

Wilbraham Community Insights Survey

Alphabetized Survey Responses by Question

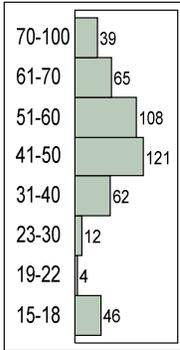
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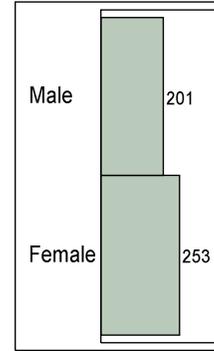
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Respondent Age



One respondent was actually 9 years old

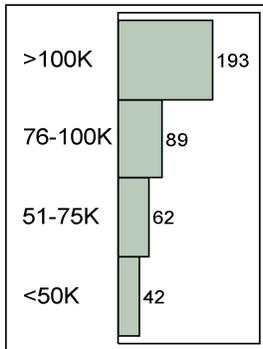
Respondent Gender



Any place where the numbers do not add up to 501 reflects a situation where the respondent did not provide the demographic data



Respondent Household Income



What group are you in when you received or heard about this survey or questionnaire? (not answered by everyone, but shows how some of the respondents heard about the survey)
?
?
?
? - a retiree trying to survive on fixed income despite huge increases in local, Federal and State taxation.
????
?????
1st group employees
40-50
71 year resident and a boston road business owner
A friend
a friend forwarded the email. my kids are in college now.
A neighbor sent me this e-mail so I am not sure what you mean.
a senior who has lived here all my life
accidentally found it.
adult 90+
Agricultural Commission
appointed to a board
ART
At Fountain Park Concert
At the summer concerts at fountain park
at town meeting
At town meeting
At Town Meeting.
BOSTON RO BUSINESS ASSO
BRBA
BRBA-business in Boston Rd.
Business BRBA
Chamber BRBA
church and at the Fountain Park concert
Church group
CON COM
CON COM
CON COM
Concerned resident
Concert Fountain Park
Concert goer @ Fountain Park

What group are you in when you received or heard about this survey or questionnaire? (not answered by everyone, but shows how some of the respondents heard about the survey)
Conservation Commission
CONSERVATION COMMISSON
Do not remember
Don t understand the question
don't understand the question - retired, long-time resident
elected official
email blast from a friend
email from friend
employee mtg.
English
English Class
English Class
English Class
English class.
Facebook
Facebook
Facebook
Facebook town page
FB
FB
finance cominittee
Fincom
Finnance Com.
Fire/EMS Dept
Forums
Found on MassLive.com
Fountain Park
FOUNTAIN PARK \$5 CONCERT
Fountain Park Concert
Fountain Park Concert
Fountain Park Concert.
Fountain Park concert.
Fountain park concert.
Fountain park concerts
fountain park music
friend
Friend of the Vision Committee
Friends of the library
Friends of Wilbraham
Friends of Wilbraham Seniors meeting

What group are you in when you received or heard about this survey or questionnaire? (not answered by everyone, but shows how some of the respondents heard about the survey)
from library
Gale Candaras Facebook
Gardens of Wilb
Gardens of Wilbraham
Gardens of Wilbraham/senior age grp
Got on line
group awesome.
Hampden Times
Handout at town meeting
heard about from a family member
Heard about it at the concert series, reminded by the Times
Heard about it from a friend.
Heard about it from WCA
Heard about it in the Wilbraham Times
heard via Wilbraham Times newspaper
high school
High School
high school
High school
High School Class
High School during psychology class.
high school open house
High School Scnier
High School Scnier
high school senior
high school senior
High School Student
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT - FROM HAMPADAN
High school student (MRHS)
high school students
highschool
Highschool students (WMA)
Home old neighbor
home owner
HUMAN
HWRSD
HWRSD
I am in no group. Live in Wilbraham.
I don't understand the question
I don't understand this question.

What group are you in when you received or heard about this survey or questionnaire? (not answered by everyone, but shows how some of the respondents heard about the survey)
I found this survey on line I am not in a "group"
I have no idea what you are asking here.
I heard about this from a neighbor
I heard about this from the local Turley publication
I heard from a fellow resident
I just saw it on the Town Website
I read about it in The Wilbraham Hampden Times, I LOVE our local newspaper!
I received notice of this via a postcard while touring the new h.s.
I saw an article on Town's new website
I saw it on the MassLive forums
I saw it posted on MassLive
I was at Church
I was at home in my kitchen reading the Times
I was at the dump.
I was browsing the Town's home page.... better communication about this page is needed
I was reviewing the Towns website for voting times, which I did not find.
Imagine wilbraham day at the high school
involved, town resident
Just a resident. Found survey on site.
Key club
key club
Key Clun
life long resident
linked from mass live forum.
Live in town
Live in town
Local resident/work in town & from Boston Rd business Association BRBA
mailing list
Mass Life forum
Mass live
MassLive
Masslive and paper
masslive forum
Masslive.com
member of Wilbraham United Church
Middle age
minnechaug
Minnechaug
Minnechaug Key Club

What group are you in when you received or heard about this survey or questionnaire? (not answered by everyone, but shows how some of the respondents heard about the survey)
Minnechaug Key Club
Mother of 4# and a supporter of 'Arise for Social Justice'
MRHS English class
MRHS open house
Mrs. Franklin's Contemp. class
My Family
New high school tour.
newspaper
Newspaper
Newspaper and email notification.
no group
No Group
No group
no group just a concerned citizen
No group -was asked by a friend to participate.
No group/Resident only
None
none
None
none
none i was told about it
none newspaper
None, saw a sign.
None.
Not sure of group but found you in the Wilbraham Reminder
Not sure what the question is asking. Adult age 45? Saw posting int he reminder
not sure what this question is asking.
Not sure what you mean by this? I saw the booth at the 'In Celebration of Trees' event and heard about it there.
Officer Running
Old Meeting House
Old, retired senior, Library lover.
On town website
on website
online
online user
open house at new high school
open house at new Minnechaug HS
Open Space Committee
Orchard valley 5.17.12 fir BRBA Business Update (Boston Road Business Association)
OSRP
over sixty
Parent of school aged children
parents of school age children
Park-Rec

What group are you in when you received or heard about this survey or questionnaire? (not answered by everyone, but shows how some of the respondents heard about the survey)
Private
Property Owner
psych class
psychology
public school notices home
question is not clear...I'm a 22 year resident....
random e-mail group and neighborhood email group
Read about it in the Times
Read about it in the W-H Times
Read about it in the Wilbraham Times
Read about the survey in The Wilbraham Senior News.
Read an article in the Republican
real living realty
Real living realty and fountain park concert
rec dept
Received information in Wilbraham Times
resident
Resident
Resident
Resident
Resident (Members of the Cultural Committee, Historical Committee, & Community Perservation Committee
Resident attending Town Mtg
Resident who read about it in Reminder and newspaper
Retired
Rotary
Rotary
ROTARY
rotary club
Rpublican Town Committee, Wilbraham Garden Club
S
S
Saint Ceclia's Roman Catholic Parish
Saw in local newspaper
Saw it in newspaper
Saw it on Masslive on my iPhone
Saw the article in the Times
school - senior
Scouting
sel office-HR
Self-Guided Tour at Minnechaug High School
senior
Senior Center- Friends
Senior citizen & property owner
senior in highschool

What group are you in when you received or heard about this survey or questionnaire? (not answered by everyone, but shows how some of the respondents heard about the survey)
several
Stony Hill Road School email
Student
Student at WMA
Summer Concert
Summer Concert Series
Summer Concerts.at Fountain Park
Summer Singing Event-Fountain Park
swag
Swag
Teacher
the Atheneum Society of Wilbraham
the Times
The Times
The Wilbraham Times
this line contained part of previous response
This question does not make grammatical sense. I was on a tour of the new Minnechaug when I heard about the survey.
Thursday Concert
Times article
Times Newspaper
tour of new high school
tour of new high school
tour of the new MRHS
Touring Minnechaug High School
Touring the new Minnechaug HS
Town clerk
Town Concert
Town concert at Fountain Park
Town Employee Town Resident for 25 years
Town Employees
Town employees/Dept. Head
Town Meeting
Town meeting
Town meeting
Town News
town news email
Town resident - received postcard
Town resident for 16 years
town resident soon to be moving away
town web site
Town website
Use MassLive.com
Vision day 12-8-12 at high school
Vision meeing 5/17/12 BRBA

What group are you in when you received or heard about this survey or questionnaire? (not answered by everyone, but shows how some of the respondents heard about the survey)
vision task force member
visiting open house at Minnechaug
Visiting the new high school
Visiting the new School which is very nice and strikes a good balance between being effective without being ostentatious.
VTF
VTF Student meeting/ WMA
W/H Rotary Club
WCA
What kind of question is this?.
Wilbraham Art League at Fountain Park
Wilbraham Community Assn.
Wilbraham Monson Academy
Wilbraham Times publication
WMA
WMA
WMA community
WNCC Thursday night concern

When you tell your friends and family members who don't live in Wilbraham as to the best thing about this town. . . what's the first thing that comes to your mind?
- community, - schools
(Family??) Friendly
(swear-word) Go To HAMPDEN
1) The school system 2) The environment for families 3) the very favorable tax rate (compared to anywhere else my family members live) 4) the streamlined government (the USA could learn soemthing from us)
a great school system
A small community with a good mix of new and older homes. A balance of priority spending to create a good cash position for today and tomorrow.
A Small town community educated / safe
A small town feel with good schools and business convenience.
A small town run by a good group of well minded people that don't promote extreme over the top ideas.
A small town that has it all. Shopping, chain restaurants, home depot, Family fun center, nice park & a great golf course
a strong community
a true suburban community.
all of the houses are really old
All the available open space and conservation lands
Beautiful area, great schools
Beautiful community with wonderful people that live here. Great Education for children.
beautiful peaceful community with family-oriented residents
Beautiful quiet town with great schools.
Beautiful setting and environment
beautiful town and a great community
Beauty of Wilbraham's Locale
Before the storms of 2012, the beauty of the land.
BEUTIFUL HOUSES
big houses small town nicer area
BostonRd Business corridor-Full of great businesses, restaurants+ shopping
Character of the town. The small town feeling and sense of community.
Charm
clean - safe - friendly
clean, safe place to raise a family beautiful open spaces
close knit community, nice houses with open space
close to everything but not city living
Close to some nature trails such as Rice's preserve. Also, the village store is nice sort of community center.
Collective efforts to keep Wilbraham "on the map" whether in maintaining an excellent school system or keeping small town cohesiveness in the political and municipal realms.
Comfortable, pleasant, safe, well-managed
commitment to education
community

When you tell your friends and family members who don't live in Wilbraham as to the best thing about this town. . . what's the first thing that comes to your mind?
community & school system
COMMUNITY SPIRIT
community spirit...good school system, historic background, and the beautiful landscape
Country living with city comforts.
COUNTRY LIVING, PEACEFULL, CLOSE TO ALOT OF THINGS
country living, yet close to the city
Country setting close to malls, services and excellent school system
Country. Can walk 1/4 hour from centre and be out of sight of houses.
Despite neighboring Springfield, it's a low-crime community. I feel safe here, and feel safe that I can walk in my neighborhood at night. I see a police officer every morning on my way to work at one of two locations on Main St, and I like this as it keeps reckless driving to a minimum.
Dog-Eaten - No Replies--Left on this page
don't need a bullet proof vest! Calm and personal space
Education and small town
EDUCATION DOES NOT MEAN A FANCY SCHOOL
Estetic beauty of the town. volunteerism
Everything is relevantly close to another.
excellent school system...small town feel...community events
Family friendly neighborhoods Excellent practices in the conservation of land, rather than clearing forests for new subdivisions.
family homes wil nice yards
FAMILY ORIENTATED COMMUNITY
family oriented
Family oriented community
Farms and farmstands. Rockwalls. Trees.
Fountain Park
fountain park - great place to hike and bring the dog for walks . Corcerts
Fountain Park and the General Store
fountain park the schools
fresh acres
Friendliness of residents
Friendly neighbors who are helpful and make a great community.
Friendly people
Friendly people
Friendly small town
friendly small town where everyone knows everybody!
friendly, safe community
Friendly, small town atmosphere.
Friends and Family. Great community feel.
GOOD BALANCE BETWEEN SCHOOLS, BUSINESS, FACILITIES AND SERVICES
good community atmosphere
Good People, Good Schools
Good place to raise children.
Good school system
GOOD SCHOOLS

When you tell your friends and family members who don't live in Wilbraham as to the best thing about this town. . . what's the first thing that comes to your mind?
Good Schools
Good schools
Good schools
good schools, good rec. department
Good schools, quiet, busy Boston Road is away from most of town. Country feel and safe community.
Good schools, safe town and open space (and the commitment to keep it that way). There is a sense of pride and community that seems to stem from the rich history of the town and the ability to preserve.
Good Schools, small community atmosphere. Wilbraham & Monson Academy
Good Schools, Good town atmosphere,
good schools, safe, quiet
Good schools.
Good size housing lots
good sports program, from youth to highschool -
Great citizens...just like every other town or city.
Great community, pretty town, small town feel, good schools
great education
great education/ schools
Great for families
Great place to raise a family. Great schools
Great place to raise children
great place to raise children,,,lots of community programs and support
great school system
great school system family oriented
Great Schools
Great schools, low crime, beautiful
Great schools, open space, great people, quirky small town things like peach festival (wish we still had it), barbershop signs, photos of townsfolk in the Hampden Wilbraham Times
Great schools, the YMCA, and The Village Store
Great schools.
GREAT SMALL TOWN - GOOD SCHOOLS
Grew up here and it is a good family town.
Grew up here.
high quality of living
Highly desirable town to live in for western mass. Zoning provides spacious lots and many community supported areas Community has a sense of connection
Hiking trails Sports programs to competitive for the kids Parents not welcoming Discrimination in schools (kids) Good Restaurants
Historic, small, colonial
History
home of friendly's ice cream
hometown
Housing, Schools, and Rec Department
How much we feel at home here-its a caring community
I don't live in Wilbraham, but as someone from the town over it seems like a great community to raise a family.
Nice town

When you tell your friends and family members who don't live in Wilbraham as to the best thing about this town. . . what's the first thing that comes to your mind?
I don't talk about this town too much. I personally this this town is too stuck up and not friendly to outsiders
I feel that Wilbraham is a safe place to live and that the town is well managed.
I grew up here. Now my children are growing up here. It's a great town.
I inform them that we have a very solid education system. I am the father of three children that are all enrolled in Wilbraham School District.
I live in a beautiful neighborhood with amazing views and quiet, respectful neighbors.
I love the rural feel of the town.
I talk about the town's quaintness.
In general, people are outgoing and friendly
Independent residents
Individuals interest in making the community the best for all citizens
It is still a little rural and close to major highways and cities
It has a good mix of open space and well connected neighborhoods.
It has retained its historical 'town' character
it has the best of both worlds country, love the Village, and all the stores and restaurants just up the road
It is a family oriental town that makes family like a number one PRIORITY
It is a friendly, strong, upstanding community.
It is a great place to raise a family. Down to earth, friendly, supportive neighbors. Healthy environment for family. No feel that you need to keep up with the Jones's.
It is a very friendly and welcoming place.
It is beautiful and has a wonderful New England charm.
It is not over crowded, and the school system is good and successful with students.
it is safe
it is safe, no killers
It is very colonial and beautiful. The history in this town is great.
It is well managed. The Town is run like a "service" business with the town residents as customers
It still feels like a small small New England village.
it used to be peach fest but now it's gone
It used to be the scenery, and I hope it will be again once all the debris has been cleared away and more trees planted.
It's a classic, small New England town.
its a decent school system
It's a friendly place with beautiful wooded areas.
It's a great place to live. It's a family community, where people take pride in their family and their homes!
It's a small and friendly community.
It's a small quaint New England town
It's a small town that has the perfect balance of business and convenience in the Boston Rd corridor while still having a quaint, historic feel to the rest of the town.
It's a small town with potential
It's family oriented. Has good schools.
It's natural beauty (more so before the tornado!).
It's nice. It's like the Chicopee I grew up in 30 years ago.
Its quaintness, small town feel, with city conveniences just minutes away.
It's quiet (for the most part), rural, has fresh air, is pretty, is friendly (for the most part), and has a great library, police, fire service.

When you tell your friends and family members who don't live in Wilbraham as to the best thing about this town. . . what's the first thing that comes to your mind?
It's quiet.
It's safe.
It's so expensive to buy a house here that it keeps the riff-raff out.
Land conservation, open spaces for hiking, birdwatching etc.
living conditions, friendliness
lots of space fairly good sense of community , strong public education
Lots of trees, farms great neighborhoods and wonderful homes!
lots of vacant properties, mostly bank foreclosures by the looks of it and tons of free, vacant commercial space on rt 20, (actually the schools are what we say is the reason we came to town)
LOVELY RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY
Lovely town - fine schools and library.
Low Crime - Nice Neighborhoods Quiet + wildlife
low crime rate
low crime, quiet town.
Main Street Wilbraham is just stunning with it's colonial homes. The sidewalks, wide street and community spirit seem to be so prevalent there. The Cafe and Pharmacy, as well as the barber and cleaner are just perfect. The little park that leads to the library and pizza shop are just comforting. The schools here are terrific as far as being able to offer practical learning.
Main Street, the center of town
Minnchaug
minnechaug
My mother lives here. I needed to come help her out.
Neighbors. Everyone looks out for each other.
New England small town atmosphere with the resources and critical mass to provide quality services like fire and police departments, library and most importantly education.
New High School.
nice community
Nice community, the people. It has rural areas, suburban neighborhoods, and commercial area on Boston Road, plus near Springfield. Focus on education with new high school.
nice neighborhoods with good schools
Nice neighborhoods, with good-size lots.Pleasant-looking town where the residents, for the most part, take care of their property.
Nice people
NICE PLACE TO LIVE
NICE PLACE TO Live + RAISE childRen
nice place to live and work - school system, good town services, rural community character, caring sense of community
Nice place to raise a family
Nice quiet town
Nice semi-rural historic town,
Nice small community
Nice, small, quiet community.
No hoodrats from Springfield!
not congested
nothing

When you tell your friends and family members who don't live in Wilbraham as to the best thing about this town. . . what's the first thing that comes to your mind?
Nothing
NOTHING OR TORNADO
one of top educations in w.mass
Open space and outdoor recreation opportunities. Specifically the trail system.
Open Space, Old New England town, partially rural atmosphere
open space/rural
Open, public recreational space for hiking
Originally we moved here for the schools, but come to love the rural and quaint aspects of the town. Beautiful open space areas. Small town feel.
Our schools and the lovely settings in the town that keep it from looking developed into a city look.
Overall feel-- everyone has a sense of belonging
park space, rural feel, appreciation of history
Parks -Recreational Programming- I have young kids so my friends also do which is what we look for in a community . good schools, safe, + parks w/recreational opportunities
peace
PEACE + Quiet
Peace of mind
Peaceful
Peaceful atmosphere, lack of meanness or snobbery. Able to do many activities without undue constraints.
Peaceful neighborhoods, to walk and bike in
people
People and there willingness to take part in town goverment
people are allowed to live as they wish on their own property without interference of government.
people are generally friendly
People are generally very friendly, well educated and repectful.
Pleasant area to live in. A bedroom community that's well situated to Mass Pike, Rt 91 with nearby malls, shopping centers
Pleasant peaceful town, but not exciting culturally
PLEASANT SUBURBAN COMMUNITY
Positive sense of community.
pretty town center-welcoming library with something for everyone
PROXIMITY TO SPRINOFIELD
Quaint - Good town service both Police, Fire, & Emergency
Clean -
Quaint New England town charm
Quaint, safe town, with excellent schools and sense of community.
quaint, village store, pretty
Quality of life, meaning low crime rates, decent schools, minimal commercial footprint.
Quality of life.En
quality of schools/property values
Quiet
Quiet
quiet and pretty - great schools
Quiet and safe neighborhoods.
Quiet and well maintained

When you tell your friends and family members who don't live in Wilbraham as to the best thing about this town. . . . what's the first thing that comes to your mind?
Quiet little town
quiet lots of open space
Quiet Neighborhood, lots of families
Quiet rural living, close to highways
quiet, clean, low crime
Quiet, comfortable and friendly.
Quiet, good schools, nice neighborhoods
Quiet, low crime
Quiet, off the beaten track, traditional values, good schools.
Quiet, peaceful neighborhoods
quiet, peaceful, friendly and safe.
Quiet, Residential Community
Quiet, Safe, very nice community.
Quiet,laid back town
Quintessential New England living.... plus - home of Friendly Ice Cream (everyone seems to know that sign on the Mass Pike!)
Quite Secure
quite, peaceful, don't have to worry about "keeping up with the Jones", St Cecilia's Parish and Father Soranno are excellent
raise a family
Relative ease for shopping toward Springfield
RETAINS THE CHARM OF A OLD NEW ENGLAND TOWN --- NO BILL BORDS. A 208 YEAR OLD ACADEMY
Rural atmosphere, good schools, close to shopping, culture and sophisticated entertainment. Between NY City, Boston, and Albany but far removed from any of them. Lots of open space, outdoor activities and walking/hiking/biking possibilities. Isolation for those who want it, connectivity for those who want that also.
Rural character
RURAL CHARACTER CLOSE TO SHOPPING CENTERS, SCHOOLS, SERVICES
rural character, yet close to the action.
rural charm - especially Main St
rural feel, yet close enough to many advantages of modern living
Rural, suburban and city all in one town. The people are friendly.
Rustic charm
Rustic new England Town - Home of Friendly's Ice Cream Corp.
Safe
Safe and pretty.
safe community
SAFE COMMUNITY, Excellent schools, Attractive NeighborHoods
Safe! When we were house hunting (for about 5 years) We discovered Wilbraham was one of the top 100 places in the country to live.
safe,
safe, quality schools
Safe, Quiet, Pretty small town
safe, small town Good place to have kids Good people
Safe, well maintained community, with a caring, committed resident base
safe,stress free quality of life with effective local governance

When you tell your friends and family members who don't live in Wilbraham as to the best thing about this town. . . what's the first thing that comes to your mind?
Safe. Low density housing.
safe. Quiet.Pretty.
safety
Safety
Scenery Hiking trails Quaint
SCENIC AND QUIET
Scenic treed upscale suburban community with mountain and open space.
School Dept
school district
school system
Clean/well kept
school system great police dept
School system, beautiful community.
School Systems. We moved here from Belchertown and my kids love their schools this year and their teachers. They have lots of activities to try and bring families together. They make learning fun.
school systems/sports
schools
Schools + small town feel
Sense of Community
Sense of community, rural spaces.
Sense of community, safety, beauty, excellent school system.
Simple, hometown living
Slower pace of life.
SMALL COMMUNITY
SMALL COMMUNITY - VERY FRIENDLY GREAT FOR FAMILIES
small community feel. Excellent fire and police departments.
SMALL COMMUNITY WITH GREAT SCHOOLS

