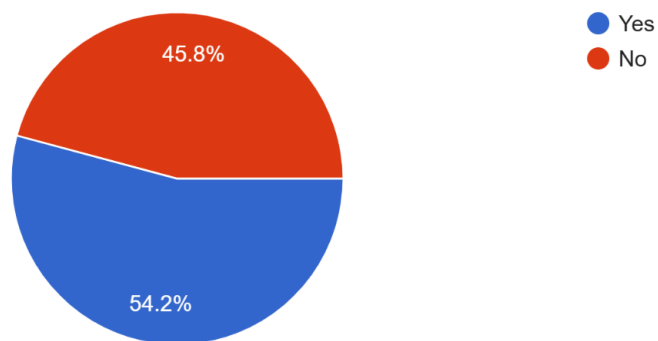
Meredith and other towns provide an excess of the above, Center Harbor does not need to expand those options

Please have the company that mows Morrill Park get rid of the dead grass.

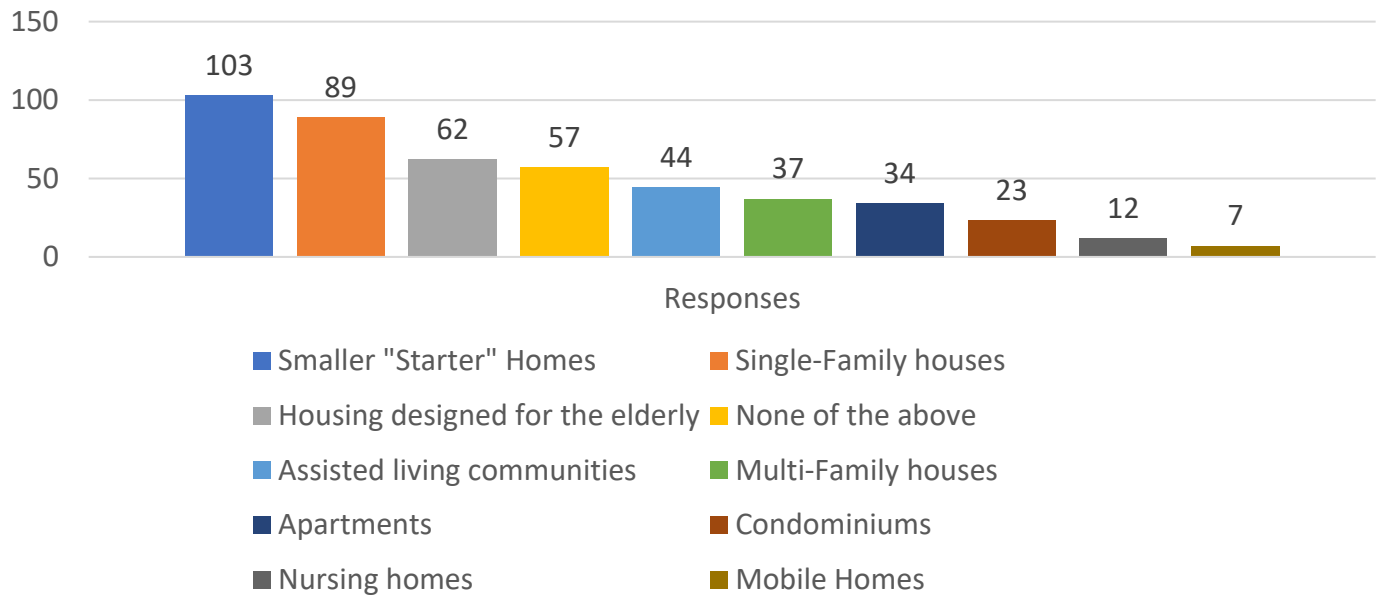
Given the size of the town and the available space, There isn't much more room.
The State already has protective services for water sources. We don't need to add to that. I'll agree that we don't need the added traffic added by high capacity apartments nor condo's Keep our small community as it is with up to date/current electronic management options
Retention of Village Center without commercial growth.
Keep our community small and intimate is my preference.
Would like to see a more relaxed view on home and land improvements, thru permitted authority.
Taxes are great but house prices are way too high
KEEP US SMALL WE LOVE IT DON'T CHANGE IT BECAUSE OF FOLKS COMING IN WITH BIG IDEAS WHY DID THEY COME HERE LEAVE IT ALL ALONE ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF THE SMALL TOWN.

10. Do you feel there is adequate housing available in Center Harbor to meet the future needs of the town?

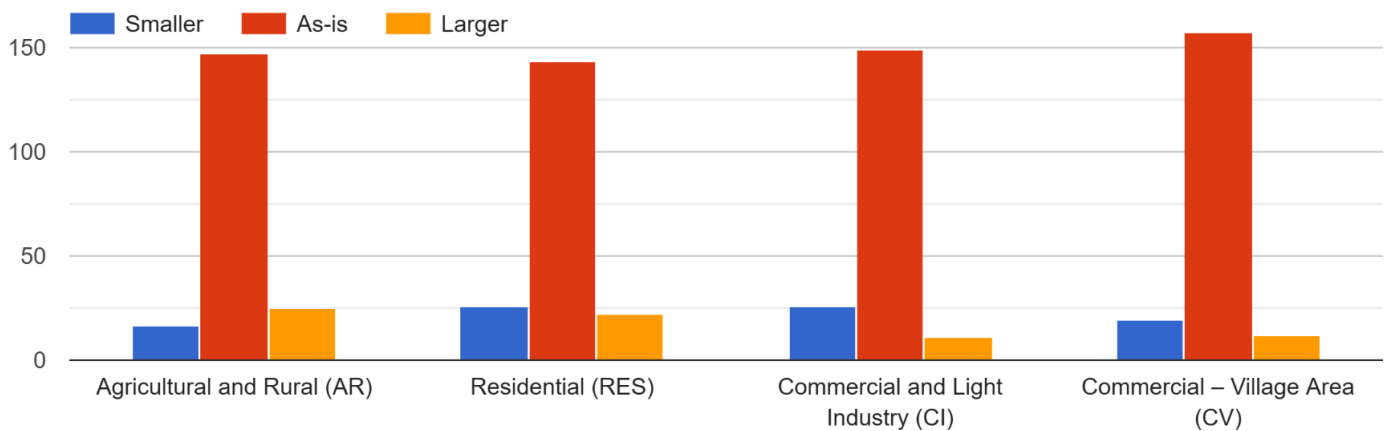
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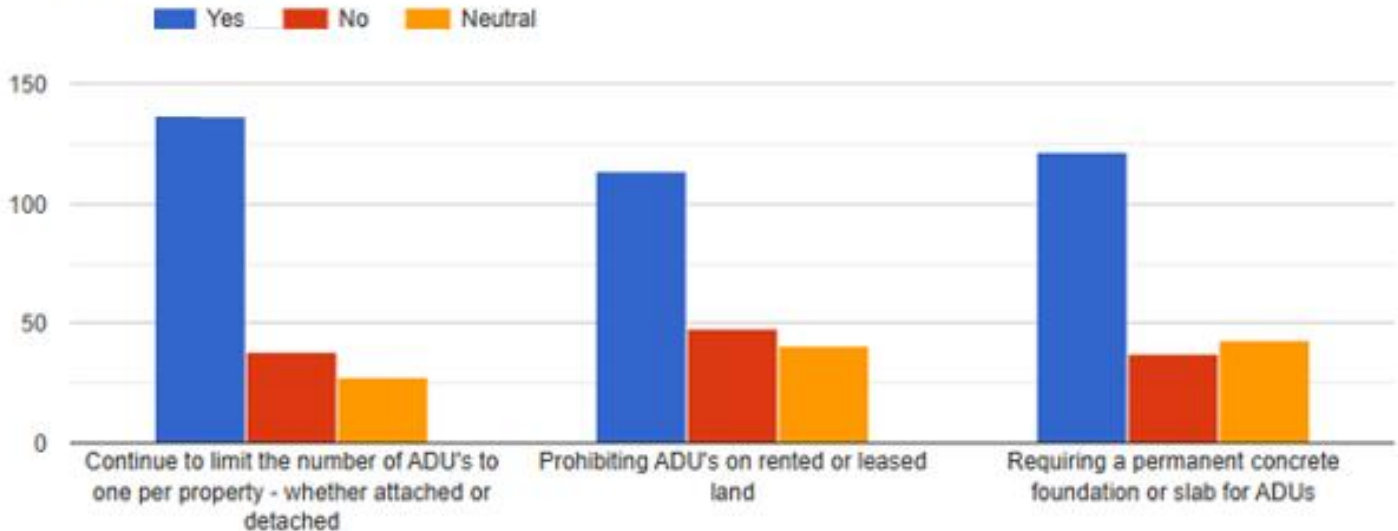
11. Which types of housing you would like to see increase? (200 Responses)



12. In 2001, the town amended the minimum lot sizes (See Zoning Ordinance Section 9:1) for building. Do you feel the minimum lot size should remain or change? (map view of zoning districts)



13. In 2025, the state is anticipated to expand the regulations ([HB 577, updating RSA 674:71](#)) for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) to allow for a detached unit by right and increasing the allowed space to 950 sq ft of living space. This overrides the [Center Harbor ordinance](#) (Section 5:9:2) that allows only one attached ADU and 900 sq ft of living space. With these potential changes, do you support any of the following?



Comments regarding Question 13:

Not in favor of mobile tiny homes
 small houses should be allowed esp. for family members
 I would prefer that ADU's not be permitted just for rental
 No pylons for building. Either put a slab orel ecstatic I existing slab
 ADU should always be for family or extended family
 Moderately interesting
 Is the minimum lot size still 5 acres? (When subdividing?)
 On question 10 - really need more info to answer properly.. What are the future needs? What does the current property availability meet the current demans?
 Not clear how Prohibiting ADU's on rented land could be regulated. Wouldn't existing building code define ADU structure construction requirements?
 Re: question 12, the minimum lot frontage of 150 is too much for 40,000 square foot minimum lot size. This could be a limiting factor to subdividing land.
 Regarding Question 12, I can't access either link for more info on minimum lot size. Re: 13 - Size and number of ADUs should be governed by property size. What are some other Towns doing about this?
 I would support ADU's sized up to 1200-1500 Sq. Feet
 ADUs are a valid and necessary addition to help housing availability however I do not agree with mobile housing to be used for transient and temporary ADU use
 #12 - The attached document is terrible to read and understand. I do not know how to answer any of the questions in #12 - I suggest providing a summary w an attachment to the actual document for those who are interested in a deeper dive. I believe that a home needs to be on 2 acres and I would like to see this reduced in an effort to help first-time home buyers break into the housing market. I don't know how this fits into question

#12. On to question #13: I am sure I do not understand the depth of this question and how these answers will impact others.