When you tell your friends and family members who don't live in Wilbraham as to the best thing about this town. . . what's the first thing that comes to your mind?
small community, pretty environment nice houses
small country setting.
small enough to know your neighbors if you so desire
small nice good schools
small town
small town country atmosphere
Small town atmosphere. More like New Hampshire than Mass.
SMALL TOWN CHARM COMMUNITY FEEL
small town community activities
small town everybody knows everybody -
Small town feel
small town feel
Small town feel, love the center of town, village store, beautiful WMA buildings. Good public schools. Nice parks.
Small town feel. Not too commercial. Good schools. Good sports programs for kids.
Small town feeling, beautiful surroundings
small town on the safer side
Small town where you dont go far before you see someone you know.
Small Town where you run into people that you know. People get to know each other in Wilbraham, not just live isolated inside their homes.
Small town with a small town feel. Lots of events to participate in to stay connected to people.
Small town with community spirit. Safe. Pretty. Good schools
Small town, country setting, open land, quality schools.
Small town, good school system, nice place to live, good people.
small town/good schools/open space
small traditional new england town sense of community picture sque
Small, Friendly, Safe Quiet community
Small, neighborfriendly opportunities for participation
Small, rural, "townie" feel.
some of the older houses that are around town. the orchard up near rice's fruit farm use to be
space between neighbors school system
spec pond is kinda nice
Spec Pond recreation area
sporty town but not everyone is sporty
Stability
Strong Education by high standards and motivated teachers & Staff Safe environment for my children
Suburban living in a relaxed friendly environment.
Suburban living without snobbery. Strong schools.
Take a walk through Fountain Park; it's beautiful!
that even though this town is small it is at the cusp of expontial growth.
That is is a nice place to live and raise a family.
THAT IS IS SMALL AND INTIMATE
That it is a quiet bedroom community, a good, safe place to live.
that it is a quiet town and everything is in walking (distance??)
The amount of open land that we have.
The amount of school spirit Minnechaug has. It's unbelievable

When you tell your friends and family members who don't live in Wilbraham as to the best thing about this town. . . what's the first thing that comes to your mind?
The area trees, peaceful, large yards
The beautiful trees. The hills that surround the center of town. The small town feel of main street with the local coffee shop where friends meet for conversation and coffee. My neighbors--who look out for one another. Our location--near so much culture, music, interesting places to shop and eat.
The blend of rural and suburban environments- great housing and schools, farm stands and quiet.
The center
The citizens that live here
The community events such as , the lighting of the Christmas tree. Plow day. concerts at fountain park, etc.
The community itself. Rural living with friendly neighbors by and large
the communityitself, close knit town
The country feel of the town.
The country-like area and neighborhoods. Also Wilbraham is close enough to the city for commuting. A small town feel.
the education in schools
the education is good
The feel of a small town. Friendly people, not overcrowded, Open space for hiking etc.
The first thing that comes to my mind is the small town feel of our community, which is a good thing. Our town does not have a generic look to it. One thing I think about often is what are going to be the landscape memories of my children. In so many communities over the past years, older, interesting buildings have been torn down to make way for a generic looking CVS, Walgreens, take your pick. I used to drive back from the Eric Carle Museum, and always enjoyed seeing the brick auto body shop at a particular intersection. I often thought that I should take a picture of it with its many paned windows and beautiful brickwork. I should have because it is no more. Another corner CVS! I really hope that the landmarks my children will have to remember are not going to be chain stores. I hope we never lose our "downtown" Main Street personality. I hope we never lose our hometown feel or look.
the friendly community
the friendly, small-town feeling we have here. being in the center of town or walking around the triangle (main-faculty-springfield streets), people wave & say hello. there are families from several different socioeconomic levels, but, i never see anyone act as if they are better than others.
the great community we live in and the services provided such as an boston road wilbramm and Monson
The great education and athletics that are available.
The great school systems
THE HISTORY OF THE TOWN AND THE GENERAL SCENERY
The HISTORY of the town.
the land I am able to own
The large lot sizes and how well kept the town is.
The mix of suburbia and rural
the mountain - woods - small town setting
the mountain grass, open space, boring
The neighborhood I live in and the schools.
The open space and small town feel of Wilbraham.
The orchard/nature Preserve
the people
The People

When you tell your friends and family members who don't live in Wilbraham as to the best thing about this town. . . what's the first thing that comes to your mind?
The people
The people who are kind and neighborly and respectful of others.
The people, residents...
The people.
The people.
The people. They are first class and neighborly. Their goals coincide with mine in making our town the best that it can be!
the quaintness and rural vibe of the town is a nice change from citylife
The quality of education provided by the public school system.
The quality of the parks + rec and a town beach. consider why wilbraham made top town list
the quality of the school system
the quiet setting and the schools
the quiet small town atmosphere
The rural area, history preservation
The Rural atmosphere.
The rural setting with great people and no crime.
the scenic roadways, mountain views, the people
The school system -- the teachers, the district and the level of involvement of the families and community in educating our youth.
The school system / wildlife
The school system and "small town feel".
The school system and how well organized the recreation dept. is.
The School System and how well the town is run.
The school system/teachers/students graduate who go to college.
the schools
The schools
The schools
The schools and the country feeling
The Schools and the way the entire town focuses on its children through sports and other activities such as the Children's Museum.
The Schools are great.
The schools. My wife and I tell everyone we love the fact that Wilbraham has top-notch schools, it was the main reason we bought a house here last year.
The sense of community and friendliness of the people. I love the different events that are held, the weekly local newspaper, the people who help out neighbors and others in time of need.
the sense of community when we faced the snowstorm and tornado impacts. I was very proud that there was a re-scheduling of Halloween activities.....that showed great community compassion for our town youth.
The sense of community, Fountain Park, and all of the businesses.
The small town feel. The local community.
the town center as a gathering place, the visual beauty of the tree lined streets, the Academy
the town in general - small town feel
The town is still small enough that you can make a difference
The town isn't overdeveloped, so there is still an open, rural feel to it. It feels like a quiet, safe, small town.
The upkeep of the homes and the quaint neighborhoods are impressive
There is a good amount of space to go outside and do things. You don't have to be afraid of going for a walk at

When you tell your friends and family members who don't live in Wilbraham as to the best thing about this town. . . what's the first thing that comes to your mind?
There is nothing really to do
there's nice houses
This town has lots of open space and trees. The school system is quite good.
Tight knit community
Town has the small hometown feel with needed and desired stores and services close by on Boston Road.
Town is quiet. Police Department and School Department exceptional. Good place for both seniors and families with young children.
town meeting/good schools/quality services
Traditional, small town feel
Tree lined rural/suburban setting
typically the quality of the education in the schools
Used to tell them about "beautiful tree shaded Main Street"- where we live...now we tell them that it used to be that way and will be again... would like to tell everyone on how the Town govt led effort to remove ALL down trees from tornado and micro-burst from private and TOW property...
very little crime
very little crime
Very residential and convenient to large shopping areas
view is wonderful
We like the size of this town and like the small town community
Well managed "bedroom community," with a good school system and town control that is fiscally conservative.
Well run New England town.
What a great community it is and how nice everyone is.
Wilbraham has a very high standard of living and community.
Wilbraham has, so far, retained it's natural beauty. Many areas still have a rural feel to them and I find that attractive in a place to live.
Wilbraham is noted as having one of the highest/worst tax rates
Wilbraham is the home of Friendly's ice cream corporation. Also the fact that Wilbraham has public schools as well as a private school shows that the town cares about education
Wilbraham Monson academy
Wilbraham Monson Academy
Wilbraham School system. Historic homes on Stoney Hill Rd. and Main St.
Wilbraham still retains its historical and agricultural roots with the feeling of community and charm of small town living. The Village Store is a good example of this sensibility
Wonderful people - excellent police, fire and ambulance services.

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--- long illegible comment
<p>#1 - go visit some other palces and benchmark against their best practices. Example: Harwich, Mass. - we have a 2nd home there and have been very impressed with how their town government runs. Ideas: 1) I would conduct and analysis of floating bonds for a block of money to create a reverse mortgage program for the aging population that would enable seniors to fund their taxes, insurance and upkeep of their house (grass, snow, leaves, roof cleaning, minor repairs). 2) I would establish a pool of funds for: a) "Quality of Maintenance Awards Program" b) Quality of Public Service Awards Program c) Quality through Innovation Awards Program All three would attack long standing perceived issues in town...our lack of innovation (example - look at the elctronic access to our town compared to other leading edge towns...especially the town clerk's office), our lack of maintenance (schools, parks), our service levels (average...not glowing). #3 Complete the formal cost/benefit analysis of whether a paid fire department is needed and whether public saftey should be shared in a pool with Hampden and East Longmeadow. 4) Close the defined benefit (DB) pension for new town employees, say 1/1/2014, replacing it with a defined contribution plan. Consider a small incubator fund for Wilbraham residents who start new businesses in wilbraham. I'm not sure how to do this, but I like the idea of grass roots...</p>
(More) Accountability of the school dept.and policing district. (response truncated for privacy)
? (the response was a question-mark)
1)Identify and attrack small brick and mortar business that won't be subject to on-line shopping for Boston Road.
2)Increase enforcement of adbandon or non-used aging structures throughout town.
1. Do something about the train wreck that is the Middle School; horrible in education and bullying; consult with Charlie D'Avanzo at WMA who has built a wonderful community in his Blake Middle School; 2. tear down the dilapidated building that has been so many restaurants on Boston Road and sell the land or make it a park
1. More business on the Main Street drag. 2. The businesses on Main st and Boston Rd need a modern facelift. Help create an uptown feel to the shopping experience similar to the shops in Longmeadow.
1.SIDEWALKS on all the main roads 2.Public safety complex 3.Senior center 4.Air conditioning in the schools 5.Bike/Running Path 6.Dog Park
A major sidewalk initiative. Residents are unable to take advantage of their immediate surroundings and interact with other neighbors due to busy roads and no sidewalks. Neighborhoods are unable to access shopping and schools without the use of a car due to unsafe conditions. More sidewalks results in a healthier
A more involved recreation department. If you have children who are younger than kindergarten there are not any programs in sports to have them be involved in. A better formated website for Recreation Department. It is hard to locate what is available. Adult sports through the Recreation Department. More community activities. We're knew to the community with young kids so meeting people can be difficult since they aren't yet in the
A realistic traffic management plan, to allow for modest community grow and activities. Main street walkways that are safe with period street lighting. (similar to the state highway development in Southwick, MA. Expand Fountain Park into a cultural / natural history learning center.
A solar farm
Access roads on Boston Road. They will give business a chance to grow while keeping the traffic impact to a minimum. Don't let it turn into another Riverdale Street in West Spfld or Memorial Drive in Chicopee.
Access to higher end shops
Access to public water supply and sewer system for entire town. It is terrible to be without water when the power is out
Actively monitor growth to protest rural atosphere, scenic landscapes, historic sites and community character.

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activities, other than organized sports, to benefit our youth, especially targeting the middle school youth ages.
Add a couple shops to center of town
add more sidewalks and cycling margins on stoney hill
add more stores
add side walks to main street, tinkham and stoney hill road, allow all citizens to use the "dump" for yard waste, get the Peach Festival back
add sidewalk+ fitness trails, continue improving education, build more town parks, improve roads, youth aimed activities
Adding bicycle lanes to all major streets and adding sidewalks to all streets in town.
Addressing some of he plighted businesses and homes. A few homes (house next to Country Homes Furniture) post storms are evidently abandoned with no work to have cleaned them up. As well a few buildings on Boston Road look condemned (the old Ground Round) but what is the plan?? Get these properties cleared and allow
Aggressively pursue some "light industrial" business to ease the property tax base and offer local jobs. Develop an area of town for an "industrial park" with necessary power, septic, parking, and road access. Post office park is not really designed to attract industrial mfgering. Use Agawam as an example.
Allow for new voices in the town governance and planning - there is so much "old guard" thinking that new thinking gets easily pushed aside.
Always invest in schools. Push schools more to be ranked #1 in academics.
Anything that would help lower taxes
Appropriate enough money to maintain the new high school and not let it fall into disrepair like the old high school was allowed to.
Approve new public safety complex - P.D. in poor shape
Shared resource cost savings
As a parent, I think our school district could be stronger. I know the township just completed building a brand new high school, but as someone who moved here from out of state, I was stunned at the age and beaten down middle school building. The reduction and near elimination of foreign language at the middle and high schools is a serious defecit in this global economy.
Ask every resident to volunteer at least 5 hrs per month in town/community activities
Assuming I also had a budget to work with I would initiate an action plan to look at ways to develop the center of town in to more of Town Square or Town Green concept.
attracting business and families to broaden the tax base - utilize the railroad tracks that run through town to attract manufacturing or warehouse type uses. update (renovate or build new) schools hiking trails (nature trails) along Mountain
Awareness of available activities other than sports Create social opportunities for kids and over 50yr Awareness of open space activities Mandatory education for parents and kids (via schools) regarding racial discrimination
Be more business friendly, Signage, taxes etc
be more dependent on itself than on other towns
Beautify Springfield street. Put in better sidewalks, keep focusing on schools.
because of the increasing number of seniors something needs to be developed to keep them physically and mentally active. The present facility is way too small to provide these services
Better infrastructure -- sewers for all
Better light signal management to avoid backed up traffic jams, this is quick fix and provides more safety. More sidewalks on Stony Hill Road. Attract Unique/Different Shops to Main Street's vacant business buildings. Re-do water/sewer systems to handle the new homes.
better public safety

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better school systems
better shopping - extend center with farmers market, love another place like Rices, sidewalks, bike path.
better side walks and roads / park
Bicycle and walking routes to get the best aspects of city life into our town. Support of small businesses in town center. People are moving out of the suburbs and into cities to have local walkable access to what they need. If we can plan then Wilbraham could have the best of city and suburb.
BIKE TRAIL
Blighted property reduction - Real services for the tax rate - curbside recycling, trash pick up would be nice, composting,
Boston Rd. traffic
Bring a cultural venue to town (see 4 below)
Bring back Peach Festival - Grow the festival to draw more than just local community. People who live 30 miles away from Wilbraham have no idea we are here
bring back peach festival
brings the town together
bring back peach festival; it brought our community together (can't read the rest); it was great
Bring back the peach festival
Bring back the 'town feeling' with activities that unite the town. When people come together, only good can come out of it.
Bring in more mixed use commercial development for manufacturing, wholesale, distribution, research and development, life sciences, and renewable energy businesses that would employ people and therefore, additional development would be spurred for retail, medical and professional services. The town needs to be more progressive and willing to work toward attracting businesses to the town in order to increase the tax revenues to the town while not increasing the need for schools and other services. The town needs to stop acquiring open space at the taxpayers' cost. All undevelopable open space in town should be sold off to individuals who are willing to put the land into Chapter 61A or 61B. The burden to maintain open space should not be left to the taxpayers but to those individuals who insist that such land be preserved. Finally, the town needs consider whether it should have a PILOT program with the Academy. The Academy is building homes for their employees without paying taxes on those homes and at the same time, the town allows their children to attend the public schools without requiring the Academy to pay for the educational services the town provides.
Bring people together as more of a community
Bring some of the laws and by-laws up to date. Allow businesses to compete fairly with other businesses in other towns. Not try to keep the town in the 1960's. Allow fast food. ie "starbucks"
Bringing in some stores so we don't have to travel to Enfield or Holyoke, improving the school district (we keep cutting, cutting and cutting!)
Budget and taxes
Build a community center with shops and restaurants, and bike/walking trails.
Build a new Senior Center

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Building bridges between the generations. Families of all ages live here, yet many continually think individually than together as one group considering all perspective. I have three generations living in Wilbraham. No one wants to service one "group" more than the next. However, it is what is not said that is often left to the perception of others. Learning all facts, reaching across generations to work toward common goals will make a difference. Finally be more proactive with meeting formats. So many cannot make a meeting in person. Perhaps we develop online real time meeting formats- webinars that offer the ability to type in questions or responses. I watched a committee meeting (won't say which) where the members complained that no one went to the meeting... I am not encouraged to attend now. Basically, if in taking office I was not satisfied with the results, as a town we should find another way. Quite possibly, in finding another way, we progress with the generation, offering alternatives to all groups for communicating real time.
Business development of the Boston Road corridor. If we don;t develop it properly and in keeping with the town feel someone else will.
Business incentives
CAPITAL PLAN TO PREPLACE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS OLD AND FALLING APART
change communication during emergency If you do not have a phone, electric, heat, No radio, water YOU NEED HELP. I was alone for days without these in Oct Storm 2011.
Change the form of town government. The select board form is antiquated and does not reflect the entire community nor the way the world works in the 21st Century. There is no forward thinking in that group, only passing licenses and approving nonessential items the town administrator could be doing.
Change the policy of the town dump to permit drop off of recyclable materials without the purchase of a car
Change to a representative form of government that would be more likely to provide a broader base of thinking year in and year out. Current Town meetings are poorly attended.
Change Zoning By-Laws to allow for higher density, mixed use developments that encourage a walkable community. Including the adoption and implementation of a Smart Growth Code
Clean up Boston Rd.(way to many eysores) Put a bigger effort into the Center of town. Village store needs new ownership. It is very dirty. Could be a the hearbeat of the whole town. Develop Post Office Park (needs alot
clean up Boston Road - neglected, dilapidated properties
Clean up Boston Road and make it more eye-appealing. Take action against run-down buildings, houses,
Clean up Boston Road area
Clean up Boston Road of the vacant, unsightly properties. Examples: The horrible old motel accross from Gregory's, the old ground round building.. it makes wilbraham look very unattractive and unappealing to new
Clean up the Boston Rd. area
Clean up the dead trees and bushes from the tornado. Maintain open spaces, no more building of neighborhoods, bring back the peach festival
Combined police and fire as one department and all members would share duties
Combined Police and Fire department where employes are trained as to both fir and police
communication
communication about the town, schools, etc to the residents. I have a son starting kindergarten next year and I have no idea what to do where to being for registration etc.
Connecting all the schools together. Have the highschool spend time in the elementary schools with younger children
Construction of a more charming town center (near the Lewis & Clark)
continue the removal of downed trees from wind damage

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Continue to develop parks in various communities preserve open space + develop outdoor recreational opportunities for all ages
Continue to expand community facilities and functions
continue to focus on maintaining and improving our infrastructure
Continued investments in our schools, library, public safety (fire, police facilities), recreation and public areas. I feel that surrounding towns do a better job of reinvesting (improvements and maintenance) in their town facilities and programs.
Continued support of the school system Adequate funding for the maintenance of the school buildings, appropriate school staffing levels, and academic initiatives Provisions for a space for the senior center that meets their needs Expansion of municipal sewer to more residences Installation of more sidewalks, especially control cost in town gov
Create a vision and mission statement for the town after surveying the towns people. Create more events to bring the towns people out others to our community.
Create an "infrastructure task force" to identify improvements in and develop funding sources for improving/establishing roads, sewers, sidewalks, bike lanes, etc.
create more robust upscale shopping on Boston Road, with a Target, better restaurants
Create opportunities for young families. Keep schools up to date. Once families move in, many stay until kids are out of school and they are the one paying the tax dollars, so keep giving them something for their money.
create or start the process of a town central civic center
Creating a vehicle to establish sound and useful sidewalks.
Cut Real Estate Taxes....for 2 yrs. and see if it works.
Depending at which level you mean- for vision of how Main Street should look- I would like to see a municipal effort to rebuild all stone walls along- first- Main Street- and then other streets in Town! Side-walks where needed... For vision on government- perhaps the expansion of he Board of Selectmen to a five person Board which would bring more and different perspective to that entity...
Develop a simple and straghtforward Master plan for the town
Develop a walkable town center that brings together young and old.
Develop and clean the Boston road business corridor.
Develop and empower business tax base
Develop Planning to include Housing & Business Along Boston Road creating pedestrian walk ways Between Housing & Retail
Encourage proper Business develop Along main Street within the character of that neighborhood
develop sidewalks
Development of upper scale shops and restaurants, more like you see in Hartford County CT or at a minimum East Longmeadow/Longmeadow. Boston Road is not a positive, clean road that brings quality people to our town. It is full of chain restaurants and no quality shopping. Wilbraham is to spread out and lacks the warmth of development ON boston rd:- eliminate distressed properties
Development plan for Boston Road as the commercial center of Town.
Diversify town committes to include representation from a cross section of ages/genders/family systems.
Do more to keep taxes down.
Do what ever it takes to remove the blighted properties along Boston Road and replace them with tax paying businesses. Use the new monies to pay for everyone's "imagine list".
Education
Education revamping more opportunities for students

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Eliminate block scheduling at the high school.
Eliminate the town Fire Department. Utilize a volunteer force with the ability to call upon Springfield for more serious fires. Savings would be put towards schools and senior services. Wilbraham does not need a full time Fire Department. I would keep the ambulance service. In addition I would allow only one common trash pick up day for all companies to follow. There is no need for us to have trash bags and barrells in our streets for multiple days per week. This is both unsightly and unsanitary.
Eliminate user fees for our students for athletics or any other positive activity they choose to participate in (music, art, etc) - add a 2nd gym at the new high school and at least one turf field - invest in our young people, develop multiple leadership development oppourtuniies for them, create a formal mentoring program by inviting residents to serve as mentors, develop a multi-generational connection program - example - create a technology exchange program where our young people who are tech savvy connect with senior citizens with little or no experience with technology to assist them in using technology. Increase and enhance the feeling of a community that values service to others
elimination of authorative government regulations that seek to direct people on the use of their private held property
Embrace business and job growth Support academic business incibators Try to get internship programs in town for local business
emergency response I had no family here in October and nobody checked on us nothing had unable to cook , take a shower we were living in a tent we ate crackers and pop tarts for a whole day there should be neighborhood groups to look out for each other or volunteers assigned to streets
encourage as many as possible to take an active role in the affairs and projects of the town
Encourage small businesses
Encourage the improvements to the Spec Pond Area- Where else do you have such a pavilion, with bathrooms, kitchen, ect.?
Enforced rules that help make town more beautiful. Encourage cars to be parked in garages (when ever possible) or driveway (if in garage not possible) and not in the street, basketball hoops not on the street, soccer net in backyards, etc.
Establish a program for solar panels on all homes that would allow us to sell back electricity to the grid, as well as make the town more carbon neutral.
establish a work group to identify ways to make the town more sustainable, resilient and energy independent
Establish Design Control to retain existing and control new construction. dislike the 'new' high school. Redesign 'town center' at the Library and Shops. Establish more well designed open spaces. Spaces for passive recreation for seniors, kids of all ages. Enhance Brewer Pond Area.
Establish moratorium on residential building.
expand wilbraham because its safer; more policemen authority and housing
Expanded community activities. Town tag sales, increased recreational activities,bus trips, taste of Wilbraham/with limited carnival.
Expanded town services (ex trash pickup) field & facility maintenance ROAD & tree services multiple options for cable services
Expanding to more businesses. Increase taxes from non residential sources.
Figure out how to build a way to connect Main Street to Stony Hill Road without having to go to either Springfield Street or Boston Road.
filling or tearing down empty buildings on rte 20
Find a way to disengage from the Hampden Wilbraham Regional school district, thereby giving maximum control of the school system to the town of Wilbraham.

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find a way to make necessary improvements without taxing seniors from community
Find larger space for Police Department.
find ways for the town to be more walkable and bikeable and to provide local in-town public transportation
Find ways to keep young people coming into town and living here. The Town has every sign of an aging population and little reason for young people to move here let alone their ability to pay for the housing
First before anything I would make sure that the Fire and Police Departments are adequately prepared as in having enough fire apparatus, police cruisers, appropriate facilities and enough uniformed personnel. Secondly I would improve the local infrastructure by improving the roads and even building a new lookout tower on Wilbraham Mountain to increase tourism to our community. I would also try and get some of our farms back.
FIX Boston road (Repair) remove old, empty eyesre buildings on boston rd
fix the streets!
focus an developing the boston rd bus sector more aggressively
Focus on a hard-working family community with humble attitudes
For the senior citizens, I would offer them a reduced tax rate. Many seniors in town are struggling with the Wilbraham taxes.
form a large,multigenerational approval committee for future planning
get and respect peoples ideas not just a few egotistic ones
Get but keep as much business on Boston Rd, where Big Y, Home Depot etc is presently located. Add a little more commerce on Main st, where bank, village store area. Improve athletics, facilities , fields at the high school level. We should have stadium that is a monument to the town, Affordable housing to encourage our teachers, police and fire to live in town and be a part of the community.
Get going on a new "Senior Center" Perhaps land at the new Minnechaug high school could be used as seem a lot there. Central spot for the Center. Also clean up all wilb. owned parcels of lands and streams
Get rid of CPA Provide tax relief for seniors, we will all be there some day Stop all the pet projects of interest
GET RID OF MBAs & PEOPLE WHO USE THE TERM "VISION"
Get rid of the blight such as the old Ground Round building on Boston Rd. and the Small white hotels across from Gregories. and do something with the old Lamp Shop on Boston Rd.
Get rid of town meeting form of government and find a better way to represent the views of people who cannot attend or do not wish to attend town meetings.
Getting a senior center going asa well as new police station
-Growth
have more things to do around town
have more town wide events parade, peach fest
hire an expert in finding grants and get advice from economic development specialist
Hire economic development officer from towm w/experience
Hire the highest quality teachers
Hmm, tough one. Perhaps increasing the budget for the police department--to hire more officers and purchase more current technology, similar to what Hampden is doing. A safe town is critical.
Hmm....keep the family/community feel to the town. More sidewalks, IMPROVE the ones we have (especially Main St.), more town activities at fountain park, maintain a pond for ice skating, dog park, maintain good school system, keep open land, limit new housing growth...keep it a desirable town that people want to live in. Keep the traffic on Boston Rd. moving
Hold on spending and building for 10 years
honor tradition but be progressive
I don't lie here. i will never lie here.

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I feel that Wilbraham needs to invest in the beauty and value of a small town. This will take making aspects of the town more accessible to patrons and residents ie. Public sidewalks along Stoney hill road and tinkam road. To match the accessibility of main street. Especially to highlight the newly constructed high school as a community hub. I would also give serious consideration to the development of fountain park. I grew up in a small town in upstate NY that had a very similar demographic as Wilbraham. One of the key focal points of the town was a community pool / summer center like fountain park could be. The site had a recreation center, including a children's pool, full size pool, snack bar, and playing fields. This brought the community together for various activities and offered job opportunities for high school aged kids. The use of the facility required paying a membership fee each year. I most certainly recognize the Scantic pond area development and applaud the efforts, but realistically that area supports Springfield and North Wilbraham primarily.

I think that I would try to help the families who have been coming back from tornado damages. Most of us are almost back to normal after a year of dealing with contractors etc. But when we look out our windows we still see stump piles and tree damage that our neighbors haven't and may never clean up. It's a constant reminder for us and we shouldn't have to see this because it continues to bring back memories of a horrible day. I would like to see these areas taken care of, drop the trees half down that are ugly, and take the stumps out that are trashing our views of our street. Can the town help identify these eyesores? The homes that border these eyesores shouldn't have to relive the tornado for a second time. It also is not easy to sell the homes that suffer a

I think town is growing a little too quickly on Boston Road. Too much traffic, too many accidents. Would need to keep this in mind when planning for the future.

I think Wilbraham should continue to focus on education. I also think we should keep focusing on "going green" We like how the town is run and are very please with the way Wilbraham investigates before jumping into any ventures ex: the new fire station. It was clearly a well thought out plan and plenty of checks and balances were

I would actively seek businesses for the Boston Road corridor.

I would allow more retail development in town.

I would be more proactive about developing a stronger business base along the route 20 corridor.

I would build walking/bike paths along the power lines connecting the south part of town to the Boston Road area around Post Office park. I would try to link all areas of town with walk/bike paths

I would clean up the Wilbraham portion of the Boston Rd corridor to make it more inviting to new businesses, to increase the tax base.

I would continue to channel all business growth to Boston Rd area and keep the center of town as uncluttered and pristine as possible. I would remove all illuminated lighting in the center of town. I would bury all telephone wires under ground, esp. in the center. I would encourage a historic district which has been systematically shot down by people who do not live in the center of town. I would see that the grange was saved and utilized for art activities, community theatre, art shows for the Wilbraham art league and other artists, children's art programs, music, dance and theatre programs. Also adult classes for music, art and dance. Along with class a small gift shop to help defray costs and support local artists. A really giant dream would be to channel all major traffic around the center of town. An even bigger dream would be to make the center of town totally pedestrian with parking on the outskirts. Wilbraham Monson Acadmey is a wonderful model of old and new architecture to be emulated. The school is a big asset to the town. I would fund our public community TV with the most up to date

I would continue to preserve the beauty of our town by limiting businesses and building, by keeping those initiatives on the Boston Road corridor, by preserving open space, and making sure we are fiscally solvent for the years to come.

I would create a teen center. Connect all parts of the community and develop programs to enhance education.

I would create More activities Camps, Clubs, Sports teams for young families

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i would first take action on the damage from the tornado; i would assign groups to different affected parts of the town to help replant trees and clean up debris
I would focus on improving the look of Boston Road in certain sections and try to make it more attractive for businesses to relocate there.
I would have an audit done to establish what the town's liabilities are, including health care costs for retired persons, and make it a priority to determine how they will be funded. It does not matter how pretty our town looks if we are bankrupt.
I would have followed through on a combined police, fire, rescue service. I would build a new senior center and library.
I would immediately do whatever I could to spur deeper investment in schools, but also deep investment in preserving open spaces and public land within the town, to ensure that my children have a town to enjoy a decade or two from now. I would also try to attract new, more diverse small businesses like restaurants and retailers to the town to help ensure the town had a solid cultural base for the future.
I would implement fair taxation. For example, I would make sure the seniors in town are paying a fair tax rate, in which they can afford. I would also look at the tax rate on condominium owners. In Wilbraham condominium owners are paying the same tax rate as homeowners, even though they are not receiving the same town services. Some other towns have recognized the unfairness in this, and have adjusted their tax rates accordingly.
I would investigate the possibility of bringing natural gas to the majority of homes in Wilbraham. I would also try and get a second cable carrier in town.
I would like to see Stony Hill have sidewalks all the way from Hampden to Boston Road. I would like to have the sidewalks marked at each crosswalk with "Stop, Look, Walk" Also I think a campaign to have people who are driving to learn the rule that they are to break and come to a complete stop before the crosswalk. It is the responsibility of the driver to stop. It would help to have walkers and bikers see the warning to stop as well. Stony Hill has plenty of people using the bumpy sidewalks that are there, but everyone should be able to
I would lower the cost of the car tax. Having grown up in a town just like Wilbraham in a different state, and having a mother that works in a tax office, I know various car tax rates and this town's is extremely high. I would also start curbside trash pick up!
i would maintain the open spaces we have available for recreation, install sidewalks all around town to enable people to increase their ability to exercise while going to their specific destinations. i would make available more dog-friendly places where dogs can exercise off-leash. i'd like to see more business come into the vacant buildings on boston rd. i also would cut down/trim/remove the trees that were damaged in the tornado & microburst as they are an eyesore & a sad reminder of the devastation our community suffered. also, there must be something done about the traffic flow at minnechaug-it was poor with the old school, it is poor now-once the new school project is complete, i would be sure that the traffic flow is efficient.
I would make more events for the community and publicize them.
I would make public transportation more available. I would also encourage the creation of a public walking area that is off the main road, but not isolated. A fine example is the Ludlow Reservoir area, which is paved and scenic, and enjoyed by people of ALL ages, What a healthy thing this would be as it would encourage walking, biking and wholesome outdoor exercise.
I would make sure that we did all we could to maintain places like the Pheasant farm, hiking at the end of Highmoor etc. I truly believe the thing that makes our town special is the feeling of community and more like I remember things to be when I was young
I would move to get sidewalks in along all of Main Street, Stony Hill, Springfield Street and Tinkham Road (the main streets) so that people can access the town by foot or bicycle. Also, Main Street needs more businesses.

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I would propose the creation a true mixed use town center, with expanded retail, business and entertainment facilities, combined with local government services such as the Town Hall and a Public Safety Complex - perhaps in the area around and across from Town Hall, even at the cost of losing some preserved land. Then connect this new center to Boston Road via a walking / bike path through the conservation land. At the point where it connects to Boston Road could be another retail/entertainment node which would provide destination points of interest at both ends of the bike path. Then I would procure the residences along Springfield Street between Main St. and the Town Hall, and slowly construct additional business and retail buildings (think 3-4 story masonry structures) so that the entire area between Town Hall and Main Street is lively, walkable and filled with

I would protect a lot of the older homes and keep business at the current status. No to more big box stores in

I would put sidewalks in every area so that children could safely walk to school and the playgrounds.

I would raise the meals tax so that we can get more money into the town. No one goes out to dinner wondering is the extra amount is part of the bill. Also look into Campaign for Our Communities which would raise state taxes in a fair way.

I would review all town planning policies and determine if they are positioned to carry Wilbraham into the future - this visioning process is a start to help determine focus.

I would strengthen the town's bylaws that protect open spaces and regulate development. Smart growth would be first on my agenda.

I would take steps to enhance the town's quaintness. I would make public servants more accessible online. I would increase access to natural gas.

I would try to make Main Street have more of a presence - like open a boutique shop or an upscale restaurant.

I would work on developing a long range development plan for the Rt 20 corridor.

I would work to establish a year-round community gathering place, both indoors & outside. The Y attempts this, but its cost is prohibitive, plus it is not easy for all people, especially teens, to get to.

I'd take the necessary steps to clean up the mess of abandoned or dilapidated buildings on Boston Road

Implement cost reductions especially in town and teacher pensions and health benefits. The unfounded pension and health liability for the town will burden us forever

Implement plans to provide city water and sewer to most residents.

Impose fines for littering

Bring more quality entertainment

Fix & clean certain neighborhoods

Improve appearance of Boston Rd from Horizon Restaurant to Palmer

Improve communication between town boards so they can work together to share experiences and goals, and to eliminate duplication of effort.

Improve communication between town officials, elected officials and boards and committees, including the school district and Hampden counterparts.

Improve infrastructure. Sidewalks, parks etc

Improve our education programs and recruit new business to come to town

improve police physical structure; increase manpower resources with demand and request for services

Improve schools

improve services and facilities for seniors

Improve the business climate and provide wireless access to residents

improve the center of town to be more of a local hub. it is in sad shape now.

Improve the school system significantly, little is done for bright and gifted children who must go elsewhere for a challenging education.

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Improve the sense of community by enriching our web based connections and developing a community center where groups could gather for events of common interest.
improve the state of our roads, and make these efforts an obvious (publicity needed) push to treat all roads as important. Guess it's a DPW effort....start a hotline that residents could call to get things repaired/fixed.
Improvements to Rt 20, Main St. and Mountain Rd intersection by the police Station.
increase funding for library to expand hours and include sunday hours.
Increase local agriculture opportunities
Increase technology used in the schools.
Increase variety of commercial business to attract MORE out of towners.
Infrastructure - sewers, water, gas lines, and bury power lines.
Install bicycle lanes on the major roadways.
Installing sidewalks on the major streets so kids can walk/bike to school...no more empty buses, overweight kids, transportation headaches.
Insure Boston Road is developed like south Hadley vs Riverdale Road, ws
Insure that senior town Employees are residents of wilb
Internet access for all at low cost.
Home support/transportation services/case management for elders of all economic levels. Create collaboration between schools/business.
investing in families and communities development to increase younger generations to have their families Make Wilbraham their future home
JOIN W/HAMPDEN CUS HAMPDEN'S THE (swear-word)
Keep an open mind!
Keep community to gether and expand town.
Keep decisions at the local level. Seek recreational grants.
Keep it as a bedroom town. Limit comercial business
keep it small stop developing bringback rices keep parks/town nice
Keep our sovereignty and local control as much as possible
Keep the "small town" feel.
Keep the downtown, main street area and as much of the town as historic as possible. No big box stores or chains in town - on boston road only. Increase business on Boston Road (Panera Bread!). Add sidewalks up and down ALL of main street and Bike Path in town!
Keep the green space, and beautiful all common areas.
Keep the schools maintained, develop Boston Road with a few more stores.
Keep the small town feel. Eye on safe neighborhoods.
Keeping property taxes at an affordable level for families.
Limit commercial growth except for Boston Road.
limit development to the Rt. 20 corridor and keep plenty of green space in the town
LIMIT FUTURE PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROMOTE FARMING/OPEN SPACE
Limit increases in property taxes to one percent per year
Limit the amount of development to the non-Boston Rd corridor areas of town.
Limit the constuction of mcmansions that cut into our beautiful mountain as seen going east on Faculty St.
Limited Master Planned Development. New Housing meeting the needs and welcoming new families to the
Long range infrastructure plan - similar to capital plan
lower property taxes - sidewalks - sewers
Lower taxes for individuals

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Lower taxes in any way and improve condition of roads and street lighting
Lower taxes
Fix Boston Road
lower taxes, adjust town employee pay & benefits to a level equal with the private sector
lower taxes, eliminate wasteful spending
Maintain a prudent reserve and live within our means.
maintain sense of country while growing the town
Maintain the grow the focus on open space in town, but allow for smart devleopment on rt 20
maintain the infra structure, road pavement , more sidewalks, more commercial development the town center.
Major changes need to happen in the public middle school. I have not heard of one person satisfied with their child(ren)'s experiences. I would start by improving that school so that our system does not have such a gap in quality learning experiences.
major changes to centerof town/Landry property/Crane Park and Burt Lane area to promote town center
Make ALL of our schools 21st century, not just the elementary and high school,
Make all preschool and elementary education certified Montessori based curriculum.
make boston road more attractive for business
make everyone chill out and blast metal.
make it possible to get to essential services (grocery shopping, library, the Y and Senior Center) without a car - shuttle van or walking.
Make pedestrian travel in Wilbraham safer and more enjoyable. Sidewalks on busy streets most importantly. Other ideas include trails through the woods at the dead ends of side streets to connect them to the main streets for pedestrians only; and possibly a button to push for pedestrians at busy intersections.
make room for more small businesses, more oppurtunites & activities for teenagers.
Make some places where people can meet talk. Make More shopping opportunities
Make sure costs are contained so that Wilbraham can remain fiscally healthy.
Make sure on schools continue to be first rate + OUR neighborhoods are safe and well maintained
Make sure that our brightest students are challenged and that teachers were compensated based on performance not seniority
Make the necessary repairs to all the school buildings and update all the class rooms with the latest technology for the teachers to use with their students, Replace all the old text books that are outdated and falling apart with new and updated versions. Improve the overall atmosphere and attitude of the school staff in each school as well as the district staff and create a more positive, open, parent-teacher friendly environment.
Make the town meeting an elected position
Make town officials more visible in the community; planning board could be friendlier and more accommodating to home owners
Making the business district more community friendly
making walking/biking transportation easier; more sidewalks in "remote" parts of town.portation -
MANAGING A GOOD BUDGET
Minimize the amount of town owned property
Mix use dev. of Boston Rd.
More benefits for Seniors - Lower Taxes
More business
more business in center of town - sidewalks
More central places for the community to get together (I.e. a variety of restaurants).
more community activities/bring back peach fest etc.

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More community events
more community involvement
more going on
more green!
more involve the community to willbraham + monson, academy
MORE LOCAL THINGS TO DO FOR THE KIDS AND YOUNG ADULTS TO DO
more police presence- keep the community safe if the community does not feel safe nothing else matters- springfield!
more recreation/pool maybe at Hampden or Wilb Country Club
more recycling
more school age child involvement oppurtunities
more sidewalks
More sidewalks, bike paths.
More sidewalks/bikepaths
More to do in our town, bike paths, hiking....
More town-wide events to bring its residents closer together. It seems that "everyone knows everyone" but it would be great to have more events. I'd bring the Peach Festival back!!
more transportation for (illegible,,) handicapped, etc
More well zoned business to help support the town and offset our highly ranked property tax. This is probably the single most negative reason that will erode the community compostion.
N/A
Natural gas lines/solar farm/town septic system
need good shopping, ie. Target.
Negotiate union contracts in a way that minimizes the cliff we face for unfunded mandates.
Neuter Dave Sanders
New police dept building, more sidewalks, and sewer
new police station senior center municipal electric/cable/internet
New safety complex
New Senior Center
No Change, well manged at present
No more condos. Less overall developement, more green area.
No more houses being built
Not sure
not to develop Fountain Park/Rice Preserve - sidewalks - Keep buisness on Boston Road
notsure
Offer incentives to residents to preserve undeveloped land....and keep what's left of the once rural setting of this town.
outreach to those who are not involved within the town
Oversee the knocking down of the old Minnechaug so that it is done more efficiently.
pass a law were everyone has to make there properties presentable lawns mowed, no abandoned vehicles, no perserve green space
places to walk to and ways to walk there....commercial tax breaks and hire planner to maximize downtown area with services, etc (all that people can WALK to), farmers market at old rices, or fountain park (using vendors from longmeadow public market)
PLAN BOSTON RD DEVELOPMENT TRAFFIC FLOW-ABANDONED BUILDINGS

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police station needs many improvements Keep working on the fields/rec department
preservation of open space
Preserve open space, maintaining the character and classic look of our town. I didn't Courage the creation of biking and hiking trails to get people active & out in the community. Especially creating safe biking lanes on Springfield, Tinkham, Main & Stony Hill streets so children and adults have a safe way to reach the town center &
Preserve open spaces in town. Allowing too much development takes away from the rural feel of our town. Improve sidewalks and add sidewalks so that people have safer, better access to the town center.
preserve rural attributes, get a plan together for boston road
Preseve open space, limit future number of condominiums.
promote business on Boston Road
Promote health and education by doing such things as: Preserve or build some nature areas/trails. What about some bike paths for locals to say get to the village store or Crane park or the library more safely on bikes. Also, how about some sort of benefit to those that "go green"... I don't know how. Perhaps give businesses who do "green things" ... like deliver pizza's on bikes... a grant. Or, just buy them a bike. What about working with WMA to promote education outreach. WMA had a wonderful economic forum which was open to the public but almost no one from outside the school participated. How can the community work with the school for the
promote local activities that foster community loyalty and identity, eg the current 250th anniversary plan, viable town park
promote progressive developement agenda for future sustainability
Promote small business development on Boston Road.
protect the parks and forested land
PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS, & CREATE NEW JOBS
Provide educational professionals with the same retirement benefits afforded other public employees in town; for example, the police serve for a shorter time and receive better benefits.
public awareness of important values of education in preserving local real estate values
put in more sidewalks
Put in more sidewalks.
Put in sidewalks and cross-walks on the main roads and have park cleanup
Put inmore sidewlaks in increase more interaction with negihborhoods connecting sections using side walks particularryy major orads like tinkam, stony hill Springfield St., nad Soule road
put restrictions on wooded areas so we preserve the wildeness.

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Put solar panels and wind turbines on all town buildings.

Random spur of the moment thoughts: Something revenue producing for the town - can we sell bottled "Wilbraham Water" (our water from The Quabbin is the best)... some towns sell bagged compost - the dump has mounds of it! Can we figure out something that can be recycled into something new and different and sought after... Solar or windpower "farms" in some of our wide open fields or on top of our mountain to generate our own electricity town wide and sell back to the utility companies.. Local meals tax...Also, could we change our town meeting to be like South Hadley - they had/have? elected people representing "districts" or "neighborhoods"... I think voter apathy is dangerously high and this type of representation could be helpful. Could we expand our Board of Selectmen to more than just three... improve town-wide technology

Rebuilding communities

Reconsideration of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for mixed use development, higher density, less setbacks, etc within specific areas of town. (town center, boston road, etc)

Redefine economic development potential for mixed use development, while protecting the rural character.

Redevelopment of Boston Road - for many who pass through it is the first and last impression. As it currently stands it is unremarkable and does not map to the essence of the town.

Reduce budget. Pay attention to economic development.

reduce costs...make it affordable for as many as possible

Reduce entitlements and pension liabilities to ensure an sound fiscal future.

Reduce or eliminate CPA as we are creating projects for spending and increased maintenance.Reduce spending at Spec Pond trying to create a complex and increase the spending for safety and maintenance at school and neighborhood fields.

Reduce the tax burden on the town's citizens

relax the zoning regulations on Boston Rd to allow for more chain restaurants/stores/business

Relaxed Boston Road Zoning

Replace Charter and National Grid, immediately improving the quality of life for all residents, and ensuring that from that day forward residents would stop losing electrical power every time someone in town sneezes.

Require town department heads live in town so their decisions affect them personally.

restoring trees and buildings affected by storms. police officers are way to stict. they follow teenagers and pull them over just because of their age and they have no rights as a junior operator

Retain character of town and encourage clean business off Boston Road & Factory Bldg on Dollar Avenue.