Need ADUs. I know at least one person who sleeps on the floor. because of lack of housing.

This is a law that is not needed to be enforced at the state level. This should be decided by each town based on their specific needs and wants.

reasonable and not overly restrictive

I don't know what build out and projected impact would be.

Tiny homes! Rental housing 30 day or longer leases for workers.

Unchecked, more Airbnb will pop up and residential areas will too congested

We don't want this place to become a shanty town by allowing ADU's to become the norm on any lot.

Permanent foundations should also limit the use of mobile homes.

ADU are a sound way to create affordable housing as well as taking care of elderly people

Would like to allow some tiny homes for families for full time residents. Not air bnb rentals.

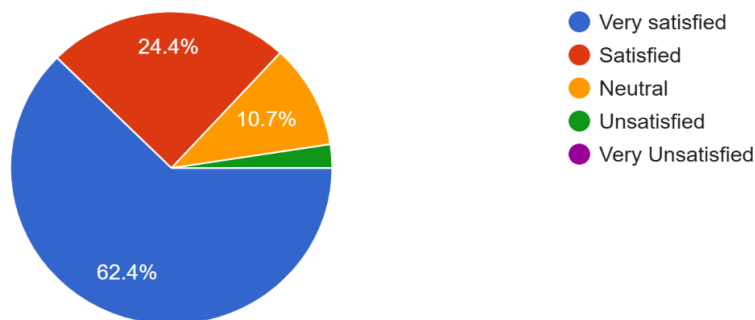
Follow the new state law and understand that ADUs have multiple benefits without more house lots

I support detached ADUs. Would be difficult to put on a level slab or concrete foundation.

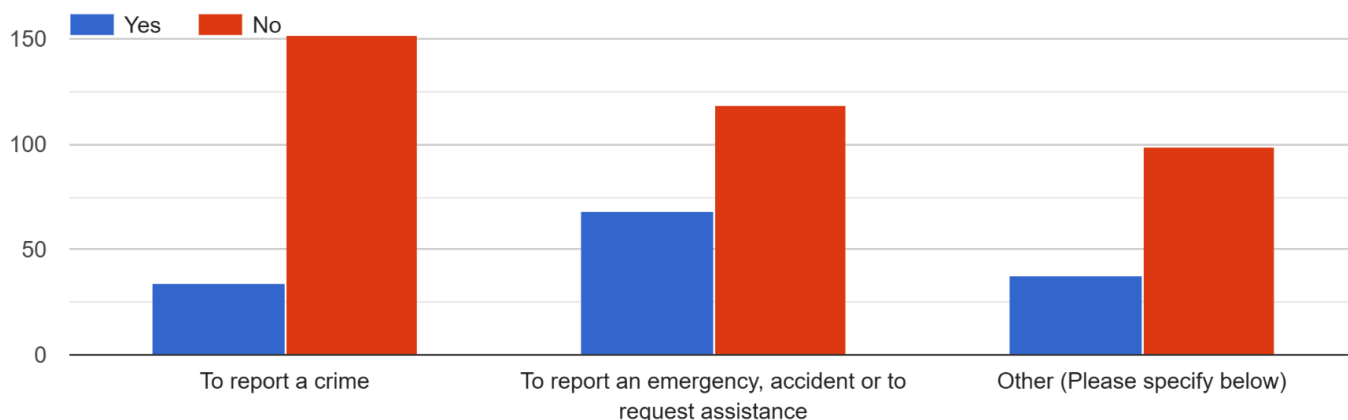
left forks try to take care of our seniors this town is over half seniors we cannot add to our tax base, more charges for sewer we never voted on why was that not saved for???

14. How satisfied are you with the way the Police Department serves our community? (Please choose one)

205 responses



15. Have you ever called the Center Harbor Police Department for the following? (Please check all that apply)



Other for Question 15:

Concern over speed monitoring on College Rd.

Wildlife hit near my property

scams that occurred, wild animal (fox) control, gun permit

Trespassers on property

Two years ago my wife called 911 as I was having a stroke

Requested a short meeting with Chief Chase

response to a home alarm

Doesn't apply

Advice for wording on sign

House check while on vacation

I believe the town has a larger police department than is needed.

Neighbor dispute / wildlife issues

On street parking for a special event

Questions on laws pertaining to traffic violations. Car Lock-outs. Gun laws.

Aggressive behavior

welfare check on a neighbor

personal harassment by a local man

On occasion, i have called re: nuisance dog barking. I have also called in regard to some odd behavior and suspicious vehicle in the neighborhood.

Dogs barking and roaming free

To discuss people trespassing on our property despite it being posted

Speeding cars on Keyser Road

Request Assistance for my spouse

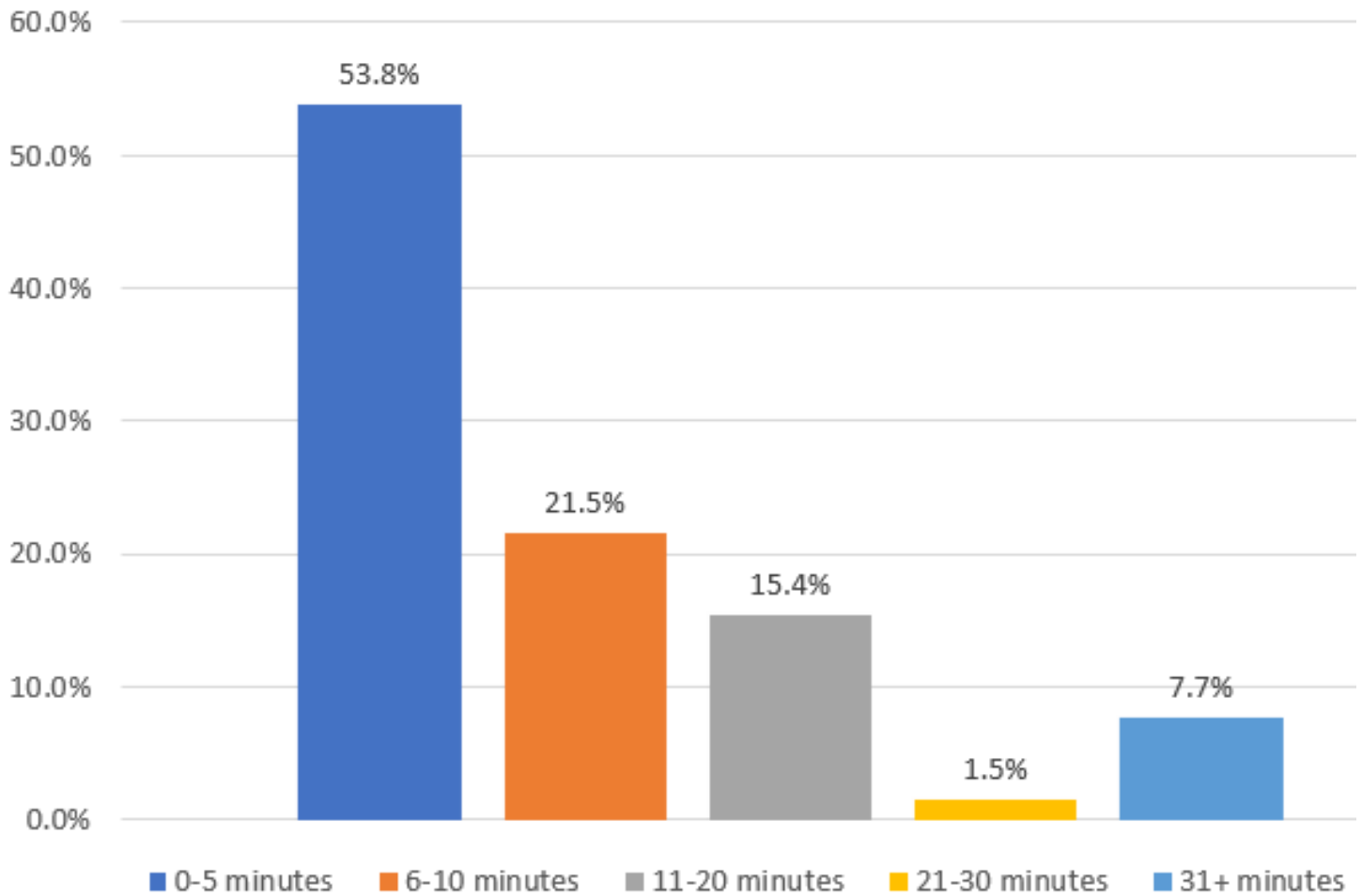
Trespassing and damage to a contractor's property when no one was here.

Requested police intervention when an uncooperative neighbor refused to quiet their dogs.

Requesting police check-ups during vacation absences

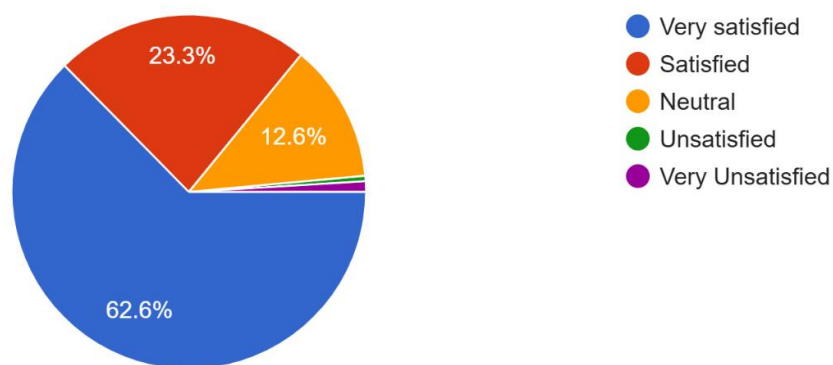
I have not been a part of the Center Harbor community long and have not needed the police support however
I respect and support the profession
My limited interactions w local peace officers have been positive
called ambulance for elderly neighbor
Noise complaint
information about using areas downtown, questions about spam emails
Neighbor dispute
Neighbor disputes
Fingerprinting
The team is great, but we need to enforce speed limits through town center! It is part of increasing the value
of the town. Speed limit readouts should be at both ends of the town highway. And enforced
Neighbor encroachment
Noise nuisance
lockbox for fire / police
Excellent service and nice people
Wellness check on neighbor
phone and computer scams
A driver hit a deer in front of my house and needed assistance. Someone stole a large clay pig planter from the
front of my property. Someone bounced a check for purchases.
Potential crime; I watch the Chamberlain-Reynolds parking area; seems to be a drug drop zone. Cars arrive late
at night, stay for a minute, then leave. We have offered to use our property for a surveillance camera.
Stolen check, handled well by police.
To request speed limit change, and monitoring on our road. They only put the sign out for a week and they
never monitor it. I feel very unsafe walking on my road with my toddler due to the speeding.
Called to cancel a security system request
Would like to see them more on waukevan rd between busy hours people excessively speed and litter is
constant from golf users
15 minutes or more, on numerous occasions state police responded and took over an hour to come.
Called to check out illegal dumping and squatters on our property.