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Reverse (or at least rethink) the school reorganization: the result has been a financial success but was a failure for many hundreds of our children. Smaller schools with smaller classes and a strong principal with parent involvement is always going to make for the best schools. The current situation is a big move away from this -- the result has been weak and ineffective principals with little control and less accountability. If the schools fail our children, the cost savings is irrelevant.
REVIEW THE SECURITY IN THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE TO MAKE SURE WILB IS NOT ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE PAPER W/ VOTER FRAUD..REVIEW THE BUDGET AND MAKE SURE IT IS AS TIGHT AS POSSIBLE IN THESE
Rezone Boston road and town center for ease of business' to locate.
Road and side walk care
School Committee
school improvement programs strenthened
secure open space for present and future generations. more cultural oppotunities
Secure that we have the best educational experience available in the state.
seeing that all neighborhoods have access to natural gas
selectman office - recycle center service improvement
Sell the rice farm and allow homes to be built there to increase tax rate.
Set up a task force to work with Minnschaug Land Trust to encourage larger land owners in town to put their land into conservation
set up emergency mgt committee
Short term - try to make Boston Road less ugly. Longer term, try to attract a higher education campus to town. Mid Term - start thinking of what we're going to do when (if) Friendly's goes under.
side walks along all major streets (Monson Rd, Main St, Springfield St., etc...), widening Stony Hill Rd, establishing a traffic light at the Middle School entrance that would kick on (from blinking yellow) when a traffic line forms. I would also like to see Boston Rd restaurants improved. Perhaps allowing a chain like Panera Bread or something (ANYTHING) other than another mediocre italian restaurant into town.
side walks and public transportation
sidewalks and bike lanes
Sidewalks entire Main street! Better sidewalks on Stonyhil
sidewalks on main st. and stony hill; the more people walk, the more they get to know one another
SIDEWALKS on Tinkham (all the way up to the Springfield sidewalk) and Springfield streets (from the Springfield sidewalks down to Main Street). Traveling in and out of town via foot or bike is difficult and would lead to healthier living for adults and children. BIKE PATH would also be good on Main/Spfld/Tink/StonyHill/Soule.
sidewalks to unify the town Neighborhoods are isolated from each other. Kids are unable to travel by themselves
sidewalks.
smaller town feel
Somehow if it was possible, decrease the tax burden on the residents by getting revenues from local businesses..... I would also want to clean up the drugs among the kids in highschool

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somehow make the center of town more of a hub with retail shops and restaurants
Sorry, not my expertise.
Start a committee on how to attract younger couples to Wilbraham
start peach fest again -
Stop business type uses in residential areas. I.e in home business.
Strategically & Very thoughtfully improve Boston Rd corridor use & ensure attractive appearance Emphasize waste reduction Build Sidewalks all over to increase health/recreation of all residents Make needed adjustments to new high school. Give police station it's fair share of a new facility/space.
Stricter regulation on new bars/commercial property.
Supporting small, local businesses Open land preservation Some way of helping more middle class families afford to come to and live in Wilbraham. We cannot become an aged community without young families.
Sustaining and developing the center of town while still maintaining the charm and character of the area. Make it a place to walk around, snack, shop, read. Developing/maintaining the natural space at Fountain Park
Take a look at the budget to improve town services such as trash removal and town sewers.
Take steps to ensure that rural character is preserved, but provide options for senior/semi-urban housing and minimal driving living, including mixed use housing/retail/services in defined areas.
Tax break for seniors
Think about adding siderwalk all over town
Three things: 1. Continue to support quality education. 2. Strategize for local control of our affairs. 3. Initiate a strategy to increase taxes (not tax rates) along Boston Road. 4. Celebrate individual achievements in volunteerism so that others will offer their talents to our town. 5. Keep government only as large as necessary and celebrate our Constitution in an appropriate manner. 6. Welcome people from all walks of life to our town.
To keep Main Street the same and not overbuild. Less is often more.
To keep our education at the top level, and to keep developement to our community to the Boston Road
To keep the historial context of the town by retaining the historial nature of the town
To keep the retail corridor along Boston Road only.
To REDUCE! the spending and SIZE of government - how's that for FORWARD thinking!
to stop making nasty wheat diet school food as well as putting millions of dollars into a new school that is nowhere near big enough, i mean it could've atleast been the same size
to try to maintain the quality of "small town feel" while providing "big town" services

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Totally rebuild Boston Rd... get rid of vacant and delapidated buildings, have better ZONING to make new buildings look attractive and consistent
traffic lights at Boston Road and Main St.I mean seriously.
train network
TRASH PICK UP
Try to influence schools to encourage "capitalism" instead of 'socialism"
try to make people who live here like it more. Some people say they don't like it just because
Try to put more stores in town
Try to retain more open space so that Wilbraham does not become over-developed.
Turn the middle of post office park into retail space with walking and open space shops
Update zoning as needed and incentivize local shop owners and businesses to create a REAL New England downtown that would offer a small-scale alternative to destination towns like Northampton.
Watch our school budget closely. Spend money on our schools as there is a strong direct correlation between schools and property values (most resident's largest asset), but manage it carefully.
We need to do more consolidation of like services between Wilbraham, Hamden and the Schoiol district. No reason to have 3 different payroll systems, 3 different Information systems organizations. We cannot keep raising taxes, when we have the ability to be creative and generate savings within through economys of scale
Widening of Stony Hill & Main St.
Work for a new senior center.
work on making schools strong
would whittle down the bureaucratic regulations and revise by- laws to a concrete, easily understood form that would be be fair to all interests in town

What is a headline you'd like to see in the newspaper (if one exists) in ten years that looks back and shows our progress as we envision, plan and build a future for our community and town?
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"Destination" town of the year
"Humble and hard-working families take pride in their homes in Wilbraham"
"Improved recreation makes Wilbraham Greener,healthier"
"Long history of sound land conservation management has permitted Wilbraham to remain among the greenest local communities."
"Minnechaug building considered 'good as new' because the town committed to and kept up with necessary building maintenance."
"New Minnechaug for our future generations!"
"Preserving History and Tradition in Wilbraham"
"Small bedroom town turned into desirable upscale destination spot"
"Small Town has big city amenities"
"The City of Wilbraham"
"Town bans dogs from Fountain Park, Secures additional 1,000 acres of public-use land."
"Town Center Project Completed"
"Wilbraham chosen one of the top ten places in the Country to Live for both seniors and young families."
"Wilbraham lands yet another Medical Device mfgering company - adds 500 more jobs to town."
"Wilbraham Opens new housing and school opportunities!"
"WILBRAHAM PLANNING NEW HIGH SCHOOL, 10 BUILDING OUT-OF-DATE"
"Wilbraham remains one of the most desirable places to reside in Western Mass."
"Wilbraham residents brought together by series of community events for people of all ages"
"Wilbraham voted best "in West MA to live"
"Wilbraham voted top 100 small towns to live in...again!"
"Wilbraham...the place you want to live"
"Wilbraham: The Ideal Place to Live"
"Wilbraham--where high school and college graduates return" (Throughout New England, and especially Massachusetts, college grads are leaving by the droves for other parts of the country. We have an excellent school system and send many students to prestigious colleges and universities, and into various trades, but so few are coming back. We can retain our small-town, neighborhood image, while still offering job opportunities for our young adults if we take small businesses more seriously. Technology is changing our future, whether we like it or not. Small businesses and technology should be welcomed by the town within the town--versus its residents living here and working elsewhere.
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? (response was a question mark)
? (the response was a question mark)
1. Big Storm Hits -- Nobody Loses Power 2. Wilbraham-East Longmeadow-Longmeadow Bikeway Named One of Nation's Best
10 years after disaster
4 year university takes over wilbraham monson
a bigger & better community

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A bustling rt 20 corridor that functions efficiently and supplies the town quality shops / restaurants and taxes.
A phone and cable company (besides Charter) is now available in town, Panera Bread opens on Boston Rd, a wine store opens in Crane Park.
A rural community in a world of suburban times.
A Small Town That's Not Small Minded
A stand along senior center
A TOWN THAT VALUES THE PAST BUT EXPLORES ON VIBRANT FUTURE. Elementary schools 2 - 6 reinstated
A Town United
A town united to support, empower and serve
affordable housing more gas hook ups the heating bills are more than my mortgage
Agriculture remains a fundamental part of town character
All facets of the community were considered
america
another top 100 places to live designation
Back in best small town category
Because of our efforts to keep taxes low our children can actually afford to live here now.
BEST COMMUNITY
Best place to live in the northeast
Best school system in Mass.
Best schools in the state!
Best town to live in
Best town to live in.
Best up and coming small town in America.
Best Volunteer Town in the country
Better Than Ever!
Big box stores kept out of town
boring town turns metal
Boston Rd expansion (Costco, Whole Foods and others) drives town growth,keep taxes low
BOSTON RO BEFORS & AFTER (MODERN BIILDINGS SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW)
Boston Road Corridor Provides a Safe Way to Travel to Local Businesses, Department Stores, and Residences.
Business thrives in small Western MA town
Center of Wilbraham closed to traffic and upscale shops and restaurants like Northampton.
centralize shopping areas and businesses
Charlie Bennett celebrates 20 years as editor of the Hampden-Wilbraham Times.
Charter Communication contract cancelled
Chaug still looks new!
Citizens employed...young & old; tax rate low; Future gov't building (schools, town offices, etc. ...not on the agenda

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Community consultation, innovative ideas and unity of action by all made Wilbraham into the model town that is now.
community vision improved
Community voices are heard and Wilbraham has planned stylish and comfortable community spaces!
Connected community achieved emphasizing recreation and socializing.
construction completed of widening Stony Hill & Main Streets
Despite devastating damage, Wilbraham makes a comeback
Diverse community has best schools in the nation!
dog park and maybe a swimming pool for local residents of Wilb to swim in
Downtown Wilbraham Bustling with Hometown Business.
Economic Growth Succeeds in Wilbraham
emergency plans set in place for wilbraham
expand center of town
Flow Design rocks the world with inovative wind turbines that get us off oil and gas!!!! All house and businesses are hook up.
FORWARD PLANNING PAYS OFF IN DIVIDENDS
Great amenities behind the quaint facade
Great Community, Excellent Education
GRreat help to NeighboRs after foRNado
GREAT PLACE TO LIVE
Grocery store with biking access added to Wilbraham's "down town" walking, shopping, community zone
Ha, there probably won't be newspapers in 10 years will there? If there is, however, a great headline to see would be "Wilbraham schools declared best in state"
has changed but remains much the same
Highest education levels in New England
How wilbraham became America's #1 pedestrian friendly community.
Huh?
I can't think of one....
I DONT KNOW
I don't know
I think the time is now as we suffered a great deal of destruction from the storms last year. Something to the effect of a Phoenix / FALCON rising from the ashes / destruction to create a vibrant future.
I work in Longmeadow and one of the most enjoyable things is the sidewalk system. My headline would be "Wilbraham completes townwide sidewalk system". I would also love for us to mirror Northampton, Amherst and East longmeadow with a bike route through town.

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I would like to see that we have a new state -of -the art Police Station and a good, modern Fire Station with all of the top quality equipment to keep our town safe.
I would like to see Wilbraham in the top ten for best town for raising a family.
IDEAL TOWN FOR FAMILIES & SENIORS
If you educate them, they will come. (As Wilbraham continues to cultivate a quality educational community, we will attract more quality small business owners into our community who have families with young children.)
improvements to get onto RT 20
IN AN ELECTRONIC AGE WE STILL KNOW HOW TO COMMUNICATE IN A PERSONAL FASHION
It's a first - a year with no power outages!
Keeping Historic Value
Liberty lives in Wilbraham
Little town has got it all.
Local community where you can do everything locally.
Long Term Planning Allows All to Stay in Town
looking at the town before the torndo and storms and then how it looks after -
Main Street sidewalks completed!
MAINTAINED ITS QUIET AND QUAIN T CHARM,RESISTED BIG BOX DEVELOPMENT
making the same town different ?
Minnechaug achieves 100% graduation rate!
Modern infrastructure uplifts Wilbraham
more environmentally friendly communittee
N/A
N/A
New business park established. Five businesses on line to move in.
New Firehouse finally built after 40 year delay!!!
new firestation opens
NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL TO BE BUILT !
New Minnechaug High School has proven to be a big success for Wilbraham
New Minnechaug is a Success
New Minnechaug well maintained.
New School Thriving Academically and Athletically
New Senior Center
new senior center opens
NEW SIDEWALKS SUCCESS MORE JOBS FOR TEENS
NO debt.
no evidence left of tornado damage
No idea
no lay offs in Wilbraham
No more growth, keep it green.
Not sure

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now in top 25 towns list
Once again voted/ranked a top 100 small town in America
One project which needs clean vision is the re-doing of the Main Street and Boston Rd inter-section... That present road net area is both inadequate and dangerous...
Our town, we love it, we did it!
Partnership between the schools and elderly residences.
Pavement of private ways completed
peach festival back
Population of Wilbraham increases by leaps and bounds!
Preserved the character of Wilbraham + developed a plethora of active + passive recreational opportunities
prioritize our towns needs and move forward
Progressing With Technology While Preserving Our History
Property tax reduction attracts new people to town
QUIET & PRETTY GREAT SCHOOLS
RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY NOW A HUB FOR SMALL BUSINESS
retaining the "feel" of the community but upping the sophistication level !
Revitized (and housing prices bounced back!)
safe town
Safest town in America
Safest Town in Western Mass
Same community feel while providing a places to work and grow
School is in top 10 in state
schools
schools of the futures
seeing wilbraham in the paper is accomplishment enough
Senior Center/Community Center at the old Memorial School property,celebrating its six year as a recognized facility dealing with community needs.
SHOPPING CENTER PLANNED FOR WILBRAHAM
side walks and bike path
Sidewalks connect every street in Wilbraham, making the town a top family-friendly place to live.
Since Wilbraham lacks a central downtown area, I'd like to see a headline. "Wilbraham Town Center didn't exist ten years ago!"
Small New England Town with Big Thinkers planned for a future to bring the Wilbraham Children back to town after college... by
small town community with a friendly business community that is convenient esthetically pleasing and fits into the community in a complementary way
Smart Town Adapts to Needs of Next Generation and Builds Economic Stability

What is a headline you'd like to see in the newspaper (if one exists) in ten years that looks back and shows our progress as we envision, plan and build a future for our community and town?
Solar energy install 10 years ago has paid itself off and will generate power for an additional 20 years.
Sorry, drawing a blank on this one
Still a wonderful place to live.....
STILL AN ALL AMERICAN COMMUNITY
Still there and still a great place to live
Strength of the commercial district of Boston Road without undue traffic issues increases financial viability and livability of town.
strong tax base leads to thriving community
TAXEESARE LOWER THAN THEY WERE ID YEARS AGO
TAXES DECREASE
taxes lowered
That MRHS has been cared for!
That the town learned from its mistakes.That its no better then anyone else and serious crimes do happen here.
That the town was prudent in it's spending, thus, we have a wealthy and vibrant town.
that there has been growth in younger population
That Wilbraham has invested in its future but not changed significantly. Wilbraham is great the way it is and while we need to grow and adapt to the future all change is not necessarily good.
The Best Little Town in the USA. One you can afford!
The best small town in America
The changes in Wilbraham have made a healthy impact.
the new high school
THE PLAN WORKED
the re-emergence of Wilbraham, amenities of the city with a small town feel
The schools continue to do an effective job of educating our children for their futures. The community is a safe place for its residents
the town choses limited growth and choses to be a location for retirees in massachosetts
The Town that Changed the World
The town's successful acquisition of natural & conservation lands + maintenance of existing agricultural lands
The tree finally grew back!
Then and now, the progress of a town rebuilt through neighbors helping neighbors.
They Protected the open land
This town provides a wonderful life for the young and the elderly
Tight knit community
top 10 like longmeadow
Top 10 small New England town based on schools, crime, parks, community involvement, etc
TOP 100 BEST TOWN TO LIVE IN AMERICA

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top 100 towns in America
Top Ten Small Town in MA
Top Ten to live in USA
Tops in State for Families, elders and businesses.
Tornado > Trees past > Present
TORNADO TOWN THEN AND NOW
tornado town then to now
Town become a better environment for growth.
Town built from Norman Rockwell painting: buried overhead lines enable trees to canopy bicycle friendly streets.
Town collects taxes from Wilbraham Monson Academy non-academic buildings.
town comes together
town of wilbraham leads the way with its mission of sustainability
Town of Wilbraham was able to keep small town culture during times of economic growth.
Town resists big government
Town Spending in line for a Town of xxx population.School maintenance account a model for MSBA .
Towns of wilbraham and hampden still country
WE DID IT!
We have been successful in changing government from Selectmen and Town Meeting to a Town Administrator or something similiar.
We Know Where We're Going and how to Get There
We need inovative thinkers in our town hall that can think in a more progressive manner while still remembering the charm that makes us Wilbraham.
Wibraham # 4 Town To Live In
Wibraham best schools in region
Wilb. has a state of the art Senior Center
Wilbaham able to meet build and maintian a strong infrastructure
wilbaham is the same as it was 10 years ago
Wilbraham - up and coming town!
Wilbraham - a Town unchanged which has lookedd towards the future and provided options for all ages to live independently.
Wilbraham - best place to live in the USA
Wilbraham - protects of individual rights and preserves property rights
Wilbraham - Still A Small Town and Proud of It.
Wilbraham - Top 10 Best places to live in the country
Wilbraham #1 Community To Live In
Wilbraham a community building on it's past for an even brighter future.
Wilbraham a great place to work, live and play!
Wilbraham adds entertainment mall on RT 20!
Wilbraham Again in Top 100 places to live in USA
Wilbraham again named one of the 100 best small towns in America.

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Wilbraham balances past and future to create a great place to live and work
Wilbraham becomes self sustaining
Wilbraham Begins to Clean up Boston Road Businesses That Have Properties in Disrepair
Wilbraham best place to live in America
Wilbraham best town to retire in.
Wilbraham Brings School District Back to the Level it was in the 1970s!
Wilbraham builds a better tomorrow
Wilbraham builds for the future
Wilbraham builds for the future with keeping up to date with the changing worls.
Wilbraham children excell in job market. Credit their educational experience and community involvement.
Wilbraham cited in top ten best small USA towns to live in.
Wilbraham Comes into the 21st Century
Wilbraham completes middle school renovations - giving town students a world class school with latest technology.
Wilbraham Completes Recreation Center That Will Foster 12 Months of Community Gatherings for Every Age
Wilbraham Completes World-Class Performing Arts Center and Downtown Revitalization: Redefines Itself as a 'Modern New England Destination Town'
Wilbraham continues to be one of the best towns to live
Wilbraham Continues to Remain in the 100 Top Small Towns in America
Wilbraham continues to thrive as a small town.
Wilbraham experience 10% growth in population
Wilbraham finally passes historic district for the center of town.
Wilbraham Finally Rebuilt
WILBRAHAM FINISHES CONSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS HOPE FULLY SOONER THAN 10 YEARS
wilbraham from cars to pedestrains walk to everything you want
Wilbraham gets even better
Wilbraham Graduates Another Class with Plans for Continued Education
Wilbraham- greatest town to live in for health, arts and education
Wilbraham Green Once Again!
Wilbraham has a Family Friendly Feel
Wilbraham has become a real community.
Wilbraham has excellent school and has a population with heterogeniety.
Wilbraham has retained its small town idenity
Wilbraham has taken several strides in making itself a better place to live.
Wilbraham has zero net energy footprint
wilbraham hasnt changed in 10 yearts except its greener and healthier
Wilbraham in the top five top best communities to live in
Wilbraham in Top 10 USA Communities To live & raise your family
Wilbraham installs bike trail Down town walk, small Northampton like businesses Art and theater district River cruises established Water power in the mills
wilbraham is a health friendly community.
WILBRAHAM IS BACK ON THE TOP 100 SMALL TOWNS IN AMERICA

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Wilbraham Is Debt Free
Wilbraham is the best place to live for families in the 2020's.
Wilbraham is the top place to live in Western Mass
WILBRAHAM KEEPS PARKS SAFE FRIENDLY AND CLEAN
Wilbraham leads the region in homeowner satisfaction for the 10th straight year.
Wilbraham low tax rate makes is a retirement haven
Wilbraham maintains its country feel despite developement.
Wilbraham maintains stable tax base
Wilbraham makes difficult choise to meet future challenger
wilbraham makes its name known.
WILBRAHAM MASSACHUSETTS - #1 PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY AND #1 PLACE TO RETIRE!
Wilbraham Massachusetts, Voted most favorite place to live in the state.
Wilbraham Nails Its Big 3! I believe in the power of 3. Any plan that focuses on more than 3 big things will get mired down and relegated to the dust bin of history.
Wilbraham named top 5 healthy and sustainable communities for MA!
Wilbraham one of the 10 best places to live
Wilbraham opens New Community Center For YouTHS to GaTher- no Membership Fees
Wilbraham opens new police station and senior center taking care of the needs of its seniors
Wilbraham our Top pick to live! How by continuing to manage growth appropriately and not by taking away a homeowners/developers personal freedoms as many communities have done.
Wilbraham out perform all others in the state. Also Trader Joes celebrates it's 9th year in Wilbraham.
Wilbraham places first in state for student testing in all grades
Wilbraham Planting Seeds for Growth and Long Term Prosperity--A Welcoming Place to Raise Your Family.
Wilbraham preserves its history, its beautiful land , and fosters community spirit.
wilbraham preserves lageamonth of forest
Wilbraham Preserves Open Spaces As Businesses Grow.
Wilbraham proud to reduce taxes but still meetsneeds of all residents
Wilbraham put a community center in!
Wilbraham ranked again as top 100 towns to live in. Wilbraham now has sidewalks (in walk-able condition) throughout most of the town.
Wilbraham rated in top 100 small towns .
Wilbraham rated top 10 in state.
Wilbraham Rated Top 100 Town in USA
Wilbraham receives a national award for a zero carbon footprint.
Wilbraham receives environmental award for its removal of invasive plant species from conservation areas and use of only native plants in public areas to encourage native biodiversity.
Wilbraham recognized for conserving open spaces.
Wilbraham recognized for thoughtful Planning