15. How long it took for the Police Department to respond? (65 Responses)

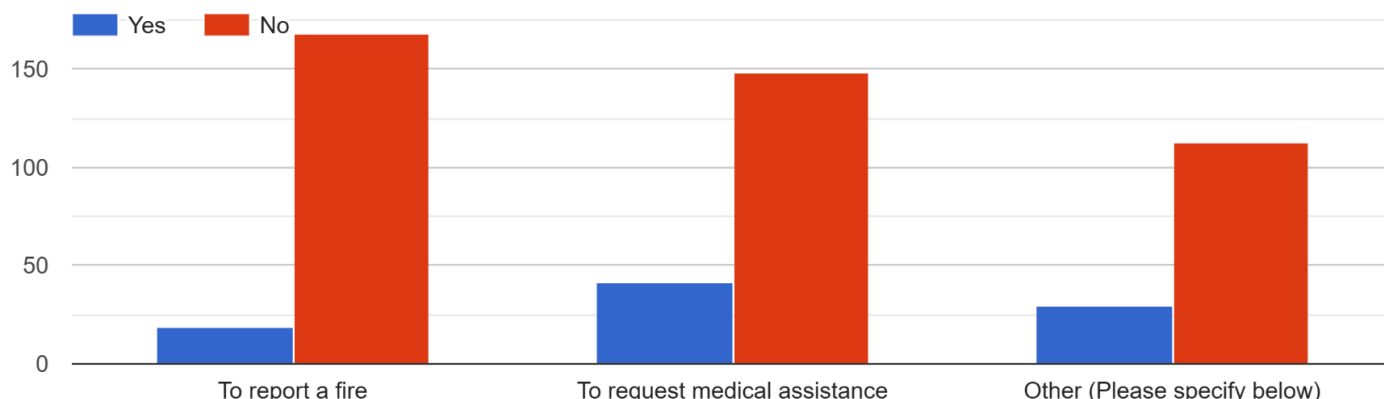


16. How satisfied are you with the way the Fire Department serves our community? (Please choose one)

206 responses



17. Have you ever called the Center Harbor Fire Department for the following? (Please check all that apply)



Other for Question 17:

To discuss fire permits

Carbon monoxide detectors going off

Our fire department and fire chief are terrific. They are responsive and knowledgeable and always there to help.

See answer 15

1) Placement of a Knox Box 2) advice on chimney fire protection

We had a chimney fire years ago.

To acquire & install a lock box

medical lift

We had a CO2 alarm in the house several years ago. Fire and Police were on scene very promptly
unknown

Branch on primary with fire

Help changing batteries in detectors

To report a carbon monoxide alarm

Burning permit

I called when a tree fell on power lines

Information on sewer break

lift assist after a fall, called by security company for CO alarm check

Permits and questions

Smoke detectors/CO monitors were going off in the middle of the night

none of your business

Called for assistance when I had a fainting episode.

Again I have not needed the FD services but respect the services. My husband was a volunteer fireman for 30+ years

Potential odor issue that could have been gas

Thru 911 and within minutes first responders were here

carbon monoxide check. very fast response

Fire dept excellent. To many engines for number of firefighters and number of actual fire calls medical and rescue calls outnumber fire calls smaller medium duty rescues more appropriate

Large gathering permit.

Tried to answer no for all three but the button for the first one didn't work.

Rescue my car from air vent

water main leak

Fireplace problem w renter- turned out they only "thought" they had opened the damper...

Never interacted

Neighbor's house smelled of gas.

assistance with very long ladder

Someone else saw a fire on my property and called them

I have dialed 911 and they responded

to help pump out basement

Pre clear burning of waste (snow on the ground)

#. 16

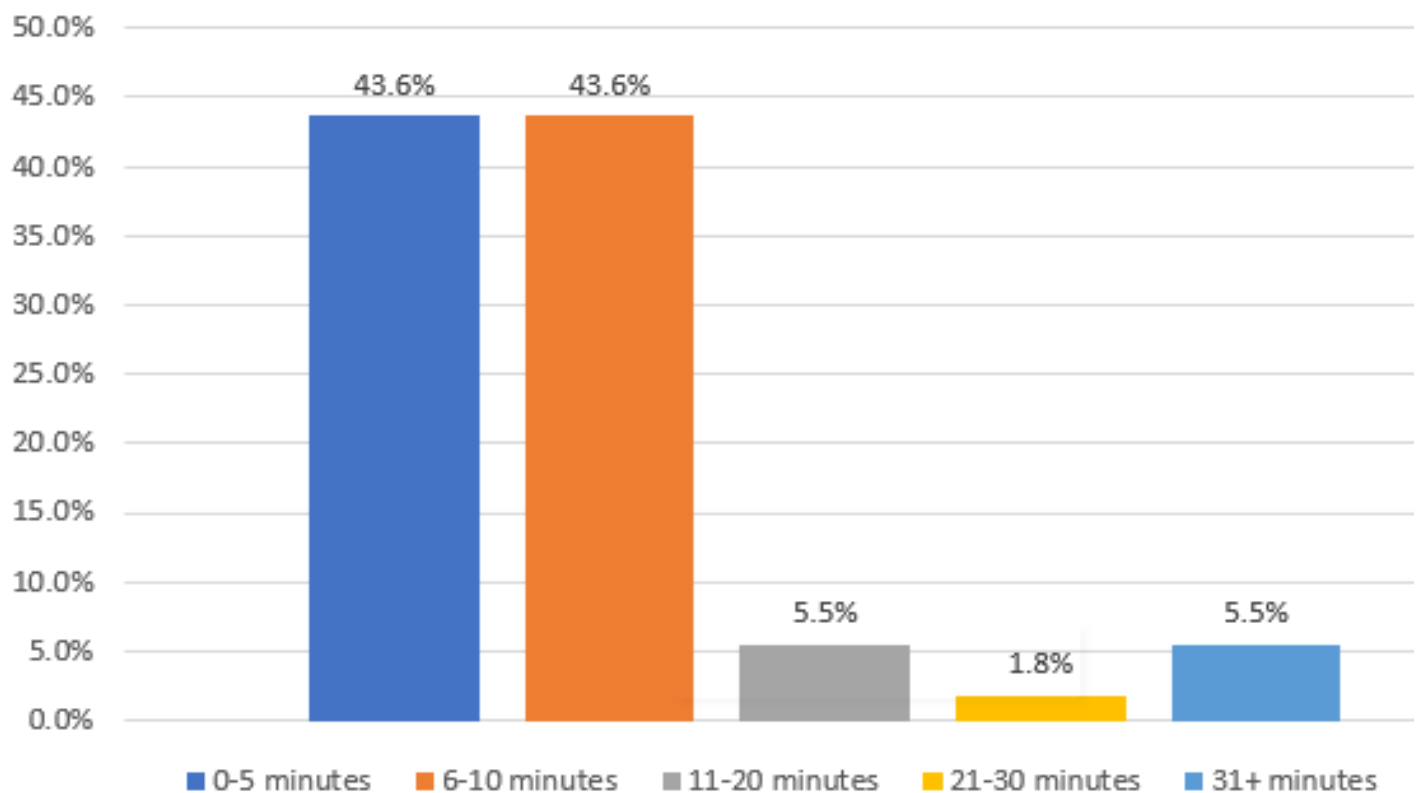
Fire alarm went off due to burning food.

Dog fallen thru Ice

Fire permit

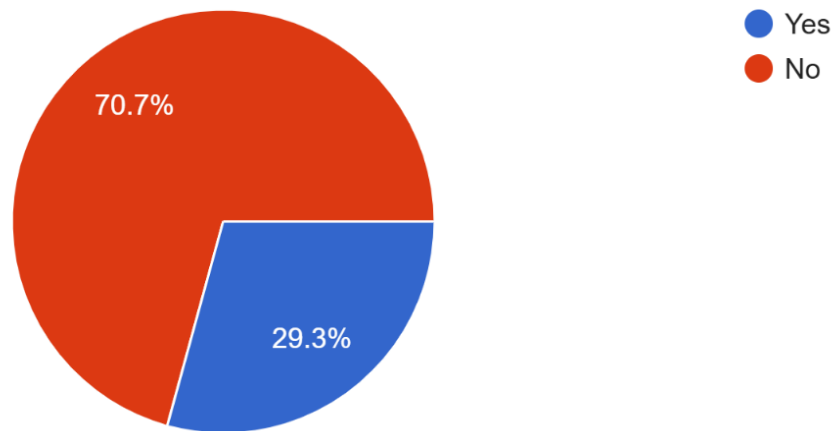
notify of burning with a permit

17. How long it took for the Fire Dept. to respond (55 Responses)

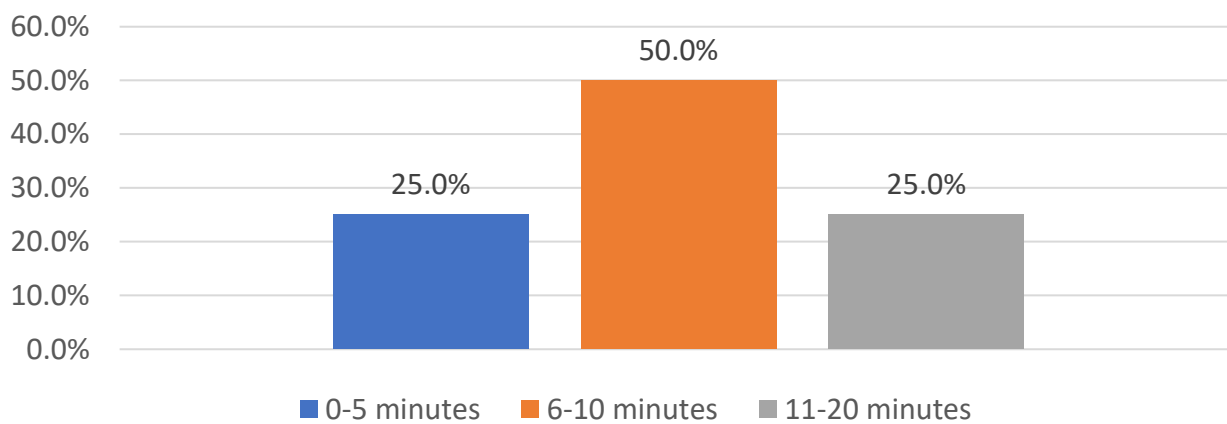


18. Have you ever called for an ambulance while in Center Harbor?

205 responses

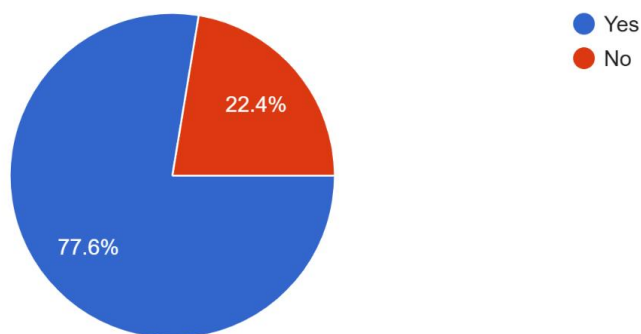


18. How long it took for the Ambulance to respond? (48 Responses)



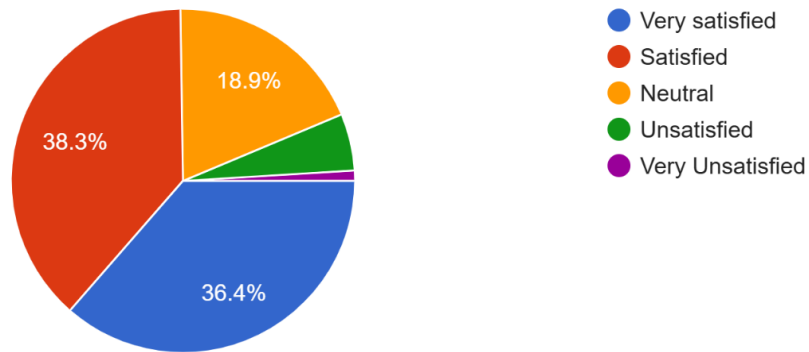
19. Do you support increasing funding for ambulance services?

192 responses



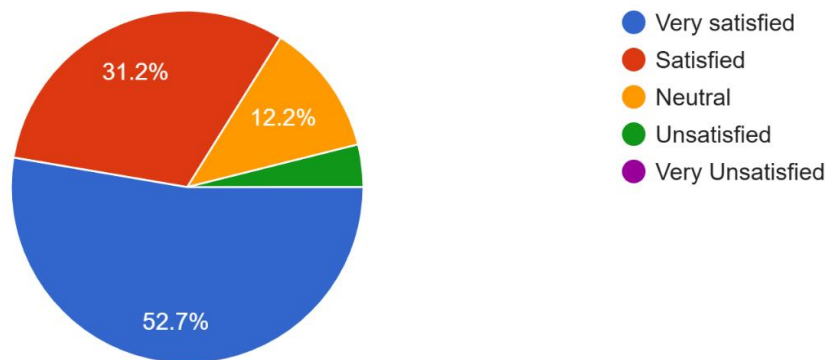
20. How satisfied are you with the way the Highway Department serves our community? (Please choose one)

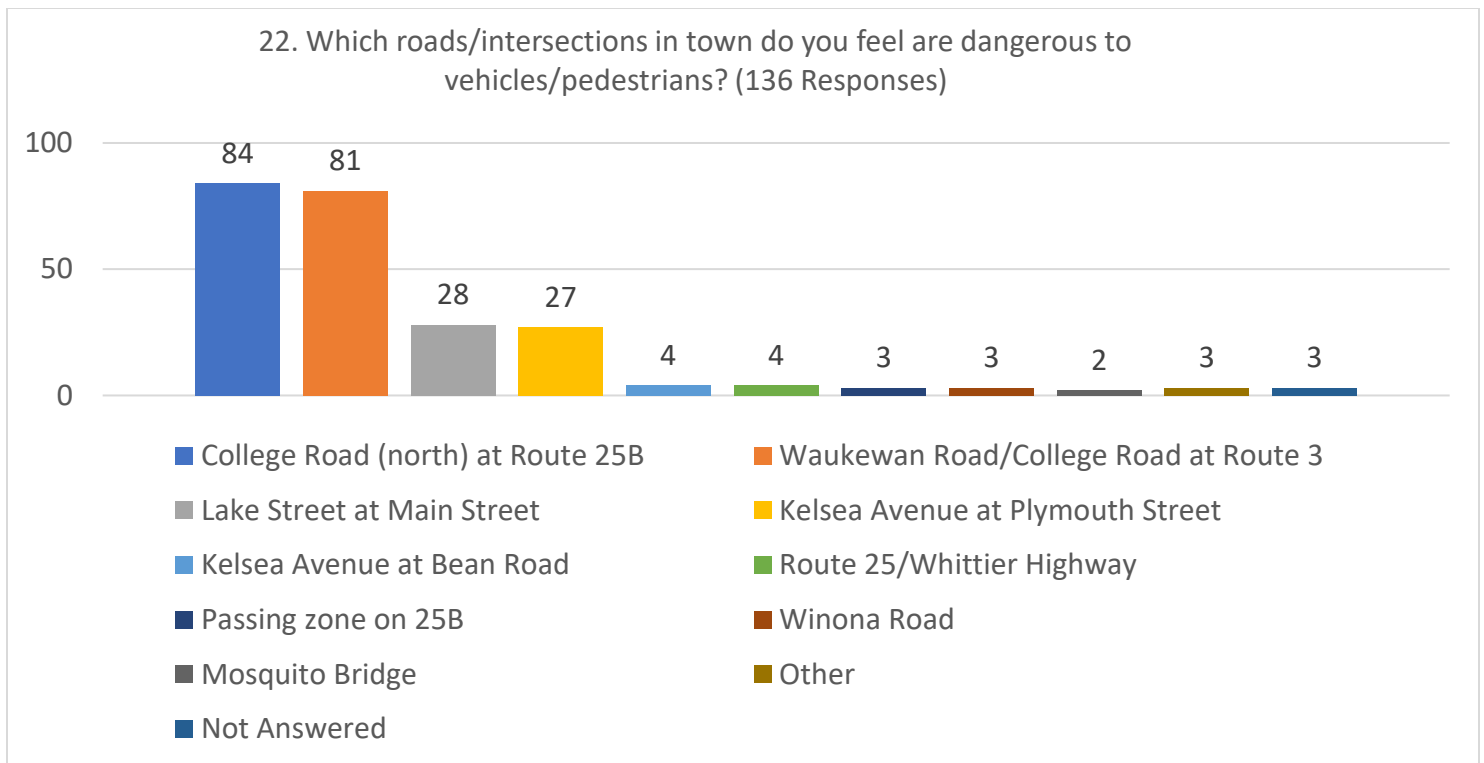
206 responses



21. How satisfied are you with the snow removal on the town roadways? (Please choose one)

205 responses





Comments regarding Question 22:

Many speeding cars

Speed Limits need to be reviewed and enforced. Center Harbor consists of more than the village area.

Intersection on Rte 3 and 25B

The roads in the downtown area are all dangerous to pedestrians, especially in the winter. More sidewalks, ADA compliance, and winter maintenance are needed.

don't find them dangerous. Winona Road curves are worse!

The should be a requirement that ny T intersection must have a 90 foot open view at the corner
passing zones on Dane Road 25B

Keep vegetation trimmed down around intersections, ie Waukegan Rd and Rt 3 intersection. Some motorists still speed around the corner on Rt 25-B at the fountain. Visibility is obstructed leaving Kelsea Ave onto Bean Rd.

Mt Whittier Hwy. Traffic moves very fast through section that runs through Center Harbor.

I think town does good job

With appropriate driving awareness and caution, I'm not sure any of these intersections are "dangerous"
steep hill side

Dangerous corner with limited line of sight.

Clearing of vegetation to increase the line of sight between traffic coming uphill towards the XN of Center Harbor Neck Rd and 25B. Add a flashing caution light downhill from CH Neck Rd & 25B, which would flash when entering traffic is sensed from CH Neck Rd about to enter 25B

25B from historical society to Main Street for pedestrians / for vehicles in winter

None

Bicycles/Runners should not be on 25B

Speed enforcement would make all roads and intersections safer

more aggressive brush trimming as summer goes on would be helpful. Glad to see Police speed trap on Waukegan Rd yesterday.

All the salting on 25B create constant well issues down the road with run off. It creates huge burdens on homes and businesses and if something isn't done it will hurt the lake. We constantly get tested by the state about water quality but the issues are created by road salting and fire department (PFAS).

Nobody stops at this intersection despite the stop sign

Lack of sidewalk clearing in winter adds to pedestrian danger by requiring walkers to walk in the street. A committee is working on this problem.

Walking in winter can be challenging from Plymouth St. into town. Kelsea Ave is fine in the winter because one can walk safely on the side of the wide road, plus traffic is limited. Once on Plymouth St, walking on the side of the road is challenging when sidewalks are not available.

Bean Road where it narrows by the old Catholic Church. Both sides of the road are lined with stone walls and a big fence limiting all chance of clearance for a huge semi-truck and car or other big vehicle passing at the same time as a pedestrian or cyclist. Scarey and dangerous for all.