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Wilbraham residents for the umpteenth time have rejected a two and half override and now placed a ban on any proposed two and a half override proposals.
wilbraham retains its small town, rural feel.
Wilbraham school rank #1 for education and the town of wilbran places in the top 50 places to live
Wilbraham school students test highest in state
Wilbraham Schools (and Minnechaug) Among Best in State. You are kidding yourself if you think that is the case today. Being among the best in Western Ma is fine (and a major reason for why we live here), but it's not really much to brag about. This is something everyone should get behind. Aside from the benefits to our children, strong public schools correlates to higher property values, which means higher tax revenues from the town, which means better services (and better schools)...a truly virtuous circle if there ever was one.
Wilbraham Selected As The Top Town in Massachusetts For Quality Of Life And Educational Achievement.
Wilbraham- steady planned growth of the community
Wilbraham still a viable community with much to offer residents of all ages
Wilbraham still holds its position thanks to (education and open space) as a top community to reside in.
Wilbraham still in the top 10 for Best Small Town
Wilbraham still in the top 10 places to live.
WILBRAHAM STILL IN THE TOP 100 PLACES IN WHICH TO LIVE IN US
Wilbraham strikes the perfect ballance of amenities for people of all ages.
wilbraham studens involved in their community :-)
Wilbraham Students Receive Highest Statewide Test Scores
Wilbraham survives ozone holocaust
Wilbraham Takes National Lead as Carbon Neutral Town with Focus on Children and Seniors.
Wilbraham takes top spot as best small town in America.
wilbraham taxes have not risen in ten years!!!
Wilbraham the place.to.live in Western Mass for all the right reasons: excellent education system, true community involvement, and a small town with many cultural events
Wilbraham The Safest Town in the US
Wilbraham Then and Now
Wilbraham thrives as it attracts more young families to it's balance of country and convenience.
Wilbraham top 10 Towns In One OF THE USA
Wilbraham town taxes have NOT increased for 10 years.
Wilbraham Townspeople come together in community to celebrate.
Wilbraham Village Store Celebrates ____ Years
Wilbraham Voted a Top Ten Town to Live In by U.S. World Reports
Wilbraham voted Best Community for Seniors
Wilbraham voted best small town in New England.
Wilbraham voted best small town to live in
Wilbraham Voted Best Town in America

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Wilbraham voted Best Town to live in
Wilbraham Voted Most Beautiful Town
Wilbraham voted number one town to live in by Magazine
Wilbraham- voted one of the best places to live (again!)
Wilbraham Voted Top Place to Live
Wilbraham wins the contest (against EL, Longmeadow and Ludlow) of attracting the "breeding" population (age 24-36) by having a top rate school system, recreation facilities , safety services, well managed budget which results in keeping the real estate values (especially with high bedroom counts) high
Wilbraham wins Top Ten Places to Live in Massachusetts
Wilbraham works to incentivize small business development.
Wilbraham youngsters rate high in state ranking of kindergarten readiness.
Wilbraham! Rated in the top ten best places to live in these united states!!
Wilbraham! Same small town feel!
Wilbraham, 'a Decade of Progress'. A Town Center that truly is indicative of it's past.
Wilbraham, 'cradle-to-grave' friendly town. (I would leave it to a marketing team to find a better slogan without the word 'grave.' LOL
Wilbraham, a green community
Wilbraham, an even better place to live.
Wilbraham, MA: Best place to retire.
Wilbraham, not just a great place to live, but a destination for business and entertainment.
Wilbraham, one of the happiest and healthiest towns in Western MA.
Wilbraham, still the best!
Wilbraham, the best of all worlds: rural, suburban, commercial all living in harmony.
Wilbraham, the best small town in the state
Wilbraham, where people and nature co-exist in harmony.
Wilbraham.. a Town Where Bullying is Old News Wilbraham Kids and Seniors Social Week Activities: Wilbraham becomes top community for hiking and outdoor activities Wilbraham appoints teens to town committies
Wilbraham..Safest and Family Friendliest town in U.S.
Wilbraham: A Historical town Moving Forward Towards the Future.
Wilbraham: a town rooted in history yet positioned for the future.
wilbraham: Sudbury of western ma
Wilbraham: The perfect family community
Wilbraham: The Pioneer Valley's Most Walkable Community.
Wilbrahamas find balance between maintaining local charm and having a Starbucks and other quality national chain businesses and it's fabulous high-end outdoor outlet mall and finally solve the problem of routine power outages.
Wilbrahami Top Ten Towns in MA - Great Education Great homes great community
WILBRAHAM-NO LONDER SLEEPY TOWN WILBRAHAM HOME OF THE
Wilbraham's 10th year in top 100 towns in America

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WILBRAHAMS A GREAT TOWN

Wilbraham's balanced budget

Wilbraham's Fiscal Responsibility Pays Off! Voted BEST IN THE VALLEY for town with lowest tax rate and best services.

Wilbrahams future vision improved
This community in the following ways

Wilbraham-small town that made good!

Wilbrahm residents are off the grid! Wilbraham has reduced its carbon footprint by mandating use of natural gas in all homes and municipal buildings, setting up solar farms on land that can not be used for building and promoting getting off the grid.

Wilby makes Top 100 towns in the US once again. Thanks to the foresight of the planning to retain open space and preserve land.

Willfull Wilbraham managing smart growth. (say that three times fast)

wow? WILBRAHAM (swear-word)

<p>If you were given \$10 million to build something that would make Wilbraham a better place to live, what would you build. . . ?</p> <p>"given" is unlikely, as at the government level it is "taken" through the force of taxation from those who may not be in agreement</p>
<p>\$10 Million does not go as far as it used to. I would say upgrading the middle school technology system - but that isn't really "building" something. Perhaps a mountain top observatory. Our mountain is unique to the surrounding communities, but isn't something that most residents have access to. Creating an observatory area that can be accessed by car and by hiking would be great for the town. Also, a major sidewalk project on all main roads would be a welcomed idea embraced by most.</p>
<p>\$10 million isn't much as far as 2012 dollars go -- but I think we need a central venue such as South Hadley's Commons -- at the very least a real 'main street' presence that has a collection of shops, a cafe/bistro, etc.</p>
<p>? (response was a question mark)</p>
<p>a better center of town</p>
<p>A bigger, more modern library or a community pool/rec center.</p>
<p>A bike path but only if a better power system was more than \$10 million.</p>
<p>A bike trail and more sidewalks</p>
<p>A bike/hike trail system A look out tower on the mountain Allow small businesses to populate down town</p>
<p>A casino or shopping mall</p>
<p>a center for young people</p>
<p>A center or town Square style business area that would include office + retail space + restaurants etc.</p>
<p>a civic center in town</p>
<p>A combination Senior Center and teen center. Or a new police facility.</p>
<p>a combined youth & senior center</p>
<p>A commercial development that would attract a major employer or employers that would hire people who would live in town.</p>
<p>a community 4 kids and adults 2 come and do activities & as shelter when bad weather hits</p>
<p>A community center</p>
<p>a community center - also offer trash collection!</p>
<p>A community center for all ages. The YMCA is great to have in town, but requires a membership, a community center would be open to all town residents.</p>
<p>A community center for all citizens</p>
<p>A community Center like Greenwodd in Longmeadow that offers expanded rec and family programming</p>
<p>A community center near the town common containing at least the library & senior center with easy foot, bicycle, car & public access</p>

If you were given \$10 million to build something that would make Wilbraham a better place to live, what would you build. . . ?
A community center on Main St, complete with a playground, public outdoor swimming pool, and outdoor concert venue. Also, a neighboring ice cream stand similar to Mountain View in Hampden. It would be nice to have summer evening concerts where people could sit with a lawn chair and listen to good music.
a community center that would serve all ages- children to seniors under one roof
A Community Center to accommodate all residents, regardless of age, gender, etc.
A community center with historical community items, local art, with a stage area for small performances. A center where everyone is welcome, not just a specific age group like seniors.
A community college that would offer courses articulating with the high school curriculum affording town youth expanded educational opportunities. Also, members of the aging population could benefit as well. OR Trader Joes or similar small grocery store with healthy options for residents.
A community pool/ gathering center
a community theater and teen center
A complete sidewalk system in town. A multi purpose building for the arts, and recreation with low, reasonable fees for use.
A concert stage at Fountain Park, and bring entertainment to Wilbraham. For example, the summer home of the Springfield Symphony. Also would consider adding bike paths in the Wilbraham area.
a country club with low prices for wilbraham residents (geared toward families)
A cultural center that would include a theater and a much bigger library.
a cultural center/playhouse to accommodate 1000
a dairy queen and a white castle
a dog park (but not a \$10 million one!)
A dog park with an area for children. Animals bring people together. And a place that is safe for dogs also means a safe place to bring children. Bonds are always created when there are pets or children involved.
A family oriented (solar powered) center for various activities from woodworking to gardening to learning Zumba to
A family park, with lovely grounds, benches, tables, playscapes,shuffleboards and nice walking/biking trails. A place where all generations could get together.
A fence at the E Longmeadow and Springfield borders - Just kidding. I would invest in an open space shopping complex at Post office park
a giant arcade with a swimming pool skating rink, restaurants, shopping, gaming area, skate park, movie theater
a huge (swear-word) hampden monument
A large community banquet facility for group and organization gatherings.

If you were given \$10 million to build something that would make Wilbraham a better place to live, what would you build. . . ?
A larger park in the center of town that is accesable to anyone who lives in Wilbraham . Make this park a safe environment where kids of all
a library or large solar power generating array
A mall
a mall
a mall
a Mall - the only good place for shopping is at least 20+ Min
A mansion for my family
A mixed use complex which provides retail, offices, entertainment, restaurants, etc. The first goal should be to create an area of town that attracts people to visit it. Much like the village commons in South Hadley, but combined with office space so the new area has continuous use.
a mixed use development in center of town where limited shops are -- nice retail, restaurants - a draw to the area
A Mixed Use Plan Development with new homes, fun and inviting shops with a "fresh" look.
a modern police station
A modern shopping center anchored by two major department stores.
a more interesting center (something like Northampton would be great! -- but I would take a Starbucks, ice-cream shop, side walks...)
a new drainage system throughout the town
a new library - money left over would go toward a new senior center
A new library.
A new Library/Community center complex that would house a Youth and Senior Center, centered on the library as a focal point for knowledge and literacy.
A new middle school, sidewalks on Stony Hill, Main St, Springfield St, etc.
a new park (some illegible words...) and dogs
A new police station with a welcoming public area to get to know our officers.
A new police station with state of the art equipment and renovate Soule Rd School, since that has not been done (yet).
A new Police Station/Fire Station complex
A new Public Safety Complex
A new safety complex to house a police and communications center.
A new senior center
a new senior housing complex perhaps around the memorial school area
a new state of the art police station and more policemen
A new, bigger, advanced library
a nice park for everyone.
A nicer golf course
a number of community needed
A park

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A park with a concert-like venue that can be used for all occasions; summer concerts, Christmas parades, etc.
A pedestrian plaza (piazza) that was surrounded by shops, restaurants, cafe's, small businesses and other attractions
A performing arts center - probably built at one of school - which could host events for the community to enjoy would be nice.
A place for teenagers to come and hang out
a place like look park
A place that gives a hand-up to those who need it, not a hand-out. A place that provides opportunities for those with physical, emotional, psychological, relational and any number of challenges to take part in programs designed to help them improve their health, their lives and the lives of those they are committed to caring for
a place to Have concert
A planetarium
A plaza with shops, restaurants, a park
A police station.
A public meeting hall that would seat most of the town
A public safety complex for police and fire
A Public Safety Complex in Wilbraham Center where the current Center Fire Station now stands. It would house Fire Headquarters, Police Headquarters, Central Dispatch and Community Meeting Rooms that could be utilized for emergency situations if needed.
A publicly available fiber optic network.
a publicly funded community center
A recreation center including a year around swimming pool.
a recreational center
A safety complex and a new senior center
A savings account
A Senior Center and Emergency Shelter o and Sidewalks for everyone, not just the academy
A senior center that serves the aging citizens, while developing more activites / recreation opportunities for young through old at Spec Pond. Main road sidewalks and appropriate street lamps.
a senior center....what shows the heart of people is how they take care of those who have come before them
A shopping center or a theater. It would attract more people to the area.
a side walk
A small (affordable) 'condo' complex to have 'craftsman' style homes for seniors. Affordable is the key. Next is "keep it simple" but with quality
A small center in Fountain park that held Wilbraham's history and acted as a visitor center

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a solar farm and wind farm to supply all town residents with low cost, green electricity.
A solar power array -or- a town-wide sewer system -or- bury all the power lines
a stand-alone senior center
A Starbucks
a state park and a mini-mall
A super park with walking/biking trails, big playground, dog park, open space, pond for fishing and ice skating, community pool..... More sidewalks
A system of pathways and green transportation that would encourage young people to leave their cars when visiting friends, participating in town or school events, etc?
A technology infrastructure for schools including 1:1 devices for students
A Town Center which would integrate residential, retail and lifestyle needs--where residents find important and meaningful connections with each other and where the beauty of the Town is protected for Generations. This center would draw everyone to its sidewalks, sitting and play areas, and eating areas. Like Boston Commons is doing today.
A town well as Boston will want all of Quabbin's water in the future and potable water will be an issue.
a tru town beach park large enough for trails, athletics, swimming
A true public/municipal community center with meeting spaces, a senior center, stage, full kitchen, and room for adult education classes. The Y is not a substitute for this...it is privatized and not freely accessible to all. Their intermittent and random offerings to open to the community at large are truly inadequate.
A type of Stage West, to see live plays, concerts, shows; a place to highlight hobbies, such as photography and painting; hold fundraisers.
a walking shopping/eating complex like Blueback square in West Hartford
A wall to keep out Springfield as soon Wilbraham will be a sh*thole just like Springfield
Affordable housing
affordable housing
Again- defining what "better" means- I would use that funding to rebuild all stone walls which can be seen from every street in Wilberville! For structures, we still need an adequate police station- which should be combined in one location with fire needs as did Ludlow...When that is finished then I would turn attention to expanding the library per their plan of a few years ago...
all new schools
An a attraction area for movie-bowling-arcade-a place to hold all party's-graduation-proms. We should keep revenue in our own town not spend it in others. My daughter and her friends recently had a prom in Agawam and graduation in Springfield. They said it was was over rated. They traveled so far for so little and it was a disapointment. the food was bad too not mention late.
An all-purpose turf field at the high school

If you were given \$10 million to build something that would make Wilbraham a better place to live, what would you build. . . ?
An appropriate sized police station. Conversion of Memorial School to a Senior Center with Vet Agent, Health Dept. Recreation and Town Maint in the building.
an area (mall-like?) that would have several different activities available for all ages. this may include shops, specialty food stores, restaurants, spa/salon, activities for teens (my kids always complained that there isn't anything to do when they were in their teens), bowling alley, etc.
An enhanced town center that what offer off street parking and safe walking access to the library, current and new shops.
an outdoor social center for teens to interact and make new friends
another school to reduce classroom size. some classes at Chaugh are > 25
art center at fountain park
ARTS CENTER FOR MUSIC SHOWS, ETC.
As a lifelong town resident, it saddens me to say that I would not build anything in Wilbraham with our tax rate. I would look to surrounding communities to implement such a project.
Athletic complex. Like it or not the proof is in the pudding as you look at top communities in the country.
Bathrooms @ fountain park w/a large pavillion of open land purchases.
bell local food and energy infrastructure
better infrastructure, bike paths
Better police complex, side walks on major roads, shelter for disasters, bike running path
Better public safety building.
Better road system, bike paths, playhouse for concerts and plays.
Better roads.
Better sidewalks, bike trails, and trails so people can get around town easier without having to drive everywhere.
Better town center with restaurants and cafes, retail and fire/police stations. (think Blue Back Sq in West Hartford on smaller scale).
Better, safer roadways (Stoney Hill, Main, and Springfield Streets
big park
big park and some shopping places
Bigger library Senior center that elders in town could readily access.
Bike or Walk Trail for everyone to use and have our kids safe. Upscale shopping center with nice quaint restaurants.
Bike path....very dangerous place to ride bikes
Bike paths and sidewalks
bike trail
Bike trails. A mountain overlook park playground Repair and improve the children's museum complex.
Bike/run/walk/nature trail
Bikeway paths across town

If you were given \$10 million to build something that would make Wilbraham a better place to live, what would you build. . . ?
bikeways and walkways and trails and in-town public transportation along school bus routes
Bridges and roads to Rice's preserve through narrow right of way from Burleigh Road. No other connection to town roads exists.
Bring back the peach festival
Build a new middle and elementary schools
buildings -- stores -- mall
Casino
Centralized safety complex and sidewalks!
Centrally located community center/library.
Combine Police/Fire and Sr. Center
Combined public safety complex
community center
community center
Community Center
Community Center / Town Pool/ somewhere for kids to go.
Community Center complex--with all kinds of spaces and resources for building strong relationships among all age groups. Maybe fitness space/equipment. Maybe hiking/walking trails. Maybe concert space.
Community center for all ages
community center on main st -- town pool
Community center that is accessible and in a convenient location.
Community Center to offer adult, seniors and children various classes and activities. Or install public sewer.
community center with pool and playground
Community Center/Teen Center The Y isn't affordable for everyone, Spec Pond area is geared towards younger children. More Teen programs are needed. Cultural Center
Community pavilion and outdoor recreation area on current town "open space" that would be available to residents at no charge.
community swimming pool (outdoor)
Concert/theater/movie hall that could be used to make money for the town and also used by the people for free.
Connection to the public water supply/sewer system for all Wilbraham residents
continue to develop spec pond- a town owned pool would be very whorthwhile on that site. I don't think anyone realizes the unfulfilled demand for this offering.
Continuous sidewalks, public parks with playgrounds and dog parks, more trails
DEDICATED EMERGENCY SHELTER OR FARM TRAINING ACADEMY

If you were given \$10 million to build something that would make Wilbraham a better place to live, what would you build. . . .?
Develop an area where small outdoor area can be used for ampieater, sporting events, festivals, woody area but still able to have concessions to create revenue
Develop the Spec Pond area (or another space with similar options) such that it would attract people of all ages.....maybe make a rail trail scenario....
Develop town owned fiber optic infrastructure.
Downtown's old real estate buildings, Rices and the Grange made into profitable business that expand beyond the community of Wilbraham. Expand the library (including the redoing the restrooms room - will the smell ever go away). Developing a turf field that the high school and community could use as our student athletes are missing college prospects due to not playing on a turf field. Basically when the show their talent on a turf field it often does not transfer from grass well. I am hoping my \$10 spans the generations.
educational center for the technological skills of all generations - to benefit students, workers, businesses and elders
Either a fabulous senior center or a high tech public safety complex.
Either a social attraction in the center of town with easy access that would bring people together or a town wide bike path (maybe through the power lines and cedar swamp.
emergency complex
EMERGENCY SHELTER
Establish Design Control to retain existing historical fabric and control new construction. Redesign 'town center' at the Library and Shops. Establish more well designed open spaces. Spaces for passive recreation for seniors, kids of all ages. Enhance Brewer Pond Area.
Expand fountain park to include a playground and dog park. Bike Path in town and more sidewalks including up and down all of Main Street
expand on park systems add public outdoor training section
Expand side walks to Springfield and Hampden line on major roads just a Springfield St, Stony Hill Rd, Main St. Tinkham Rd and Boston Rd. Also expand / improve the small business area near Wilb Monson Academy to have more shopping and high end dinning, ice cream, etc it should walkable within and to it and be a great gathering area maybe have a nice farmers market on Saturday. Improved and expanded recreation venues, hiking and mt biking trails at Rice's and Fountain park , sidewalks to encourage people to walk and run or ride their bikes to school, the local shop or just for fun and get a stay healthy. Save money on school buses
Expand the YMCA (Running track, squash courts, ice rink) and install a turf field at the High School
expanded parks and youngster sports facilities
Expanded water and sewer and our own water treatment facility.
Fund property tax relief Pave the streets Make sure the sidewalks we have aren't hazardous
Get these backstreet roads paved.
Given the current demographics...a senior center would seem to be a good candidate

If you were given \$10 million to build something that would make Wilbraham a better place to live, what would you build. . . ?
hiking trails (nature trails) along Mountain preserving open space - buy land
historical/art museum; destination with local interests and flavor
housing for the elderly
I am not sure.
I can't think of a thing.
I don't hink so.
I guess I'd use it to upgrade the police facilities- \$10 mill isn't going to go that far (unfortunately) and I see that as the most urgent need. Next I'd focus on a senior center or integrating services with Hampden for that and library services.
I think Wilbraham just did- the new school!!! Continue to work on education its one of the main reasons we moved here!! I don't know that I would buid anything....I don't care for over industrialized.
I would build a cluster of moderately priced senior homes, affordable for Wilbraham seniors whose homes in town lost value from the housing bubble, and who have difficulty finding corresponding reasonably priced senior housing in Wilbraham (not necessarily low income), such as Liberty Manor in Westfield, a modular home community with housing under \$200,000.
I would build a community center with a pool, outdoor sport areas, which would include a museum about Wilbraham, a place to hold classes, including cooking and crafts; afterschool and weekend activities; have town-wide activities-hayrides, farmers market, caroling, snow activities
I would build a cultural center like what was talked about several years ago for Fountain Park. This would be a place where there would be a performance art space, a gallery, tea room or other quality food venue, and shops that sold artisan crafts and art and not imports of souvenir junk. It would also have studio space for classes to be taught. I would make moving the Grange Hall from Main Street as part of this Center a priority and have the historical society present exhibits of Wilbraham's History.
I would build a entertainment mall on Rt 20
I would build a new, more modern police station, equipped for the 21st century.
I would build a sports facility both indoor and out to accommodate many different sports through out the year.
I would build a well-light paved bike trail along the power line that bisects our town, with feeder trails into it. Something that is a "game changer".
I would build an outdoor town pool/recreation center in a central location. This coincides with my response to #2. There is NOWHERE for people to gather in our town. The youth gather at Louis & Clark-- That's kind of pathetic.
I would build some kind of shopping center, not a mall, but more like Lasalle Rd in West Hartford, or Highland St. in Worcester, an open-air shopping center to draw in restaurants and niche retailers to the town.

If you were given \$10 million to build something that would make Wilbraham a better place to live, what would you build. . . ?
I would build the "Canton Shops" as on Route 44 in Avon, CT/Canton, CT. Upscale shops, nice restaurants, activities for kids (trick or treating, outdoor movie night, etc)
I would donate to WMA, since it could do a lot for their campus and the educating of global leaders
I would expand the Scantic Valley Y and have that be the hub of community life for all ages who live here.
I would have included a town library that was attached to the new Minnechaug High School. Tighten the community feel and have community areas together.
I would invest \$10 million in obtaining undeveloped land and creating hiking and walking paths, which would contain signs that motorized vehicles are banned.
I would invest at least some of the money into Fountain park. I would build an ampitheater for well known musical acts, and plays, to bring more revenue to town, while keeping ticket prices affordable.
I would invest in infrastructure. Expansion of public water system, expansion of natural gas lines.
I would not build; I would enhance our school curriculum and rebuild what had been destroyed
I would pave existing local side streets (my street has not been re-paved in 27 years; just hot patched), add sidewalks (with bike paths), and expand the sewer system. Make the existing town better maintained - including the Middle School.
I would purchase open space to retain the character of the town.
I would put it into the education trust fund and build nothing.
I Wouldn't build; I would put the money into keeping up our library and buying land so it won't be developed.
I wouldn't use it just to build - I'd reserve most of the money to maintain what we have and perhaps build a better police station
ice rink
ICE SKATING RINK
I'd keep the \$ & make my own life better
I'd look for a more tax friendly community.
I'd probably donate it to the school system!
I'd use \$10 million to challenge the community and grant-makers to build a dedicated, world-class performing arts center that is the center of a walkable, tourism-friendly, New England downtown that currently doesn't exist in and around Springfield's suburbs.