Rt 25b Rt 3 intersection needs realignment to create a 90 degree T, eliminate the parking spot closest to the Lake St. Main St. intersection for better visibility.

could be a bit better

Several accidents

I live near College Rd - never had an issue at either Waukegan or 25B intersections and I go thru them often

There should be a crosswalk painted on the road as well as signs warning cars of potential pedestrian crossing.

It is a very dangerous intersection since it's on a curve and people drive too fast.

Lacking sidewalks (which would be nice) pedestrian crossings with warning lights would be useful. In the rural parts of Town, walkways really aren't needed.

New lights put in people don't stop

I do not have enough experience to comment

As long as town post's plenty of caution or speed limit, reduction signs, etc.

could use a stop light at Heath Hardware

I don't see any of these as real problems. Let's not start assigning design changes to make up for inappropriate driver behavior.

Its a funky intersection.

The traffic lights on 25 are a big traffic hold up. The town should push the state to do something different there (maybe a large rotary to minimize backup)

The passing zone on 25B should be reduced to between Kline and Newman or eliminated completely.

Especially with the increase in traffic using 25B to avoid downtown Meredith

neither end of Kelsea Ave has good visibility!!

This response is to question 21. the town highway dept over salts our street in the winter. Chase Circle.

No snow removal on 25B side walk and cars and trucks travel way too fast

This answer relates to the position on safety of speed limits above and less to highway department. But perhaps the digital speed limit readouts are a combined highway and police action

Need a mirror to see traffic coming from rt 3 heading north at Waukegan Rd. A blind curve

Sight distance could be improved with minimal cutting.

Half of High Haith at the 90 degree turns was missing for a year. Anthon Rd had a culvert collapse and another in poor shape; a walker spotted the first before an oncoming car went into it....

The passing zone is extremely dangerous

visibility of oncoming traffic is difficult especially in winter

comment of #21: roads are plowed in a timely way but too much salt is used. please lower the percentage of salt to sand.

Will we wait for someone to be killed for this to be addressed, like at the top of Dane Hill

In my opinion, some of the danger can be lessened by driver focus. Only the driver can control their own distractions like texting and speed.

I'm unfamiliar with most of these intersections but I believe Lake Street at main might be safer as a rotary? it's just very odd angles to merge but it currently works. Accidents and the tell-tell of problems. Maybe there aren't any.

Center harbor neck road at route :25b

College Rd being used as a short cut by too many people. More speed limit signs needed!

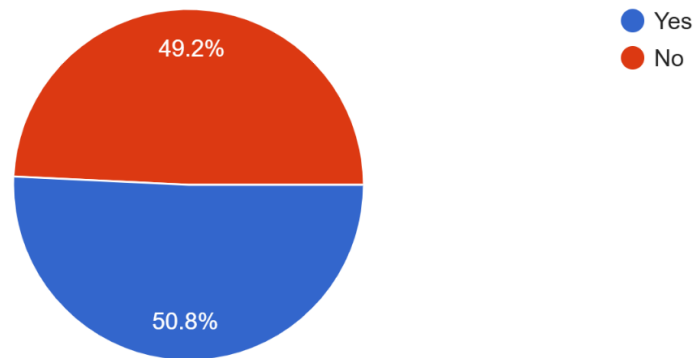
I'm not aware of a situation which seems too dangerous. Maybe I'm not well informed?

Oncoming traffic speed and lack of vision

Bushes/plant growth need to be cut back. Speed is also an issue!

23. Should the town explore traffic calming options (e.g. speed reduction) with the state of New Hampshire on Route 25 through the Village Area?

199 responses



Comments for Question 23:

It is 30 and then 35 in that area. If people DO the speed limit, it is fine. Its those that disregard that limit that are the problem.

slow em down!

Traffic volume seems to be the best speed reduction control. Heavy traffic backs up making speeding impossible.

Recommend only going after egregious speeders and not give tickets as a source of revenue.

Seems fine as it is posted

still go too fast on route 25

Speed level are adequate.

I believe the speed is reduced to 30mph

seems OK

Please be specific in describing what you mean by traffic calming options. Leave teh speed limit at 35 instead of reducing it to 30.

Not walking the area so do not know the risks

neutral, many drive too fast, but not sure any known methods except conviction will work

trucks should not be allowed to use brake engines on rte 25. especially in village area

Do you want it to back up more than it does?

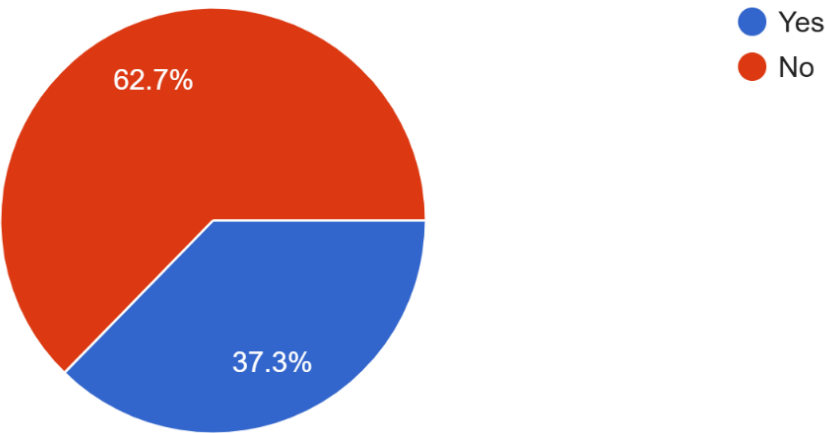
Police enforcement there seems to keep speeds appropriate.

There's stop lights for pity sake!

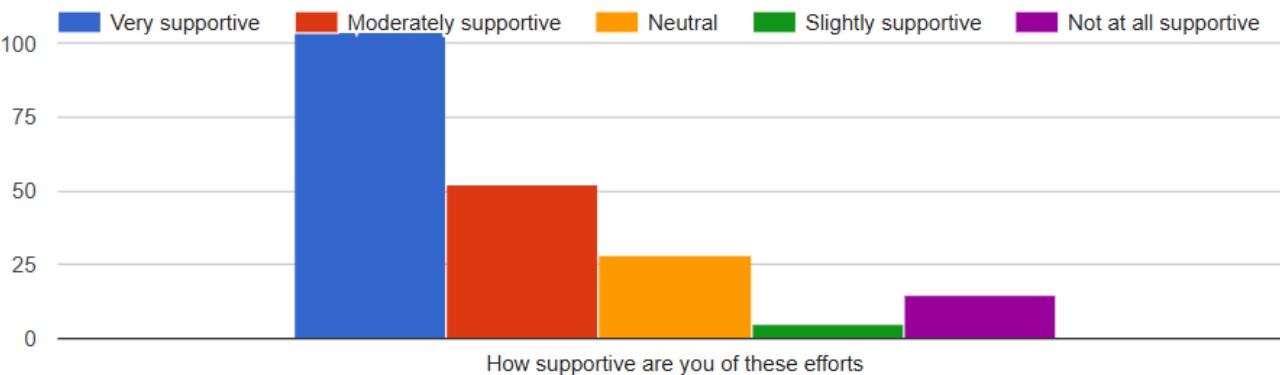
Current traffic lights are adequate and police monitoring superb
The speed limit is 30 mph now and mostly ignored. Not sure CH has the bandwidth for additional enforcement.
do better job of speed enforcement on Rt 25B
Better pedestrian accommodations in the village is needed. ADA accessibility .
Narrowing the travel lanes and shoulders on Rt 25 would have the result of slowing vehicles.
ok as is
Speed reduction on College Road
There is always traffic there so I cant see how people could speed thru there
In my opinion, speed is not the problem. Instead it is way too much traffic. Alternative paths to get to
Meredith, its shopping areas, the Waukegan area, Highway 93, Holderness and Laconia should be considered.
We need stricter enforcement, speeds through the Village area are too high most of the time
Increased ticketing
Not enough experience in town
Better safe than sorry
Traffic calming sounds so nice - creating unpleasant and inconvenience for those who obey the law. Adequate
signage and the occasional speed monitoring is more appropriate . . . similar to to question 22.
Sidewalks on 25 would be beneficial and the speed limit is low enough there
25 mph is adequate
Propose work with State to Reduce speed limit on 25B and/or make a no trucking route
As in Tamworth the speed limit on 25 should be increased
This is as above. I do not know who's responsibly this is. State or town
Cars speeding thru the village area is awful. There is little to no enforcement of vehicles speeding. It's like a
highway running thru a small town.
Bump out and narrow travel lanes
Yes, but contingent upon past history of accidents/frequency and severity if supported.
It's already slow enough
I live on 25 and people drive over the speed limit all the time. There is also a passing line right in front of my
house!
While I know we're more or less in a pit and trucks like to use their aux engine exhaust brakes, it woujld be nice
to have a better noise enforcement between 10 pm and 6 am. Motor cycles are also BIG offenders and feel
obligated to rev and pop their rpm to bring attention to them (its a lie to think this keeps them safe) . it's just
annoying to anyone at any time of day wanting to hear the kids play at the beach or even a boat coming across
the water. You might even be able to hear someone yelling for help in the water if it was quiet.
Our Police patrol quite well the areas in 23.
Probably in the future depending on growth.
30 MPH is fine
Not sure what could help I see a lot of people speeding on waukegan

24. Should the town explore increasing public parking in the Village Area?

201 responses

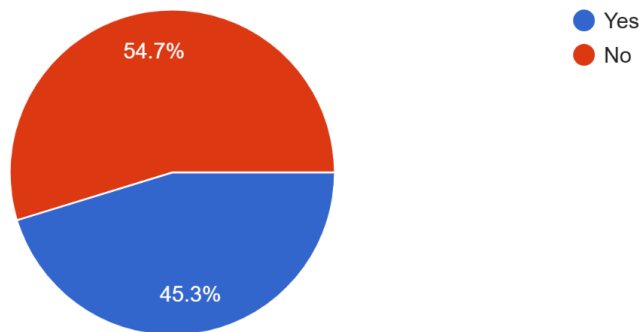


25. The town is currently investigating sidewalk/crossing options for enhancing the walkability and safety of the Village Area, including a portion of Route 25 to the Moultonborough town line, and from the town docks into the Village Area.



26. Do you feel there are any roads in town where accommodations should be made for bicyclists and pedestrians (such as bike paths, sidewalks or hiking paths) ?

190 responses



If you answered "Yes" in Question 26, please provide the names of roads you believe should have accommodations.

25B
Waukegan Road
Winona Road
Route 3, 25B and throughout the village
Coordination with bordering towns for a bike path around the lake. Bike path or lane on 25b, rte 25 and rte 3.
Hiking path in West Center Harbor area
there are many bikers that go around the lake, from Holderness, Sandwich, Center harbor. the roads are narrow, and it hard to navigate pass several bikers at a time.
Rte 25B and Rte 3
Dane Road, Plymouth Street, Main Street, Lake Street, Kelsea Ave, Bean Road, Whittier Hwy
Route 25
where ever it works
25B going up to hill to Center Harbor Neck Rd.
I would like bike paths on hiking trails on conservation land.
25B needs wider shoulders for greater safety
In the village area
College Rd
Center Harbor to Meredith and Moultonborough.
Everywhere, as much as possible.
25B, Rt 3, and Waukegan Rd.
all of 25B could use bike paths
Rt 25B
Replied No as cannot offer roads where accommodation should be made
No specific roads, but I think the area should be more accommodating to cyclists and walkers.
Walking along Bean Rd., from Kelsa up
Would like to see bike paths, but unsure where they could be
Bean Road - walking/biking path
I really meant "no" but America is so behind with regard to this, they might as well just stay there.

Route 25, 25B to Center Harbor Neck Road, Bean Road to High Haith
in general

Not sure, but it would be nice to be able to go for a safe bike ride

Need a group to explore potential options.

Bean Road; Rte. 25B & Rte.25

Extend the sidewalk on Plymouth St. to Chase Circle

bean road to main st to plymouth, there used to be a sidewalk there, long gone

College Road

Dedicated sidewalks from the docks to Heaths area & towards Lemongrass. Area is uninviting for boaters. Bike paths from Meredith thru town and onto Bean Road towards Sandwich

Rte 25B is extremely dangerous to bicyclists and the cars that are delayed trying to pass them since there are no bike paths.

Waukegan road though I don't know if there is room enough for a bike/walking lane.

Dane Rd

Route 25 from Canoe through the village

25 B

Sidewalks in the village area, bike paths OFF the road make sense, most cyclists are safety conscious but many are idiots.

Along Rt 25B and Waukegan

I wish there were more sidewalks - I would walk more if there were sidewalks near me. It is not safe to walk on "my" road due to lack of shoulder and no sidewalks. I am not sure what locations are most in need and assume that is based on population.

Depends on location specific proposals

Bike paths & sidewalks needed in village as well as bike path along Bean Rd.

Route 3 / 25

Center Harbor Neck, down 25, to Kelsea Ave to expand the sidewalks from there

sidewalks connecting main street and 25B down to the intersection, particularly if we are going to improve the crosswalk there

Just existing sidewalks and crosswalks

25b and bean rd

Route 25 through town, 25B, Coe Hill

Library needs modified ADA access curbing and designated parking at secondary sidewalk on Main St.

Route 25 but this is minor in my recommendation. If we had wide sidewalks it would add to the flow of biking and walking

Rte 25 in the Village area, AND Rt 25 B around the 2nd corner past the library

No specifics, but it's just good planning.

25b

Rt 25 and all roads in and around the village should have sidewalks to increase pedestrian user ability and bring people in to businesses and restaurants

25B, rt 25

Plymouth, Dane, Kelsea, Bean, Main, Lake

wherever possible

Village area for bikes and sidewalk for Bean road as well

Yes for sidewalks. There are several hiking paths in town that are in wooded areas. There is not really much room to widen streets for bike paths.

Marked hiking paths with some steps and accommodations for mild walking disabilities, not to have them all wheel chair accessible but able to encourage people with walking sticks to navigate them.

Rt. 25 and 25B

Whittier Hwy

Route 25B and Route 3

Bean Road

Biking and Walking/Hiking along most of our roads is consistently dangerous. Perhaps a study of where in town roads are commonly used for biking/walking would be helpful.

In the village, crossing Route 25, add pedestrian light

Piper Hill Rd very dangerous for bikers

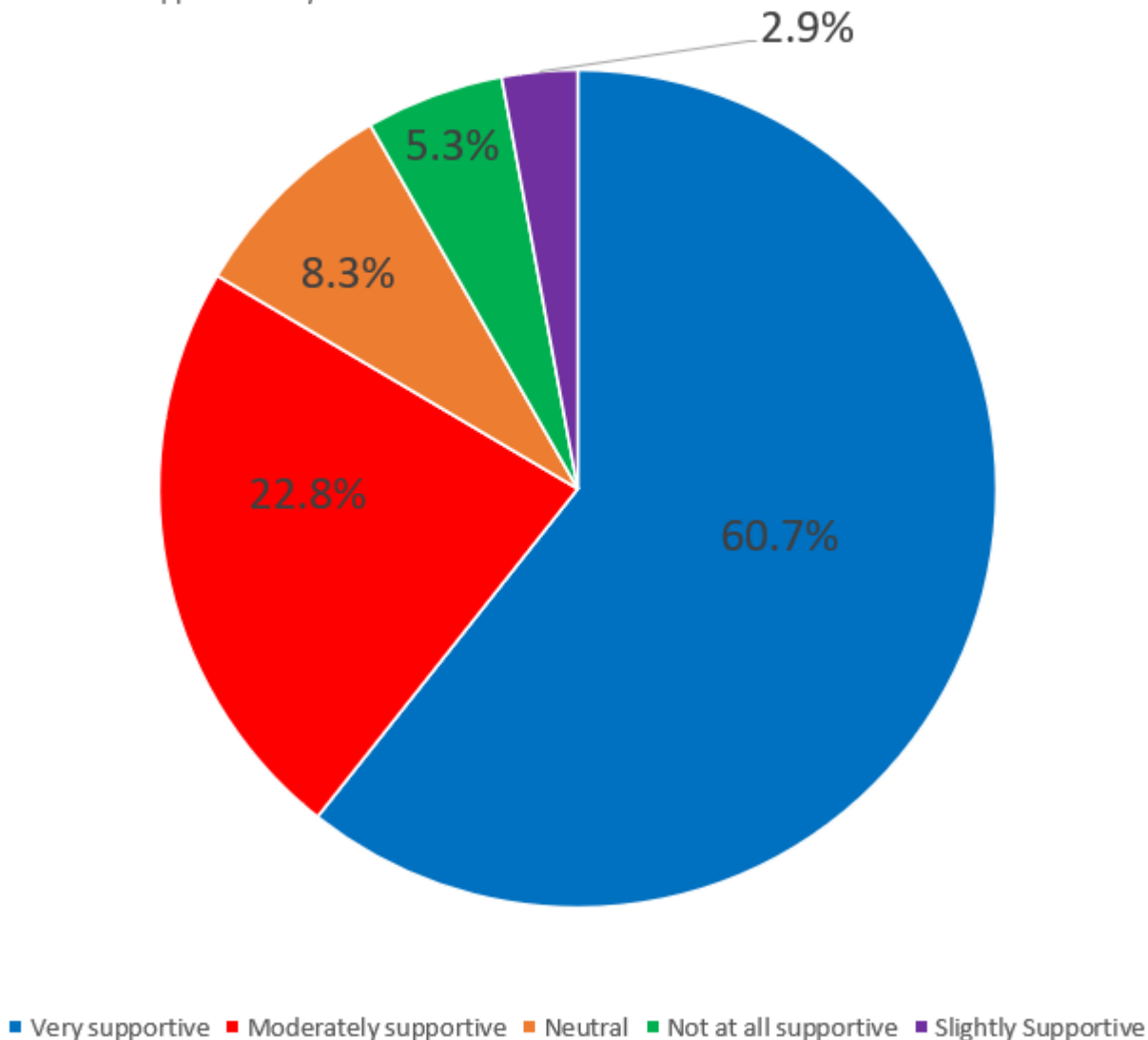
Sidewalks

not sure

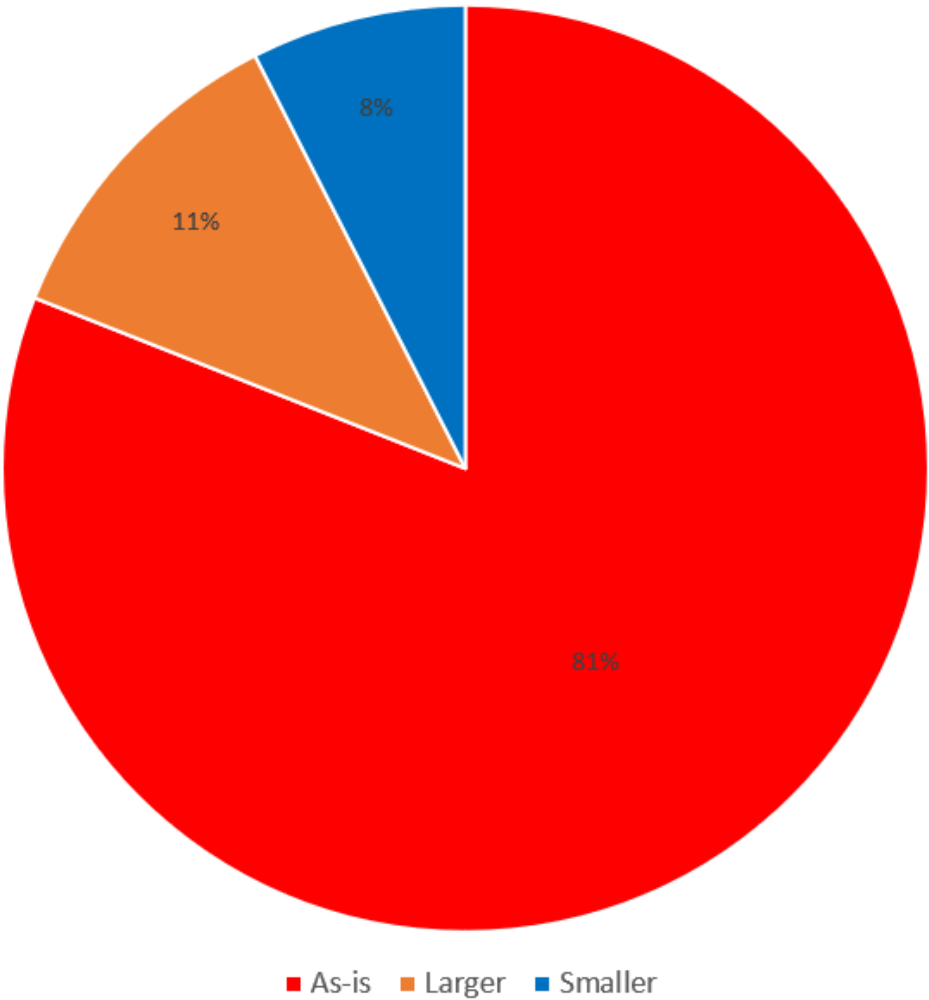
Bike lanes on 25B and rte 3

I haven't found a road in center harbor that accommodates pedestrians or bicyclists.