If you were given \$10 million to build something that would make Wilbraham a better place to live, what would you build. . . ?
If he town was given \$10 Million...(not tax payer monies) the revenue should be used to lower tax rates in the town for approx. 2yrs.
If this money was taken via taxes from the citizens of Wilbraham, I would advocate giving it back and lowering the taxes.
Improve Fire and Police facilities, vehicles, equipment, etc.
improved roads and library and more land in the perserves
improving computer tech. and infrastructure of advance technology.
Incentivize a good mixed use development so that I could live here forever without having to drive, as well as connecting the existing open space corridors into a unified, Town-wide greenway for walking and non-motorized recreation. Buy the remaining Mountain areas or buy the development rights from owners. Also, set up public/private transportation along school bus routes for non-drivers.
indoor sports complex
Indoor track facility/community center
Infrastructure - bury electric, cable, telephone and fiberoptic lines throughout town.
Intergenerational Center - Seniors, Daycare, Teen Center, Volunteer office combined where intergenerational activities could be enjoyed
Invest in reinventing Boston Rd area. It looks like a pile of poo, especially compared with Longmeadow.
Invest in the library
It may sound silly, but I think building an improved dump and recycling center would be great. A 'leave it or take it' area, ideally staffed by senior volunteers to work off their taxes, a book exchange area, and a larger recycling area would be great and would encourage more people to use the dump rather than rely on private contractors.
Larger common areas for the new Minnechaug...cafeteria and auditorium
larger library with senior center attached bike path through town more sidewalks
larger pavillion(??) at Fountain Park
Let's invest in for the benefit of the both the young and older members of the town - it would not necessarily have to be a building
LEVERAGE THE FUNDS TO DEVELOP THE MILLS
library
Library
Library/Community Center
Like most towns are now doing. I would build a combination Police and Fire complex.
lower taxes underground electrical service
Middle School
Mixed Use Office, Business, Retail, Entertainment in the Town Center with focus on walking and not on parking lots.

If you were given \$10 million to build something that would make Wilbraham a better place to live, what would you build. . . ?
mixed use shopping, dining, living and entertainment on Boston Road
mixed-use community center; meeting rooms and gym space
More locally owned community minded stores on Main St/ Library area. It's a great little area to have a coffee/local acoustic music shop, make your pottery, etc. Where you can feel comfortable w/ teens going on winter nights. Instead of just low traffic business.
MORE PlayGROUNDS
More playgrounds, an outdoor water center with a pool and splash park, and many many sidewalks!
more recreation around town - kids are looking for something to do, so give them something; add to Fountain Park or bring back the Peach Festival and other stuff to do - can't make out the rest...
more retail space OR I would tear down all of the abandoned buildings on Boston Road - it looks terrible and gives a very bad feeling about our town on a very high-traffic road
more shopping opportunities. a park
more sidewalks
more store so people didn't have to travel far
More town water and sewer
multi purpose community center housing a senior center, rooms for the arts, rooms to rent for meeting space.
multi-use building at Fountain Park, including outdoor bandshell and bathrooms.
museum of wilbraham history
neighbourhoods parks
NEW FIRE DEPT. BUILDING
new library
New library
New police and fire stations. Also a solar farm at the old dump site.
NEW POLICE STATION
New Police Station / Senior Center
New police station and large community center
new police station; public swimming pool., hockey rink
new public safety complex
new senior center
New senior center
new senior center
New sports complex at the high school
newer library better sidewalks for walking around town
Not great timing with casinos on the horizon, but I would love to see a regional community theater complex. Having said that, though, I'm loving the open space, conservation areas, hiking trails...
not sure

If you were given \$10 million to build something that would make Wilbraham a better place to live, what would you build. . . ?
Nothing - all of the current town facilities are ADEQUATE for now and the future - recognize, for example, the school population is declining; we do NOT need to GROW the size of government.
Nothing physical. I would build a scholarship fund, I would purchase undeveloped land and put it in a protected status. We don't need to build anything.
Now that we have a new High School, I'd like to see an expanded library. Also, I would like to spruce up the DRC and also allow for construction waste to be handled. I would like to see Rice's Fruit Farm modernized (but I believe that is happening now anyway).
Off road bicycle trail Additional athletic fields where family/neighborhood. Games May be played. two many Keep off the Grass signs..Reserved for Assoc. etc.
Once again, I would heavily invest in the fountain park area. This area is large enough to create a spray park, pool, rink, snack bar, coffee shop, and outdoor performance site. Secondly developing a senior center to support and highlight our senior citizens.
outdoor spaces to use .
PAINT BALL FIELD
Panera Bread in Post Office Park, Old School Friendly's in the Center. Make Rice's into a "mini" Randalls
peach festival back
performing arts center
place for teenages to socialize in a positive, productive way; public gardens for (illegible) - as an attraction to visit
plant trees, landscape the town, a gas station, mini mart
Police / Public Safety Admin. building
Police and fire complex.
police building and sidewalks
police station
police station
Police station
Police Station Rec department grounds
Police Station and Senior Center.
police station, more sidewalks, small retail outlet in town center
Police Station/fire station combined
preserve open space create a small classy shopping boutiques
public park for kids and dogs.
public safety building to include all senior citz.
Public safety building. Police is a joke and the new fire department is barely an improvement.
Public Safety Complex and Senior Center on Memorial School grounds
Public Safety Infrastructure and Communication Resources.
put it into education programs, energy innovation
Real curbs on all streets. Real sidewalks on Main Street & an overall beautification of Main Street.
Rec Center for youth
recentraion center

If you were given \$10 million to build something that would make Wilbraham a better place to live, what would you build. . . ?
Recreate town common with shops and offices featuring historic architecture, park-like open space and a bike path from Fountain Park connecting along the length of Main Street. This town needs a "center" that would complement its rural character.
Recreation center with an outdoor pool on the land that used to be the Pheasant Farm. This location (rather than Spec Pond) is close to many residential neighborhoods, which would allow children to get there on their bikes.
recreational centers public
Refer to answer #2
Reopen bennets farm. reopen pheasant farm. Help struggling farms with incentives to keep their doors open.
Reserve bank account for maintenance of municipal buildings.
Roads need to be wider with the amount of traffic flowing in Wilbraham, new water/sewer systems, Sidewalks. In place of one big thing, improve all the daily things that will make this town still attract top wage earners.
Safety complex complete with a wireless/broadband network that would make Charter rethink what horrible service they provide
safety complex for WPD & WFD
saftey complex
Schools, Sr. center great park
See number 2 above.
SENIOR CENTER
Senior Center Dog park More sidewalk access
Senior center and new police station Also clean up town land and streams
Senior Center,Police Station
SENIOR CENTER/PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX
senior/community center
Senior/youth center. Develop fountain park. Or renovate middle/elementary schools
Several state of the art Museums at Fountain Park
Sewage Treatment Plant.
Sewers for the areas of town that don't currently have access at no charge to the residents.
Shopping center of Trader Joe's & Target
Shopping Center with upscale shops, so I wouldn't have to go to CT.
shoting rink ice; clean develop boston rd
Should have been done before the school but a safety complex is needed
side walks

If you were given \$10 million to build something that would make Wilbraham a better place to live, what would you build. . . ?
side walks all the way down Main St and Stony Hill Rd
side walks and bike paths
side walks everywhere
Sidewalks, complete the Spec Pond Project and new athletic field for Minnechaug
Sidewalk upgrades and bicycle/walking areas (not just tucked away in the woods).
sidewalks
Sidewalks
Sidewalks
sidewalks Connect Crane Park to Mountain Road
sidewalks - help develop a commercial space so we could have a "downtown" (mixing/meeting space)
Sidewalks & Bike trails!! Water parks for kids.
SIDEWALKS / BIKE TRAILS TO LINK ALL OF TOWN
sidewalks along the major roadways.
Sidewalks and a new Police Station
sidewalks and a safe, well lit bike path free after-school and summer vacation programs for our kids
Sidewalks and bike trails
Sidewalks and bike trails
sidewalks and biking/jogging lanes
sidewalks everywhere!
sidewalks on all main roads
Sidewalks on all main roads
Sidewalks on all main roads and a tutoring center free to the public or of low cost. The tutoring center could have adult seminars occasionally as well.
Sidewalks on ALL main roads.
sidewalks playground
SIDEWALKS!!!
Sidewalks, bike paths, hiking trails, arts center. New middle school
Sidewalks, Bike route, Arts (music and theater)
Sidewalks, bikepaths, parks for families and elderly to sit and relax and enjoy the town.
sidewalks, homeless shelter, or a place for emergency refuge in case of more natural disasters.
Sidewalks, MORE st. lights
Sidewalks.... or a rail station if there was a better commuter line to Boston. At some point, the Boston suburbs will reach Wilbraham and with property values 50 to 75% below comparable communities in Eastern Ma., there would be a significant economic benefit to the town. This has already happened in formerly rural parts of PA (now NYC suburbs), MD and VA (now DC suburbs).
SKATING RINK
small hotel
small mall/shops at old bennett turkey farm like evergreen walk in ct

<p>If you were given \$10 million to build something that would make Wilbraham a better place to live, what would you build. . . ?</p>
<p>Smaller, more dispersed small parks/playgrounds that people could easily walk/bike to instead of having to drive to the other end of town.</p>
<p>smbr: a community center - connecting all ages and groups</p>
<p>Solar farm</p>
<p>solar or renobable energy opportunities</p>
<p>some type of establishment like Atkins or Trader Joe 's. bike trails</p>
<p>Something for Police and Fire, maybe updated facility. With growth in town over past years, they have done excellent job, but I'm sure improvements are badly needed.</p>
<p>Something like Atkins where Rice farm is..</p>
<p>split funds between renovating library, new senior center and police station</p>
<p>Store fronts up and down Main Street for increased small business opportunities (besides banks and pizza parlors).</p>
<p>Street lights and sidewalks in more places.</p>
<p>streetlights for the side streets & sidewalks to make it safer for walking.</p>
<p>Tanglewood like facility, but not at Fountain Park 2.old mill conversion for shops, restaurants</p>
<p>Target, Dog Park, More parks, services for lead and brush removal</p>
<p>The beginning infrastructure for "downtown" Wilbraham.</p>
<p>the center shopping plaza in Wilbraham is A wasted space. the plaza should offer young families more interesting retail and dining options. the plaza should welcome families with enhanced green space, outdoor seating and a pedestrian walkway to library. It could be a great space for a farmer's market and other community events. with a network of safe sidewalks, residents could walk from their neighborhoods to enjoy the space.</p>
<p>The most inovative solar pannel system or the like to get Wilbraham totally off the grid. see above</p>
<p>THEATRE OR EVENT CENTER FOR FUNCTIONS , MOVIES ,CONCERTS ECT....</p>
<p>to install raised cross walks near center of town on Main St. and Springfield St.(ie traffic calming) and to put utility wires underground wires underground.</p>
<p>Top of the line, state of the art assisted care living facility.</p>
<p>Town outdoor swimming pool.</p>
<p>turn spec pond into more of a destination rec center (i.e. Look Park)</p>
<p>Underground wires, bike ways and sidewalks</p>
<p>Update the electrical lines.</p>
<p>Upgrade the library.</p>
<p>upper end shopping plaza - improve police station</p>
<p>upscale apartments</p>
<p>water park</p>
<p>We already did. A new Minnechaug. If there was one other project it would be a senior housing center because our town is "graying" and the elder population is growing. By taking care of our youth (great schools) and our seniors, we unite both ends of the spectrum.</p>

<p>If you were given \$10 million to build something that would make Wilbraham a better place to live, what would you build. . . ?</p>
<p>We have so many things already...I would add to the open spaces and enhance their recreational value (hiking, campsite, cross-country ski, etc)</p>
<p>We need a better mall in our area... bigger, better, Indoor/turf facility for year round practice and club sports possibly a destination store like a Yankee Candle...</p>
<p>While improvements are being made to recreations areas (i.e. Spec Pond), on a whole, we are far behind what surrounding towns have to offer. Spaces for public recreation, community events, and sports are lacking or not to the standards of a town like Wilbraham.</p>
<p>Why do we have to keep building to make it a betterplace? Purchase more on space.</p>
<p>Widen and enhance Boston Road to make more appealing to business and easier to use.</p>
<p>WILBRAHAM ONLY MALL</p>
<p>Wireless access</p>
<p>without a doubt I would build a new Senior Center to give the seniors the activities they want and need</p>
<p>world biggest american flag</p>
<p>Wow, great question. First to mind is not someling physical. Develop non competative sports program heavily marketed to organizations for kids who might be cut from sports teams or not able to participate in competative sports programs. Paid "volunteer" staff to avoid the significant challeges associated with finding volunteers. How connected are the town needs to the "community service" programming at school?</p>
<p>YES WE DO NEED A NEW SENIOR CENTER FOR OUR RETIREE BUT I JUST DON'T HAVE THE \$10,MILLION TO GIVE,</p>

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
21st century backbone
ability for all to access
ability to get to area
ability to give culture to young
acceptance
Acceptance of others
access
Access for all
Access to all parts of town
Accessability to main arteries
accessible
accessible
Accessible
accessible
accountability
act locally
active
active citizens
ACTIVE TOWN MEETINGS
Activities
activity
actualization
Adaptable
Adding warmth
Adequately support key services
Advancement
aesthetic considerations
aesthetic design
affordability
affordability
affordable
Affordable
Affordable housing
affordable taxes
Afordability
Agile (very adaptable)
agressive
AGRICULTURAL LANDS
ALL ACCESS
all residents needs
altruism
always took to future generations
Appealing
appealing
appreciation of nature
Appropriate development
appropriate development

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architectural integrity
astetic
Asthetics
Attractive
Attractive street approaches to Wilb; trees and stone walls and sidewalks-esp on Stony Hill Rd
b
balance
Balanced approach
Balanced budget
Balanced budget
Battle Arena
Be Flexible in Thinking
Be Progressive
Be Progressive
Be realistic
be realistic
BE TRUE TO WILBRAHAM
beautiful open spaces
Beautify historic Places
Beautify the exisiting town.
Beauty
beauty
better living
Broad goals
Broad minded (not thinking only of the young, rich and beautiful people, many whom are just "passing through") - Wilbraham was founded and has survived from a lot of Yankee ingenuity and spirit
Bud
Budget friendly
Budget stays at level funding.
build
build a "cultural calendar" with assortment of activities 365 days a year.
business friendly
Business Friendly
Business friendly
Business-friendly
careful, planning from experts!
CAREFULL PLANNING
CAREFULLNESS
caring
caring-friendly
Central
change is inevitable

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character
character
Character
Character
character for town
charm
charmingly friendly
Cherish taxpayers
Child friendly
child friendly
Child friendly town
child-oriented
children + elderly
children activities
children friendly
CHILDRENS EDUCATION
Citizenship
Civic minded (taking an active interest in the community needs and affairs of a town or city)
Class
Clean
Clean
Clean
clean
clean parks
CLEAN SMALL INDUSTRIES
cleanliNess - ScHooliat
clear environment
clear vision
Close knit
close knit, caring community
cohesive community
Cohesiveness
collaboration
Collaboration-Cooperative
Collaborative
colonial
Commercial activity kept to Boston Rd.
Commitment
Common Good
common sense
common sense
Communication
communication
COMMUNICATION
COMMUNICATIONS
COMMUNITY

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community gathering
community input
Community INTEGRITY
Community interaction
community involvement
community involment
community involment
community minded
community opinions valued
Community oriented
Community over Personal Agendas/Gain
Community Participation
Community Safety
Community Service
Community support
community,
Community-driven
Community-wide
Compassion
compassion
competent leadership
concerned citizens
connecting negighborhoods
Conservation
Conservation
Conservation Land
conservative spending
Conservative spending
consideration for all interests
consistant
Consistency
Consistently
Constant improvement
Contemporary & Old
Continue to limit big things to Boston Rd corridor
Continue to promote a friendly atmosphere.
Controlled growth
controlled growth
controlled taxes
convenience
convenience (shops, restaurants, in walking distance)
cooperation
cooperation

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cooperation between all groups/ committees, departments
Cosmetically appealing
cost
Cost
cost effective
Cost effectiveness
Cost Effectiveness
country
Courage
Craft(??) small town growth
Create local mfgering jobs.
Creative
Creative
creative
creativity
Creativity
creativity
Cultural
Cultural diversity
Cultural entities supported, Town History museum; Town arts location at Fountain Park; well structured Town govt;
Culture
culture
culture
cutting edge education
cutural
deal with big issues, not small ones
decency
Dependable
Design Control
Destination
determination
Develop behind the seems
disaplin
Disaster Prepared
Diverse
diverse
diverse opinions
DIVERSITY
DIVERSITY
diversity of thought
Do not be afraid to be bold
don't cave in to special interests
don't make changes
DOWNSIZE(CONSERVE)
draw

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
drive for excellence
drug free (i.e. illicit drugs) community
Durable
dynamic
dynamic
Dynamic retail district
Ease of living
Ecologically-minded
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
economic efficeincy
EDUCATE PUBLIC
EDUCATION
Education -- our future
education,social awareness
educational excellence
Educationally driven (WMA)
educationally focused
Education-based
Education-Centered
efficiency
EFFICIENCY
Efficiency
eliminate waste
Elimination of special interest group influence
Embrace Change
emergency contact improvement
empathy
Emphasis on safety and support for police and fire departments
encompass all
ENCOURAGE CLEAN IDUSTRY

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Energy efficient
energy efficient
entegrity
enviormental tech
environment
environment
environmental conciousness
environmental responsibility
ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBLE
environmental steward
Environmental Stewards
Environmentally concious
ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY
Environmentally Friendly
environmentally friendly
environmentally sound
equality
Equality
Equality
equality
ereat schools
ethnic and income diversity
EVALUATE
examine the present
excellence
Excellent school system
Excellent Schools
Excitement
exciting
Executed Efficently & Quickly
Exercise
Expand business opportunities
expedient
Expense management
Explore technology opportunities
fair
Fair taxation
Fairness
faith
Families
Families
FAMILY

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
family
Family Bond
family centered and supported
family community
Family focused
Family Focused
FAMILY FRIENDLY
family ofiented
Family Oriented
Family values
family values
Family/community
family-friendly
Family-friendly
fariness
financial
Financial responsibility
Financial Stability

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
finished product
Fiscal Reality
Fiscal responseability
fiscal responsibility
Fiscally responsible
Fiscally Responsible
Fiscally responsible
Fiscally Responsible
fiscally sound
Flexibility
flexibility to handle future unknowns
Flexible
Flexible
Focus
focus on "healthy lifestyle" i.e. biking, hiking, walking, sports leagues, etc.
Focus on Education
Focused on being rural.
foeus
Forward thinking
Forward thinking (meeting the needs of young, old and inbetween, now and in the future)
Forward Thinking: Progressive
Fraternity
Freedom
Friendliness
friendly
friendly
Friendly
friendly
FUN
FUN
FUN
Future generations
Future Thinking
Futuristic thinking
generational inclusion

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)

genuine
Get youth involved
good business tax base
good education
good roads
Good roads
Good schools
good schools
good schools
Great conservation ethic
Great neighborhoods and neighbors
Great Public School System
great schools
green
green (farms, forests and open space)
green space
Green Space
green/healthy living
HAMPDEN is awesome -
hard work
hard workers
Hard-work for what is attained
Health
health promotes walking over driving
Healthy
Healthy community
healthy lifestyle
healthy living
healthy population
Heritage
HERITAGE/HISTORY
Heterogeneity
High Quality and Beautiful
high quality of life
High value
high-tech business environment
Historic
Historic
historic

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
historic preservation
historic preservation
historical
Historical awareness
Historical preservation
history
Hiustorical Integrity
hold owners accountable
Home ownership
Honest
honest
honest
honesty
honesty
Honesty
honesty
honor
hope
housing
Humility
I don't know
illegible
illegible
Improve community communication.
IMPROVE SECONDARY ROADS
Improving Sidewalks
Improving the Police station
in town leaders
Include all age levels
inclusion
inclusive
inclusive housing
Inclusiveness
Inclusiveness
Increase conservation space.
Increase resident participation in Town Activities
Increased Density
Increased financial support of cemetery commission

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
increased revenue
INDEPENDENCE
Independence
Independence
Independence -- ability to stand alone as Springfield dies
individual rights
infrastructure support
ingneity
Initiate
INNOVATION
Innovation
innovation
Innovative
innovative
Inspirational
integration
Integretty
integrity
Integrity (of the town)
Integrity and Openness
integrity of the people to work together
interest
interesting
inter-generational
INVESTMENT
Investment
investment to support growth
irreplaceable
JOB CREATION
JOB CREATION
job opportunities
Jobs
KEEP OPEN SPACE
Keep Open Spaces
keep small town feel
KEEP TAX RESONABLE TO KEEP People moving (in) and not out

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
KEEP TAXES LOW
keep the community clean!
keep the quaintness of our town
KEEP TOWN CHARACTER
Keeping the power on! And Cable!
LANDUSE PLANNING
Later generational EQUITY
Leadership
leaf removal
learning
learning innovation like in the Berkshires
legacy
less boring
Less comercial
less commercial
less new construction
Liberty
Liberty
liberty
limit
LIMIT DEVELOPMENT
limit housing development
limit non essential expenditures
Limited commercial growth
Limited Gov it
Limited government
Limited Growth
LISTEN
Listen
Livable Streets
Live Free
living
Local Control
Local resources
Location
Long lasting
long term committment
long-term
look to the future
look to the past
loud
Low crime
Low taxes

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Lower taxes
Maintain appearance
Maintain Open Space and Connectivity
maintain residential character
maintain rural atmosphere
maintain school status
Maintain small town feel
maintaining a sense of community
make it "family centric"
make no assumptions
market
Maximum benefit
metal
minimum cost
Mobility
Modern
money wise
more citizen involvement
More Comercial activity on Boston Rd.
more community based activities
More consideration for elderly residents
More farming encouraged
more green usage
more land in perserves
more oportunites jobs
More people friendly open spaces and parks
Most beneficial to ALL residents
Multifaceted
multigenerational
nationally, resources will be more limited
Natural
natural
Nature
necessity
need
neighborhood safety (walking w/o being run over
neighborhoods
New England
New England charm
new 'small' business
Nightlife is needed
no dreamers
No favoritism
no gov't agenda
No new taxes.
no petty politics
no tacky buildings

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Non denominational
Non-Church social activities
NOT EXPENSIVE
not far
Not green
Not Reactive
Not Springfield
Online accesible
open
Open
Open and Transparent School Spending
Open awareness
open communication
open discussion
open mind
OPEN MINDED
open space
Openess
Open-Minded
Openness
Organized
organized volunteering
out of the box
outside the box
Partnership
Passion for betterment
Patience
Pay of debt
Peace of Mind
Pedestrian safe
pedistrian access
PEOPLE CENTER
people centered
people friendly
PERSONAL COMMUNICATION
personal responsibility
PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY/Accountability

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Plan ahead
PLANNED GROWTH
planned growth
planning
play
POPULATION
Population limits
positive
positive thinking
Practical
practicality
PREPARE FOR CHANGES IN PLAIN
Preparing for future of children
PRESENCE OPEN SPACE
preservation
Preservation (Wilbraham is a beautiful historical town with wonderful public lands)
preservation of open space
Preserve and Maintain
preserve natural, open space
preserve neighborhoods
Preserve Rural heritage
Preserve the rural/suburban character.
preserve town character
preserve values of small town
Preserves history
preserving open land
Pride
pride
Pride
Prioritize Services
Prioritizing Education
privity
Pro-Active
progress
progressive

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
progressive
Progressive
PROGRESSIVE MINDED
Progressive thinking
Progressive voices
Promote diversity
Promote recreation
Promote social areas
Properly planned
property
Property rights
Property rights
property rights
property value
PROTECT
PROTECT OPEN SPACE
protecting open space
Proud of our Pioneering Spirit: Guardians of our rugged individualism
Provide Opportunities
prudence
prudence and caution
public
public
public awareness
Public buildings which meet needs of people- fire & police and library;new MHS
public safety
Publize
pulling together for our children
quaint
Quaint
QUALITY
quality education
Quality of life
Range of interest
Reaching a balance of residential &comercial building in town.
realistic expectations
Realistic, down to earth thinking
Reasonable Costs
reasonable taxes
reasonableness
Recognition of the past
RECREATION
Recreation
Recreation
Reduce property taxes.
reduce traffic
reduced tax rate

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
rehab Boston Rd businesses
Relaxed lifestyle
religion
relocalize the economy
REMAIN SMALL
Remember Our Roots
REMEMBERING LIFE W/O ELECTRONICS
renovation
resident access
Resident focused
Resident needs
Resident Safety
Residential
resource conservatism
resourcefulness
RESPECT
respect for all ages
Respect for the Past
respect for undeveloped land/natural resources
Respectful
responsibility
responsibility
Responsibility
responsibility
Responsible
responsible
responsible
Restoration
retain charm
retains rural tradition
Revitalization
Rising property values
ROI
rural
Rural
Rural character

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
rural/suburban atmosphere
Rural/Suburban mix
SAFE
Safe community
safe enviornment
safe envirnoment
safe environment
safe for bussines and families
SAFETY
Safety concerns
Safety First
saftey
Scenic
Scenic
SCHOOLS
Schools
schools

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)

schools
SECURITY
Security
selfless
Selfless
Self-responsibility
self-sustaining
Senior Friendly
Senior services
Sense of Community
Sense of Place
Sensible
Sensible
service
Service Maintenance
services
services for our seniors
set goals
Simple
Simply elegant
Sincere
SMALL
small business
small business
small business growth
Small business oriented
Small Businesses
small businesses over megastores
small community
Small government
SMALL TOWN
Small town atmosphere
small town charm
Small town feeling
small town setting
Small-town feel (okay that's 3 words)
Smart development
Smart Growth
smart growth
Smart planning
snow removal speeded up

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Social Responsibility
Solid business base
solid service base
spend wisely
Spend within our means
Stability
state of the art
stay pretty
Staying true to our town
Stewards for the future
Stewardship / Environmental
stick to our roots
Stop pet projects
street maintenance speeded up
strong community
Strong, wholesome values
Stuff
stuff
stuff
Suburban Atmosphere
Suburban. leaning towards rural
Suburbs
Successful
superior academics
Superior Schools
support
support for business growth
support for fire, police and teachers
Support senior citizens
Support small businesses
supportive of business
SUSTAINABILITY
Sustainable
Sustainable
sustainable
Sustainable
sustainable commercial growth
Sustainable design
Sustainable focused on a positive environmental footprint
system
Tasteful

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Tasteful
tax revenue
taxes
taxes!
Team work
technologically advanced
Temperance
THE TOWN GET MORE Interest in seniors
Think conservative
Think local
Think small
Thorough Planning
thoughtful
Thoughtfully planned
Thrift
TIME LINE
Together
together
togetherness
Togetherness
top shelf education
tornado clean-up
Town Center
town control
town pride
tradition
TRAFFIC CONTROL
traffic control
Transparency
transparency
Transparent
transportation / mobility
Transportation accessibility
Trash service
True Vision That Embraces What is Already Great about Wilbraham
Trust
Trust
truth
Tutoring - training
UNBIASED ASSESSMENT
Undertanding
Unique Ideas
uniqueness
UNITY
Unity of Spirit
Up to date technology and training
upkeep of property

What three core (1 or 2 words) values would you consider crucial guidelines as we craft this vision? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)

Upscale

Upscale design

usefulness

value

Value Education-Knowledge

values -

value driven

Vibrant

vibrant

vision

Vision

vision

Vision for the future

Visual impact

vitality

vocalness

Volunteering

volunteerism

volunteerism

water control

We don't have to ask for more taxes from homeowners.

we face challenges we are unaware of

Welcoming

Welcoming

welcoming

Welcoming / user friendly

Welcoming and friendly

WELL DEVELOPMENT

WELL MANAGED

Well thought out

Wholesome

wide sector of use/need

working together

Worthy Value

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
"little strange town"
A bit snooty (sadly)
A LITTLE BORING
abandoned
abandoned messy route 20
adequate service base
advanced
Aesthetic
affluent
Affordable
affordable
Affordable
aggressive spending
Aging
aging
Aging
Aging (population)
aging population
Agricultural
Aloof
AMBITIOUS
Ample homes/lots
Ancient
And working towardas business friendly
Antiquated
Antiquated non-responsive government
Anxious
apathic
arrogant
Attractive
attractive
Attractive
Automobile dependant
Balanced
balanced
Bare bones
Baseball
Beautiful
BEAUTIFUL

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Beautiful
Beautiful (except Boston Road)
beautiful scenery
becoming urban
Bed room community
Bedroom Community
BEDROOM COMMUNITY
Bedroom community
Bedroom community
best education
best place on earth
bland
boring

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Boring
Boring / snobby
borrowing
bucolic
bucolic
bucolic
budget-strapped
business friendly
Busy
Busy
Busy
Caddy and Non-Welcoming
Calm
caring
caring
caring
Catholic and Republican
Cautious
Challenged
changing
changing
Changing
Changing Demographics
characture
charm
charming
Charming
CHARMING
charming
Charming (mostly)
child friendly
children friendly
Choices of travel routes
Citizenship
citizenship
citizenship
classic
Clean
clean

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
CLEAN
Clean and safe
CLEAN+HEALTHY
clickish
clickish--polite but not friendly
clicky
cliques (some)
Close
CLOSE - KNIT
close to city shopping
Close(to being an ideal town)
Closed
closed minded
Closed minds
close-knit
close-knit
Close-Knit
Comfortable
Comfortable (place to live)
commercial cntr architecturally chaotic
Committed
Community

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
community
community activity
Community Focused
Community Involvement
community supported
community values
Community/family oriented
commuters
Compartmentalized
competent leadership
Competitive
Competitive
complacent
complacent
complacent
conformity
Conservation
Conservation Land
Conservative
Conservative
Conservative
Conservative
Conservative (fiscally)
Conservative (not meaning politically [though it is that, too], I am referring to a 21st century vision of growth)
could do better
Country
Country

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
country
Country
Country
counttesgue (countryesque?)
cozy-rural
Cronysim
cute
Dated
dated, poorly located public facilities
decentralized
dependent
desireable
Desireable
destroyed
deterorizing
developer-friendly
Developing
different
Disapointment
disconnected
disconnected
Disconnected
Disconnected
Disconnected residents
Disengaged
Disengaged
Disfunctional School Board
disjointed
disparate
Dispersed
distant
diverse
Diverse
diverse
Diverse
Diverse-Community
divided
divided
divided
Dogs
drug and alcohol abuse
dull
dull
educated

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
educated
educated caring people
Education
Education Focused
education focused on standardized testing
educational
Educationally superior
ego driven school committe
Elderly
elderly-centric
elite
Elitist
Elitist
EMERGING
empty business buildings
Endangered
Energetic
entitled -we just have too much and expect too much
entitlement attitudes
Environmentally Conscims
epacious
Excellence
excellent education
Excellent education
excellent fire and police
Excellent School
exceptional
excessively high taxes

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Excessively liberal thinking
excluding
Exclusive
Exclusive
Expensive
Expensive (but worth it)
Expensive to live in
extravagant
fabricated from outside
fair community support
Fairly quite
falcon pride
Falling behind in education
Falling behind technology
familiar? similar?
families
Families
Families
family
family centered
family community
Family Focus
Family Focused
Family Friendly
family friendly safe

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Friendly
friendly (to fellow white people)
frugal
frugal
frugal-government
Fun
good
good education
good intentions
GOOD PLACE TO RAISE FAMILY
good SCHOOL
Good school facilities
Good school system
good school system
Good schooling
good schools
Graying
great educationally
Great neighborhoods
great place to live
great planing and select boards

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Great potential
great school system
great school system
Great school system
Great schools
great schools
Great Small NE Town
Great Town Services
Green
growing
growing
growing
growing
Growing at a costly rate
Hanging on to the past
Hard working
hard working
have-have not
healthy
high tax rate
High taxes
High taxes
High taxes
Highly Bureaucratic and Political
historic
historical
historical places
historically charming
history
history
home
Home

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
home
home
home
home of Friendly's
Home ownership
homes
homey
homey
Homey
Homogeneous
Homogeneous
Homogeneous and conservative
Hostile
houses
IDEAL
identity
ignorance
Ignorant
IMPATIENT
In transition
inaccessible
inaccessible
inconvenient
independent
inefficient
inequality
inexcessible
inherently racist
Injustice
inquisitive
insensitive
insular
Insular
Insular
Insulated
Intelligent
Interesting
inviting
Inviting
isolated

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Isolated
Isolated
lacking
Lacking a Town Center / "Main Street" destination
lacking quality businesses on Boston Rd
Lacks Community Spaces
lacks forward mobility - stalled
lazy
Leasant
less crime
less rural
Liberal
Limited
little culture
losing character
lots of land, trees
love the environment
lovely
loving
LOW ATTENDANCE AT TOWN MEETINGS
low crime
Low Crime
low crime
low crime rate
low participatation in community
Maginally Attractive
Maintaining good school system;
making do
mediocre
mid to upper income
Middle class
middle class
middle management
MIDDLE TO UPPER CLASS
Misappropriated taxes
MISH-MASH
Missing Out
mixed
moving forward
Narrow
Narrow Minded
natural preservation
nature
Near Sighted

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
need of modernization
neighborhoods
Neighborhoods
Neighborly
new england
New England
nice
Nice Community
Nice community
nice enough
Nice neighborhoods
nice place to live
Nice Place to live
NICE PLACE TO live
nice place to raise a family
no tough financial planning
non-diverse
not as good as HAMPDEN -
not centralized
not imaginative
Not Progressive
nothing happning
Old
old fashioned
Old Fashioned
old guard/new guard
old school
old school
old-fashioned
Old-fashioned
one reply across three lines
one reply across three lines
OPEN
Open Space

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
open space
Open space preserved
optimism
ordinary
organized
Out of control
out of the way
outdated
outdated
Outgoing
over taxed
over-developed
Overpopulated
overtaxed
Overtaxed
parks without recreational development
parochial
partially picturesque
peaceful
peaceful living
Peachy
people feel disconnected
people friendly
pep
perfect-sized
Personal
Picturesque
Picturesque
picturesque
Picturesque
plain
PLANNED OUT
pleasant
pleasant

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
pleasant
Pleasant
pleasant
pleasant
Pleasant place
polarized
Political
Political
political
pompous
Poor condition of Boston Road buildings
poor roads
Positivity
Potential
Power outages
powerhouse
prepared- considering all angles
preservation
pretty
pretty on the inside, ugly on the outside
Pride
pride
prissy
private
Private
Private Property
privledged
progressive
progressive
Progressive in some areas
protective
proud
proud

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Proud Past
Provincial
PROVINCial -
pure
quaint
Quainte
quality
QUALITY EDUCATION
Quality education
quality town departments
Quant
quant
quiet

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Quiet
QUITE WELL MANAGED
reactionary
Realistic
Receptive
Recovering
recovering from a tough recession
Recovering from tornado
Refined
Regressive
Relaxed

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
reluctant- to take risks
republican
Residential
RESIDENTIAL
Residential-south/Business-RT20
resilient
Resistant to change
Respect (with regards to taking care of property they owned/worked hard for)
restrictive
rich
preppy
Roads (and tree re-painting)which need additional funding support;
roots
Run by a clique
rural
Rural character
rural suburbia
rural with modern ammenties
rural/small town
rural/suburban mix

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Ruralish
Rustic
safe

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
safe
safe and comfortable
safe for bussines and families
safety
safety
safety concerns
Same people doing everything
Sanctuary
scattered
scenic
Scenic
School (Quality)
School dominated
schools
Sectionalized
secure
Secure
see above
segregation
Self absorbed
self-governing
Semi-rural
semi-rural
senior citizens
Senior Friendly
sense of community
separate
Separated
shabby
sheltered -
short sighted

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Short Sighted
Single Family House
Single-Use Structures Spread Out Throughout Town
Singluar in focus (only concerned about single family houses)
sleepy
Sleepy
sleepy
Sleepy- lazy
SLOW
slow moving
slow to move forward
small
small - town
small community
Small thinkers
small town

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
small town
small town beauty
Small Town Charm
small town feel
small town politics
Small town politics
small town setting
small/rustic
Snobbish
snobbish - (sorry but it's true. Many people do not wave back to you
snobby
snotty
Socially/Politically Isolated citizenry
Solvent
sometimes short sighted
sought after community to live
Sound town government
space
spacious
Spacious
Sports
sports
sports heavy
sprawl
spread out
stagnant
Stagnate
stale
Static
Still friendly, but starting to lose that
still not bad though

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Still the best place to live
Stodgy
stodgy
stodgy
storm-damaged
strained
struggling economically
stuck in a rut
stuck in past
stuck in the past
stuck-up
Stuffy
subhurbs
subjective
suburb
suburb like
suburban
suburbs
Suburbs
success
Sucky
superficial
Supreme
Thrifty
tight knit
Tired
Tired
To far
Tolerant
Too Dependant on Automobiles
TOO MANY CHIEFS
too much traffic
top notch emergency services
Top notch schooling
tradition
Traditional
traffic
tranquil

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Treeless
truaumatized
Tunnel vision in some areas
typical New England town
unattractive
Uncertain
Uncool
Undecided
under construction
Under funded needs for Town buildings;
Unfair taxes on seniors and condo owners
UNFINISHED
Unfocused
Uninviting
uninvolved citizenship
Unique
unique
unknown
unknown
unplanned
unrealistic
Unrepresented
unsustainable
Untrust Worthy
Unwilling to Change
Upper Class
upper-class
Uppity
upscale
value
value
Values
Vehicular
Versitle
Vibrant
Vibrant
Vision
visionless
volunteerism
volunteerism
walk accessible retail / offices
warm
Wasteful
wealth

From your perspective, what three words characterize Wilbraham today? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
wealthy
wealthy
welcoming
well educated
well functioning
Well managed
Well managed
Well run
Well-governed
well-kept
Well-Maintained
well-managed
well-managed, good public service (polic
well-run
wet
WHITE
white
White
white
White bread
wholesome
Wholesome
wholesome
WMA
wooded
working class
working smart not hard
Worn
wouldn't live elsewhere
Youth oriented

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
"?"
"GREEN"
"little cool town" -
"warm welcoming wilbraham"
a "united " look to the town center
a little boring
a place
a real vision..one we can afford
a wonderful place to live
acceptance
ACCEPTING
accessability
accessible
accessible
Accessible
Accountabilty
Action-taking
Active
active involvement in community
Adding municipal bldgs as above; along with road & sidewalk net;
advanced
advanced
advanced
Aesthetic
affaodable
Affluent
affordable
AGRARIAN
agriculture
Agriculture

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
alcohol free kids
all 3
All-ages
alluring
ammenities
ANYWHERE EVER.
Appealing
appeals to young old
Artistic draw is always good for community/schools
Arts, music, theater
atractive
Attractive
Attractive
Attractive
Attractive demographics
awesome
Balanced
balanced approach
balanced approach to development
Baseball
Beautiful place to live
Beautiful
Beautiful town full of healthy people
BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING-lots of flowers
beautiful tours of the landscape and homes
Beauty
best
best all around
best educated children
best of wmass
best small town
Better center of town

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
BIG COMMUNITY
bike friendly
Billionaire resident
blank
blank
BOOMING
Boston Road Retail Developed
Boston Road widened
bucolic
bucolic
budget and taxes under control
BUISNESS FRIENDY
business friendly
BUSINESS HUB
Businesses to attract quality people
busy
Calm
Carbon Neutral
carin
caring
center for new town managment
charm
charming
Charming
charming
charming
Chaug grads have highest admission rates in top colleges
Classsy
clean
clean industry boston rd.
Cleaner

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Cleanest Town
close <--as in the community
CLOSE COMMUNITY
close community
CLOSE COMMUNITY
close-knit
Close-Knit
close-knit
Cohesive
cohesive
Cohesive
Collaboration
comfortable
Comfortable
common
community

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
community centered
community centered
Community Centered and safe
Community feeling
Community Focused
Community neighborhoods
Community oriented
Community responsive
community support
community values
Community/family/people oriented
community-minded
compassion
competent leadership
concern for issues of substance
connected
Connected neighborhoods
Conservation Land
conservative
Conservative
Contemporary
Content legacy
control
Conveince
convenient
convenient
Cool
cooperation among departments
country
Country
country
country effect
Cozy
Creative Ideas used
creativity
Cultural
Cultural
Culturally progressive
culture

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
cultured
cutural
debt paid off
Decisive
desirable
Desireable
desireable
Desireable (value)
Destination
Developed
developing
different
DIURSE
diverse
diverse eating establishments
diverse POPULATION
DOG-EATEN -NO OTHER REPLIES ON THIS PAGE
Dogs
drug free kids
Economic growth
Economic Growth
educated
Educated
Educated
education
education
Education
Education

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Education
education leader
educational
educational excellence
Educationally superior
Education-Knowledge
Efficient
Elder friendly
Elegant
Embraced Alternate Forms of Transportation
Embraced Change and Smart Growth
emerging
ENERGETIC
ENERGETIC
energised
Energized
energized
energy choices
energy efficient
Energy independent
energy smart
engaged
Engaged
Enjoyable to live in
enjoyment
Enterprising
ENTERTAINING
Environmentally conscientious
Environmentally conscious
eventful
Ever maintaining good school system- local & regional;
evolving

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Excellence in schools
excellent fire and police
Excellent School reputation
excellent school system
Excellent schools
exceptional
exceptional
Exciting
Exciting
Exciting
exciting
Expand town office bldg
Expanding
expanding
Fair
fair taxes for everyone
Family
family facility
Family friendly
Family friendly
Family Friendly
Family orientated
family oriented
Family oriented
Family oriented
family orrriented
family values
Family-oriented
family-oriented
Financially responsible
Fiscally responsible
fiscally responsible
Flourishing
flow
Focused
forward
forward thinking
forward thinking

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Forward thinking
forward thinking
forward- thinking
forward-looking
forward-looking
forward-thinking
Forward-thinking
Fresh
FRESH
Fresh
friendlier
FRIENDLY
friendly people
Friendly to Elderly/Disabled
full of things that you can do with friends/family (parks)
Fun
fun community
Fun to live in
fun!
Fun/culture

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
good roads
Good Schoolint
good schools
graduating top students in the state
great
Great community
Great roads and schools
Great school system
great schools
GREAT TOWN SERVICES
great volunteers
Greater Community Spirt And Envlovement
Greater participation in town government by young generation
green
Green Community
Grounded
Growing
growing
growing modestly
happening
HAPPY
Healthy
Healthy
Held back on spending and taxes
Helpful
HIGH VOLUNTEERISM
hisonctwithreal
historic
historical
Historical preservation
historical preservation
history
history
home

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
homey
homey
homogeneous themos
Housing affordability
humble
I don't know
ideal
Ideal Living
inclusive
Increase school support
independent
individual rights
INNOVATION
innovative
innovative
innovative
innovative
Innovative Unque Planning
inovative
integrity
Intelligent and prepared for job market and health
interactive
interesting
Interesting
interesting
Interesting
inviting
inviting
Inviting
involved
Involved Citizenry
involved citizenship
KEEP
Keep the center of town as is (Near General Store)
large
Leading in Education
Leading in Tech
liberty
Lively

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
living here
lots to do
lovely
low crime
low crine rate
low tax rate
Low Taxes
Lower Taxes
Lower taxes
lowest
Mainaining adequate hisotrical and cultural activities; historical zoning!!
maintain
Maintain focus on Education
MAINTAIN ITEMS IN NO.6 (items in no. 6 were friendly, receptive, comfortable)
many things to do
Medium sized
Metal
middle class
Mixed use
Mixed-Use
modern
modern amnneties
modern infrastructure
Modern planning
more active
more activities
MORE CENTRALIZED
more community involvement
more conservative approach to spending.
more cultural
More diverse
more diverse
more joke
more liusineses
MORE OF THE SAME MAKE UP
More open-minded
More protected land

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
more racially and financially diverse
more regulations to protect neighborhoods (no parking of RVs, etc).
More tax revenue from business; less from residents
multicultural
MULTI-CULTURAL
My Childen's Home
n/a
n/a
natural
Neighborhoods
neighborliness - i.e. people knowing and helpi
NEIGHBORLY
Neighborly
networked
New
new England
New England charm
New senior center
No comment required, after above
No law or rules you can EVER make
no tornado damaged areas remaining
none
none
none
not sure of what your asking for?
old
on the rise
on this page
open communications
Open Minded
Open space
open to all
Open to ALL
opportunity
ordinary
organic