27. New Hampshire encourages municipalities to adopt local ordinances to preserve dark skies, minimize light pollution, and conserve energy. State law, specifically RSA 9-E:3, supports this initiative by encouraging municipalities to enact regulations that reduce light pollution and preserve the rural character of the state.
How supportive are you of these efforts in our town?



28. The town receives a land use change tax when land is taken out of current use (the tax is 10% of the market value of the land). Presently, the town sets aside 50% of this into a conservation fund. The town's Conservation Commissioners can recommend the application of these funds. Do you think the 50% set aside percentage should be?



Comments regarding Question 28:

Land preservation is essential throughout the lakes region, especially towns like Center Harbor with a great deal of lake frontage. Preserving such land helps reduce density at the lakes' edges and also improves the water quality of the lakes. Additional hillside and open land being conserved helps with air pollution and CO2 absorption. Using these funds for that purpose should be a priority.

Fully support buying land or land development rights on large tracts of land for conservation.

Adequate amount.

land use tax should be higher

This requires an explanation of what current use is.

I think the 10% tax should be larger as well as the portion that goes to conservation efforts.

Not clear on how these funds are used when recommended by conservation commission? My answer could change.

You can't encourage the right thing to do by taxing it more.

It is hard to know if it should be more or less with information provided. Are there lands identified for conservation that con com needs funding for? Is there surplus in con com's LU change tax fund?

It would be nice to see the approx. 50% amount generated over the last 10 years and the use for which it was used.

What happens to the other 50%. I can't answer this question without knowing what would happen to it if it was higher to lower

I am unclear about what happens to the other 50%

I am unclear what else this money would be used for but conservation seems like a good idea.

Much of the Town land is already conserved, I think we have a lack of projects, so yes, build a "war chest" for opportunistic conservation. Keep 50% for that and the other 50% going to the general Fund. Every little bit of revenue for the Town keeps taxes low (I think)

I don't have enough knowledge of town budget income and expenses to comment

I have no knowledge about this and am choosing to leave it unanswered

Encourage planting more trees in the village for shady walking & to absorb rain.

I am not knowledgeable enough about this to comment on making a change.

Too much land is conserved in Center Harbor and receives tax benefit that all residents have to subsidize.

I recommend a lower set aside depending upon application of the funds.

I would want to explore the implications on budget and real estate taxes before making a full position

The whole point of the LUCT is to benefit from the cost of community services of vacant land (often vacant land provides net positive tax revenue while also additional ecosystem services for free (vs net negative from residential development). Therefore 100% of the LUCT should go to the cons com..... though a cost of community services analysis would help inform the decision.

Need to explain that question better with more specificity

Good balance of conservation and tax reduction

We need to prioritize minimizing light pollution. Mercury and other very bright lighting fixtures should be prohibited or severely limited in all areas. At a minimum, all outdoor lighting fixtures should be angled downward to minimize light pollution. Much of NH including Center Harbor has dark skies but this is being encroached upon more and more. We need to protect our skies or future generation will only see the moon in our night skies.

10% of market value is far greater than in the past. The 50% to Con Com should also be weighed against other pressing town needs and expenses

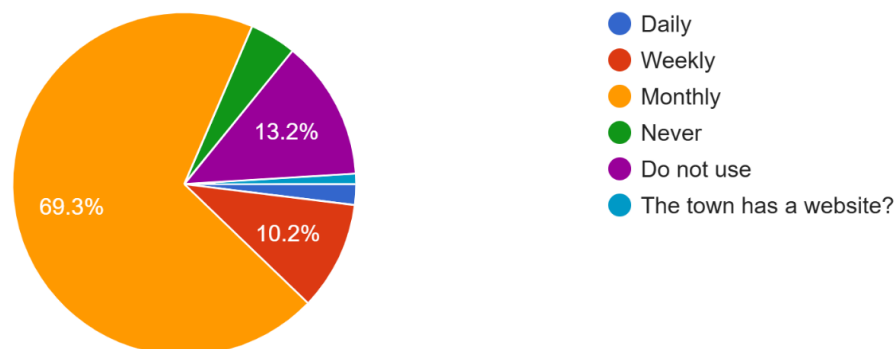
60 percent.

Those revenues might be better spent on city services such as road maintenance or other spending.

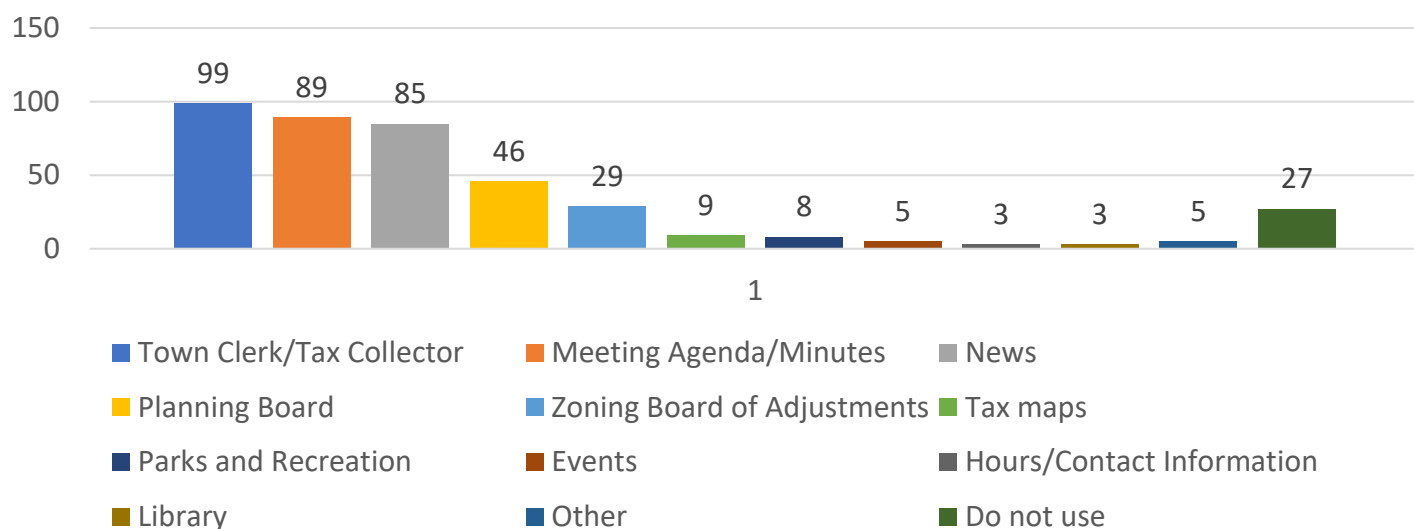
As is with prices as high as they are

29. How often do you visit the town website? (Please choose one)

205 responses

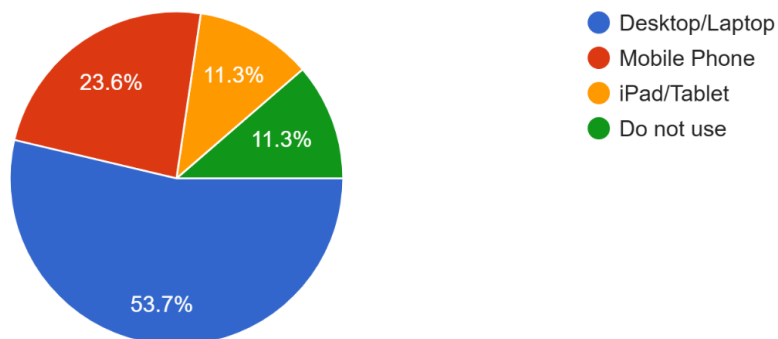


30. When visiting the town website, what section(s) do you use most? (205 Responses)



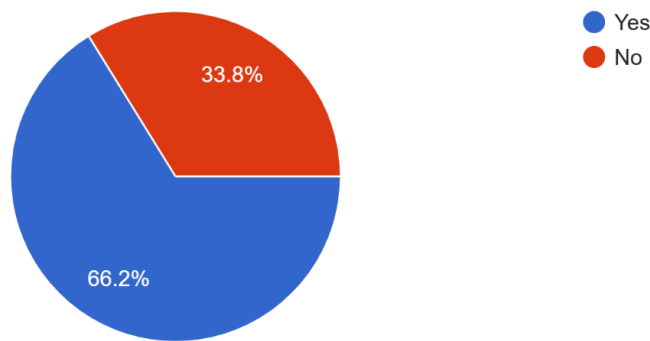
31. Which type of device do you use most often to access the website?

203 responses



32. Following the survey period, would you be likely to attend a Community Workshop event where the results of the survey are shared and you have a...would be targeted for a weeknight after Labor day)

204 responses



Please share any suggestions or additional comments you may have to help improve the direction of the town by its elected officials and appointed boards (such as Selectmen, Town Clerk, Planning Board, Zoning Board, Conservation Commission, Parks & Recreation, etc.

Historical Society??? Recognizing it is not a town function but should it be?

Having been a resident here for more than 45 years, I have seen many changes, most for the better. Keeping businesses in business and making the town a welcoming one for tourists as well as residents continues to be very important

I'm in favor of preserving and maintaining CH as it is currently. Increasing services only adds additional expense that also has to be maintained.

Would like to see more volunteers for the zoning and planning boards

Consider accessory units 1 per 2 acres or other ratio Consideration of future use of LaSalette property for housing/school/assisted living/etc if it is put on the market, uncertain if name changed To retain rural character, require setbacks/buffers along roads for subdivisions Promote subdivisions to be done as described in section 14, Cluster Residential Confusing questions about police/fire/ambulance since when call 911 they all show up It asks about the cost of ambulance service but no info provided for comparison The yes or no questions should have a neutral choice or ability to skip

It is a wonderful experience to live in Center Harbor and we are grateful for all the efforts of elected officials and appointed boards

Help our seniors with their taxes so they can stay home, some towns don't collect taxes after a certain age our town doesn't even raise the poverty level so they can get a decrease to help them they like things the way they are. Having sewer bills twice a year was only for one year and here we are with 2 years is this forever??again hurting seniors, everyone of you will be a senior one day living on social security help us we do not want to leave our homes.

I am very happy with the way things work.

I'd suggest an Advisory Committee be formed - 3 members; full-time town resident, part time town resident (maybe spend winters elsewhere) & part time non resident. This group can be assigned topics to research and to bring back to the Selectmen options and things to consider. Such input would be used by the Selectmen to make decisions.

Something needs to be done about skyrocketing real estate prices. Hard working young couples who grew up here cannot afford to buy a starter house and raise a family. Anything that comes up for sale is purchased by out of state money in cash deals, which further exacerbates the problem.

The workshop should be before Labor Day so summer residents could have a chance to voice their opinions.

A public restroom is needed year round

A fee to launch your boat on a public boat ramp.

Me personally am not a fan of using hot patch asphalt to repair our roads. The road agent has made statements that NH state assistance money is available to us but because of the limited miles of road in CH its hard to use. I would like to see more frequent re-paves and less patching.

Waterfront a huge asset to the town and town businesses. NOT EVEN mentioned in this survey. Needs serious attn.

taxes have to be evaluated. disproportionate to service received

Increase funding for library and senior recreation

There should be better guard rails on Winona Rd and please fix the steep drop off of the shoulders. On a happy note we love Mary at town hall ! She is amazing and so helpful!

I appreciate all the town's elected officials & appointed board members!

The town of Center Harbor has witnessed unsustainable growth recently and is suffering as a result. Quality of life is diminishing due to overpopulation and taxes are unrealistic. It's becoming unaffordable to purchase and maintain a home in Center Harbor. Please do everything possible to limit and reduce the size of local government.

Help get a pharmacy into this area

Everyone is so friendly & helpful! Thank you to all town employees & volunteers!

The biggest eye sore in the village is all the telephone polls. That is what people see when they visit our town and it distracts from the beauty.

Just proceed ethically.

Because I am not full time, it is hard to get to town hall for dump stickers. Why can't they be sold at transfer station or have 1 Saturday a month at the town office open

Code Enforcement needs a full time person who is more available to monitor new buildings and available to take phone calls and answer questions.

Need a community e-mail account to share what is happening in Town, what resources are available etc.

I'd like to see some extra space for library expansion. Opportunities for people of all ages to get together and communicate about regional offerings, activities for people of all ages.

I believe the town officials should explore restricting residential properties from being used to store junk and "dead" vehicles all over the outside areas. These few "yankee yards" are eyesores, diminish nearby property values and make a poor impression on prospective new residents and tourists alike.

Center Harbor is an example of a perfect small rural well kept town. I hope that if it grows it can do so without losing its essential character.

Town officials are doing a great job in general, especially keeping the budget increases to a modest amount.

They all seem to focus on efficient, effective and affordable outcomes, so keep that coming!

I would like to see more access to the lake to take a dog/pet.

We are Squam Lakes Conservation Society, a land trust that owns conservation land and easements in the Town of Center Harbor. We stand behind any action that supports our mission to protect the unique character and quality of the Squam community, including Center Harbor. We are happy to speak about land conservation and stewardship in the Town of Center Harbor if you would like.

Q#19- Regarding funding of ambulance services- Need specific details Q#21- Satisfied with snow removal to mailbox, but not further 800-900' to our driveway

Make the town more walkable with much for parking so we can park & walk. Parking area should be covered by solar panel canopy. How about the area behind Heath Grocery???

Police: I recently came across an information that some other towns in NH provide special parking lots under video surveillance for safe exchange zones for online transactions (e.g. Facebook Market Place or Craigs List). I

really like that idea, if it would be possible to implement it with low cost. Recreation: I would love to have all 4 courts at the Daniel Webster Hwy/Dane Rd junction to be prepared for pickle ball. Also, the nets should be stored in metal containers (like they do in Meredith) to be safe against mice - the two nets we have are partly chewed up.

I want minimal government. Please fight the urge to "grow" and become intrusive.

Smell the glove!!!

I would love more amenities around the lake, for example, kayak racks for residents would be amazing (even if there is an additional cost).

I am concerned with the investment that might be put in place regarding sidewalks in the town. The roads in West Center Harbor are below standard and need to be addressed before any money gets applied to sidewalks in very small percentage of the town.

Why were there no questions about the library and future direction?

The town could expand the public buildings and have more available for tourist populations on the property of town hall and the library up to the yellow house on Chase circle

We need a public bathroom

I will give all this some thought before the Workshop, which I will attend.

Town official decisions based on political ideology, DEI, and/or other personal beliefs, such as global warming, should be avoided. Official town decisions should attempt to be fair to all and each resident providing appropriate benefit/cost to each and be soundly based on scientific, engineering, and financial principles.

Gusto's has done a wonderful job inviting people to stop and enjoy CH. we should expand on that with shops, more outdoor seating restaurants, shops, drugstore, etc. and make CH a destination. It's an amazing location for a downtown!

eliminate short term rentals!

More collaboration between parks and rec dept Director and library director to plan shared activities and more collaboration between select board/admin and library trustees related to library improvements/grants/surveys. A few years ago there was a position on beautification of the town and regulations on business signage. It was never enforced that I know of and as a result the town does not look like a higher end, cute town. We should create a plan of beautification and ensure businesses adhere

Electronic reminders of car/boat registration deadlines.

How many solar panels are used by the town to reduce rising electrical costs (and thus reduce my taxes over the next 20-25 years???)? I have dozens of panels on my houses and get regular "No Payment Due" on statements from Eversource (MA) and NHEC (NH), PLUS I get free cash payments on Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) when my panels produce Megawatts of 'extra' power

I think we need to have additional public bathrooms other than those at the beach that are open year round.

All meetings should be accessible virtually in addition to in person to best enable broad participation. Use your planner and Regional Planning agency, do the appropriate analysis to inform decisions. Base decisions off sound data, not uninformed opinion.

The town charm and character could and should be much improved. That would automatically increase property values, along with visitors wanting to come here. The back of the hardware store as you're coming into the harbor from the water is an absolute eye sore. The signage throughout town should be quaint, in good taste and more aesthetically appealing vs generic and cheap. The side roads in and around the village should be paved and have side walks to encourage pedestrians and visitors to access the restaurants and businesses. I believe that 25B should not be traveled by large trucks/18 wheelers hauling large or heavy loads. They often get stuck on the hills and/or go extremely slow and create traffic issues.

Affordable housing for young and old.

1.) Would be great to see the width of the downtown boat launch ramp expanded. 2.) Also paint pickleball lines on all courts on Dane Rd facilities. Tennis players use the pickleball side even when the other court is

open. Related, metal boxes (like Meredith) to store net supplies instead getting surprised by a mouse in the shed would be great.

Absolutely lovely town. Own house in Moultonboro near town line w CH as well as CH land and spend lots of time in CH. Kind good people. Clerk is terrific.

Keep our town rural

Seems resident concerns outside of the town compact are not handled with the degree of response that those within the town compact see. Regulations are placed upon various activities but enforcement is lax and compliance checks random at best. If similar activities were happening in the Town Center or in more populated areas response and action would be immediate.

I would suggest that other means of revenue beyond taxation, be explored. No one wants to pay more taxes, but the cost of running even a small town like Center Harbor, continues to increase every year.

Hopefully people more in tune with this community than me gave you constructive feedback. Good Luck

Keep an open mind for all. Work with property owners to foster solutions not lawsuits.

I look forward to understanding how fellow residents view our town. Thanks

Don't allow gun gallery at the LC Camp!!!

You need to expand the parks and rec department. Why are there not more offerings? The swim lesson info was released much later than other towns and the times are not conducive to small children joining. The parks and Rec staff should be aware of the schedules of young children. The library is way too small, and the children's offerings are greatly lacking. I am overall very disappointed in the parks and rec dept compared to Meredith and holderness.

Pay close attention to in agricultural rural zoning areas being used for commercial enterprises, especially when new permits are issued. Don't let Center Harbor go down the rabbit hole of commercial structures springing up willy nilly as witnessed in other neighboring towns. Promote tourism in Center Harbor, which encourages new business and fresh, diverse ideas to our community. Center Harbor feels stagnant, and not welcoming to outsiders. Be the town that welcomes new ideas and cultures. Be the town that promotes health and wellness- maybe town sponsored activities and programs to encourage good mental and physical health for our youth and elderly. Get touch on Conservation. Get really tough. Become leaders in enforcement and impose serious fines for violations by builders and homeowners. Be the town the builders cannot mess with! Limit the number of trees and tree species that can be cleared from a property to build. PROHIBIT spraying for mosquito and ticks. These are dangerous chemicals that harm our ecosystem. They hurt our birds and pollinators. They hurt humans. They are not necessary. Dark skies too are important to our ecosystem for nocturnal creatures and pollinators. Encourage homeowners not to light up their properties at night with educational outreach.

Designate salt restricted areas in the winter, as an environmental safeguard. The DPW is using WAY too much salt on too many roads which degrades our environment. I can see the increase in invasive species on roadsides everywhere over the past twenty years. Be a leader in discouraging single use plastic in our town by prohibiting single use plastic bags at check out and encourage consumers to bring reusable shopping bags in stores throughout Center Harbor. A symbolic gesture to raise awareness to this serious environmental problem. These are just a few ideas. We can do better for the residences of this community. We can be vibrant and innovative and inspire our youth and residence on so many levels. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on the direction of Center Harbor life.

Would like to keep the town just as it is. Dont want to see any major expansions and loss of none developed areas. Not to expand any town buildings as what we have seems to work as it is now. Just spend to keep what we have in good working order. Could use some paving on some of the smaller roads that have deteriorated. All in all, I like things pretty much the way they are. Dont really want to see much more building up of the area, especially NO CONDOS or Gated Communities.