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
organized
oriented in sustainability
outdoor friendly
outdoor recreation
Peaceful
Peaceful
peaceful
Pedestrian
Pedestrian friendly
people friendly
Personal
Pleasant
pleasant
Potential
powerhouse
Prepared
preservation
preservation of natural lands
PRESERVED
Pretty
pretty
pretty
pride
Pride
PRODUCE ENERGY
progressive

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Progressive
Progressive Leadership
Proper Development
properties(commercial & residential) well maintained
property rights
prosperous
proud
Proud Past & Progressive Future
public safety
quaint
queen? or green?
quiet
quiet hiking, bike trails, and running tracks
Quite
Realistic
realistic
reasonable cost to live here
REBUILT
Rebuilt
recognized as a green community
Recreation
Recreational
Re-established a Physical Identity.
relatively safe

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
relaxed
Relaxed
Relevant
Reliable power
Represented
Residential
Residential
residential & commercial space are equal in quality
resilient
resourcefulness
Respect and Responsibility
respectful
Responsible
responsible
Responsible
RETAIN CHARM
Retains and Builds on its Historical Heritage
Revitalization
Revitalized
Rich
Rich
rural
Rural character
rural suburbia
rural/ suburban mix
rural/peaceful
rustic
sacrificial
SAFE

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
safe
Safe for kids.
Safe for L.G.B.T.Q.
Safe from Lieing police officers.
Safest Community
safety
SAME

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
Same
same
Same as above
Same three
Same.....no change
Sanctuary
say as those of today but expanded
Scenic
scenic
Schools
Schools
schools (qualtiy)
second to none
secure
see #5 (which was remain small, great schools, stay pretty)
See above
see all above
Semi-rural
semi-rural
SENIOR FRIENDLY
Seniors
SENSE OF COMMUNITY
sense of community
Sense of community
Sense of Place
Service providing
sewneo investments business
smal
small
small
small
small
small business friendly
small businesses over megastores
small community
Small government
small town
Small Town
small town
small town feel
smart
smart growth
snobbish --> to friendly

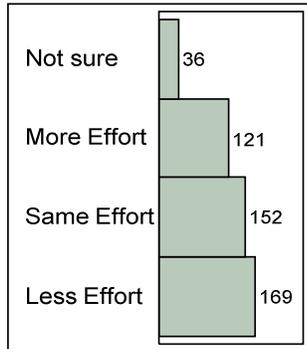
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social life
Social opportunities
Solid Boston Road businesses
Solvent
Sought after
Spacious
Sreen
Stable
STABLE/CONTENT
still not as good as HAMPDEN -
still quaint
still same
Still the same
Stimulating
Stong community
Strong Community
strong infrastructure with increased access for foot traffic
stronger schools with less focus on standardized testing
Suburban
Suburban
suburbs -
sucesful
Successful
super supreme
Superior Schools
support for citizens of all ages
surburban
Sustainability
sustainability
sustainability
sustainability
Sustainable
Sustainable
sustainable land use
SUSTAINED GROWTH
targe
technologically advanced
the
The Open Space
the same "feeling"
Thoughtful
Thrifty & Lean
thriving

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
thriving
Thriving
Thriving
thriving
thriving (financially and culturally)
thriving community
thugal expanding gov
together
together
Top of their game
Tornado reminders barely seen
Town dominated
town playground/pool/tennis comolex at Fountain Park
Tranquil
trustworthy
unchanged
UNFINISHED
unique shops thoughout the town
Upbeat
up-beat
updated
Updated rural
Upscale
upscale
Urban
urbanized
Very diserable place to live
very efficient finances
Vibrant
Vibrate
visionaries
volunteerism
Walkable center
walkable shopping areas
Warm
Warmth of the buildings/ central location

What three words seen above or substituted would you like to see characterize Wilbraham in 10 years? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically)
WEALTH
Welcomes all
welcoming
Welcoming
Welcoming
welcoming accessible
Welcoming to all creeds and religions
well educated
well educated kids
Well integrated (within as well as mutaully with surrounding towns
Well managed-To include providing utility services (sun power-broadband)
Well off
well rooned
Well Run Fiscally Responsible Town
Well-educated
well-maintained
well-managed
well-run
Wholesome
wholesome
Wonderful
Wonderful Parks and Common Spaces
Wooded
working together
would EVER improve ANYTHING
WOW
yang professional
Young
YOUNG POPULATION
youthful
Zoning to reflect current trends in housing

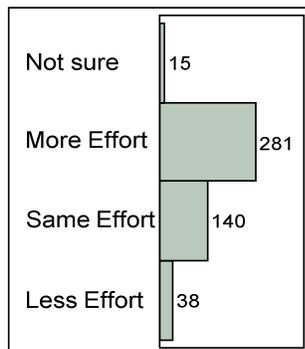
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Dog Parks



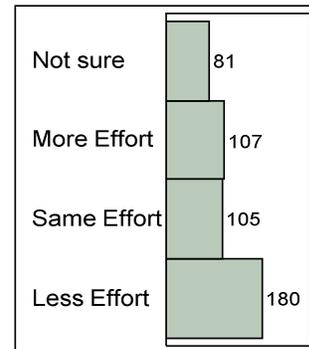
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Green Initiatives



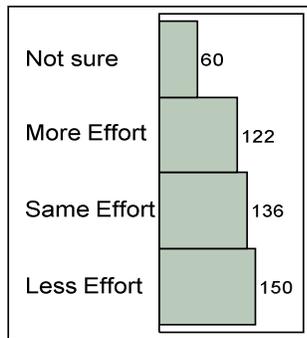
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Clustered Housing



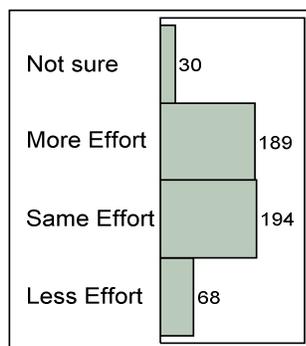
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Mixed Use Zoning



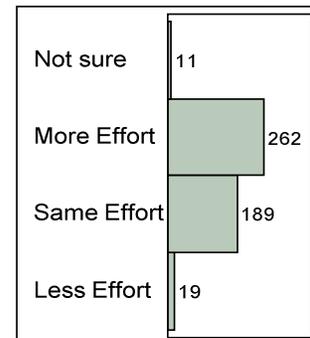
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Relationship Wilbra/Mon Academy



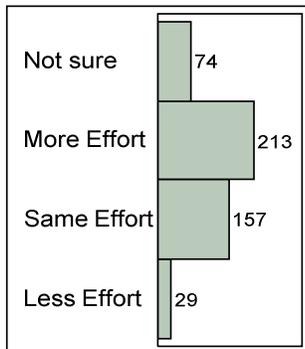
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Education K through 12



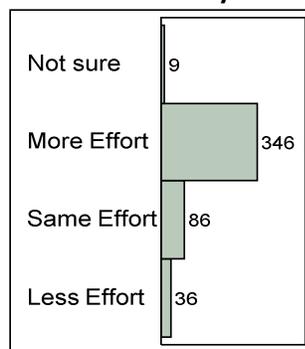
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Natural Gas



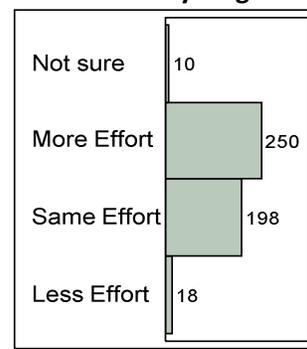
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Bikeways



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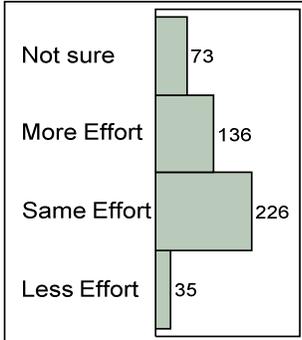
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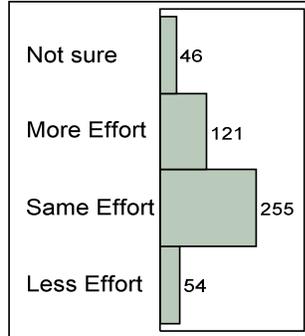
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Local Control



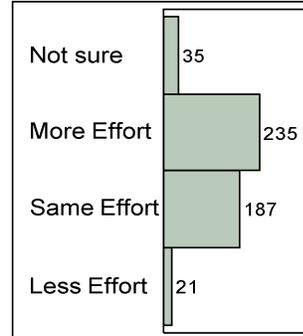
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Education Pre-Kindergarden



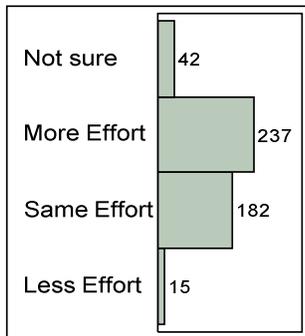
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Senior Services



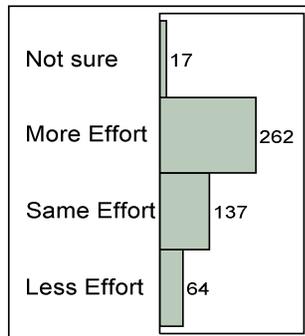
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Small Business Services



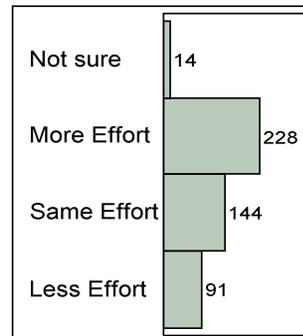
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Boston Rd. Shopping



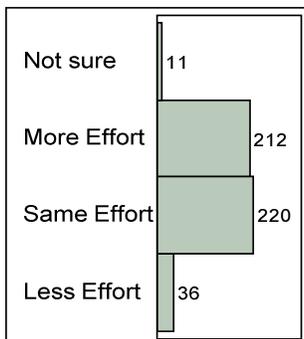
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Town Center Shopping



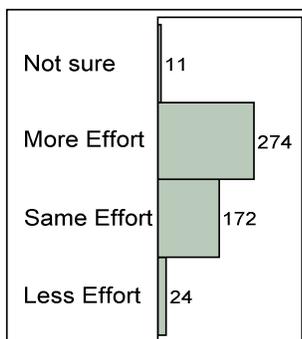
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Recreation



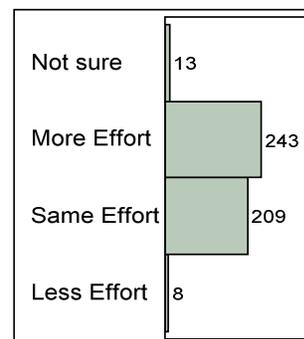
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Preserve Local Environment



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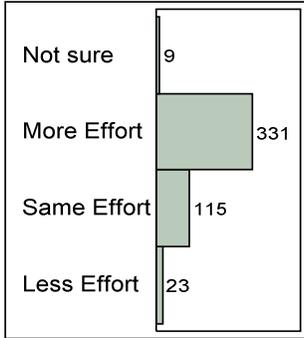
Roads and Infrastructure



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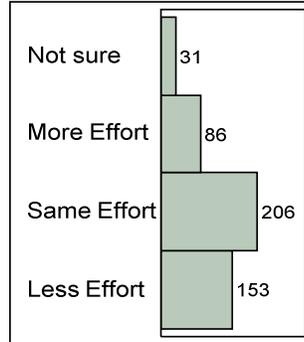
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Sidewalks



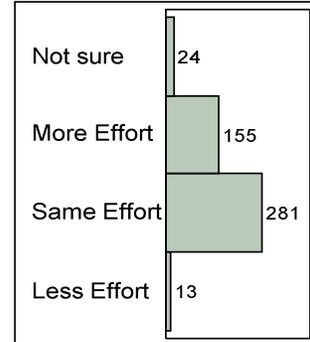
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Limited Income Housing



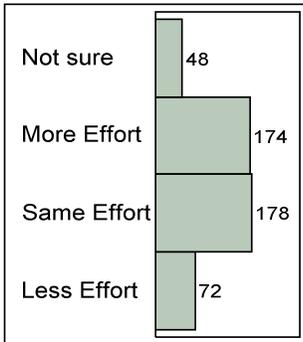
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Emergency Services



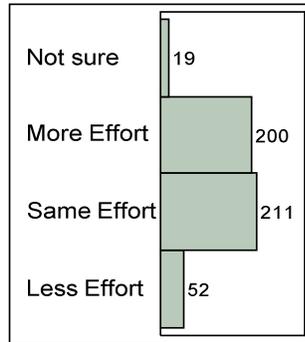
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Social Opportunity: Young Profs.



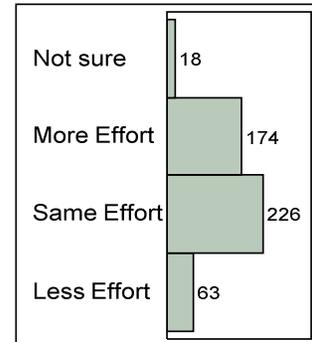
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Open Space



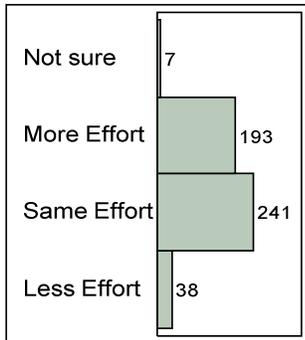
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Historic Preservation



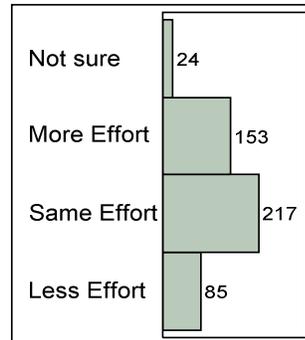
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Library



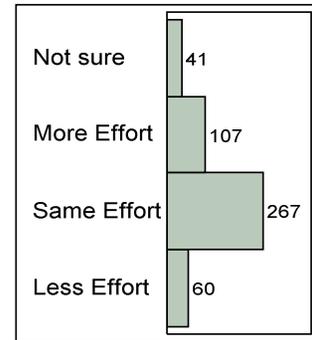
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Public Transportation



Total = 479
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Town Dump



Total = 475
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Other suggested areas of focus (please specify) --> This item followed the more/less effort questions
(swear-word) act like hampden!!
- Grow the business community to enable more people to work in town - Attract younger residents
a recent trend over the decade reveals Americans (even white) are moving back to the city. Smaller homes closer to jobs. consider this info
A well designed/planned shopping area (smaller scale) for the center of town. A well designed/planned shopping area (larger in scale) for Boston Road.
After-school care/activities; Activities/jobs/opportunities for teens. Zoning - more consistent look & feel of signage and enforcement of rules (It does make a difference in other communities).
Again, Clean up Boston Rd of unkept properties - it will make us look better
Annual reviews of educational staff quality. Establish a town operated water source and redo the sewage treatment plant so that it works.
Arts, Arts, Arts
As the area around Wilbraham continues to decline, it is imperative that that Wilbraham make itself feel like the rural NOHO and Amherst. In addition to the schools, activities for kids and families is the only thing that will influence people to move here as opposed to Hampshire county.
Athletics, stadium you can be proud of, additional focal point, fun on friday night.
Bike lanes on major arteries. Combine town library with Minnechaug library. Separate public and student entrances. Shared staff. Retain newer portion of old Minnechaug for offices or storage.
bike lanes, access to the river for recreation.
Bike path
biking lanes/ renewable energy
Boston Road cannot handle more retail with out significant road infrastructure improvement. Retail growth on Boston Road will be difficult and marginal due to limited north/south access which is critical to its success.
Bruuer Pond enhancement
Bundle to gte multiple choices in cable providers. That is really an area of weakness.
can we do something about the 13 abandoned properties on rt 20?? if i was a hobo, i would come to town and have the pick of the litter about where to stay. Rt. 20 is an embarrismnt to our community.
Clean up areas and also post signs for no littering or dumping subject to a fine.
Co operative use of WM Academy cultural opportunities.
comment next to town dump was "close it" - comment next to 10 years was "we need a Randall's of Ludlow at Rice on Main" comment next to more effort for infrastructure was "decorie drive"
Community Involvement in Projects. Ordinance requiring people to maintain their homes a little better some homes are really unkept and bring down values.
community wide events

Other suggested areas of focus (please specify) --> This item followed the more/less effort questions
Continue to find and secure open spaces and forested land to protect. Wilbraham doesn't need any more cell or power towers to look at, and our green spaces should be VIGOROUSLY protected from development and corporate expansion. I believe that most residents of our Town live here because of the natural beauty that we have and the green spaces and small town living that is provided. In fact, we pay a LOT to live here and enjoy these things. I think that you'll find that most residents want the town kept small, isolated and somewhat elitist.
continued support for recycling, eliminating plastic water bottles at every opportunity
Deregionalize the schools. Wilbraham has not benefited in any way. High school, yes. Elementary and middle schools, no.
Diversifying the sports programs. Limiting number of sports 1 Coach can lead allowing more diversity of thought and player profile. Hiring Coaches for Competitive Teams Third Party Try-outs at ALL levels of play with Town Sports. Limit the Politicking in sports programs, school board programs--get away from "who you know, and who knows you" mentality.
Emergency Communication at local neighborhood level
enforcing blighted properties to be cleaned up, keep this a nice community!
enhancement of tax base
Expand senior center. Build dog park for which the town received donations for but was used to fill the deficit to complete other activities in the park.
Expand sewer system in town. Pave the side roads!
Expanded Police Department Building/or renovated at a minimum
Focus should be a healthy and beautiful and safe environment. We have the basics we need to refine and improve them.
Fun and safe entertainment for our teens
Get control of unfunded pensions Reduce benefit packages for town employees Increase retirement age for town employees
Get Rice's open in some form! It is a Wilbraham landmark that needs to be saved. Could it be two businesses? Up scale restaurant?
gifted and talented program in school system. Solar and/or Wind energy for the town sidewalks and bike paths.
Greater diversity
Greater enforcement of speed limits-- both in residential neighborhoods, and particularly on Main St, Stony Hill and Tinkham Rd.
How about some sort of tornado warning system?

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I do think that improving public transportation in Wilbraham would be a great idea for seniors, young people, and those who would prefer to use public transportation to get places rather than use their cars. (i.e., to get to the Big Y or the Eastfield Mall and into Springfield, etc.)
I feel the schools maybe better able to handle paper usage w/ double siding, relying more on emails, robo calls, etc. Town buildings could have solar panels. The Main St area could be more community oriented in terms of local shops, safe teen space.
I feel we have enough Open space now lets use those funds to make them usable!
I find Boston Rd in Wilbraham to be an utter embarrassment to the town. There are too many abandoned, run down buildings that are sitting empty. We need to make the town attractive to business, and hope they move in. My guess as to why they are not is due to the tax rate.
I think that we have built too many large houses in this town. We could easily have more clustered housing as it would be easier for everyone in terms of walking to stores, library etc.
I think we should model our community similar to that of West Hartford, CT. West Hartford is a small, safe community, with excellent schools yet they have invested in premier shopping areas and a clean "downtown area" that it's community can walk to and enjoy. The tax benefits will give back to the community and we will keep the money within Wilbraham rather than traveling to Enfield, Ct or Holyoke to shop.
I wish there were more sidewalks to make walking in town easier.
I would like to see sections of Boston Rd cleaned up. As I drive down Boston Rd daily I see a mess. There are far too many abandoned properties. The question that should be asked is why have these buildings be sitting for so long? And, why do new business not want to move into town? I feel the town should make it appealing for business to move into town.
I would love more sidewalks around town. I am also a young professional and would love to partake in some kind of social events. I find there are not a lot of job opportunities for younger entry-level adults in Wilbraham.
ice rinks at the community gardens
If it cost tax payes more.....or small business more in taxes... it to me is not necessary. It is about the people not about taking money out of their pocket...for more gov't mistakes
I'm glad to see dog parks at the top of this list. Too many dogs are walked on cemetary property and hiking trails. This makes for unpleasantness for humans. Not sure there are any actual by-laws prohibiting this but there should be.
Implementation of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's Valley Vision 2.
Improve Boston Road, either widen to 4 lanes or add a turn lane to keep flow of traffic moving.
Improve public areas, "parks", in center of town; Brewer Pond, Gazebo Park. More public transportation; a local "taxi" service?
including town residents more fully in renovation and/or building projects
just about every sign on a pole is crooked in this town
Large Farmers Market lining the center of Wilbraham on a Saturday morning.

Other suggested areas of focus (please specify) --> This item followed the more/less effort questions
Let's close the town dump. Let's have a nice bike trail for cyclists and runners. We need a huge dog park. Let's encourage development of a high-end outdoor outlet mall. Let's make recycling illegal in town. Replace National Grid with a utility that can better keep the power on, we have way too many power disruptions, I have never lived anywhere where the power goes out so often. Disgraceful. Get rid of Charter, too, and ban Tri-wire sub-contractors. Address juvenile delinquency--more arrests! Encourage an artsy cinema with Indy films.
Library could be expanded and strengthened.
lived in town since 1964 - never met anyone from WM
Lower taxes for senior citizens that have lived in Wilbraham for at least 25 years so that they may stay in their homes.
Maintenance of existing buildings and assets
Make signs you can see. When we moved in we had no idea there was a library. Get people to Town Meetings by telling people about them.
making every opportunity possible. Give bored kids something to do
Making sure that Boston Road development doesn't impose problems for residents of the area.
Manufacturing, high-end restaurant, and management suite focus. Fill the empty building and office space on Rt 20
Many people in Wilbraham are dog lovers. It would be wonderful to have a designated park/open space for people to bring their dogs to, so they have a place to run and play, as well as socialize with other dogs.
MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS
More and restaurants and shopping
MORE BLACK PEOPLE! I hate being cut at like foreign invader/ burglar/ murderer
more clubs for kids; maybe a history class in the summer for Wilbraham students; promote solar energy for residents
More frequent hazardous waste pick-up. People are tempted to dump illegally because disposal is made so difficult.
More Scouting involvement
Multi-generational relationship building - young people need guidance, wisdom, mentoring Senior citizens have a lot to offer, but they also need help in many ways
Need a take it or leave it section at the dump
not to be overcrowded with shopping and become a busy traffic town
OUTDOOR SPORTSMEN'S CLUB WITH TARGET RANGE
Parades, seasonal functions. More like east longmeadow during 4th of July
Please get businesses into all the vacant buildings on Boston road.
Positive opportunities for OLDER TEENAGERS
Preserve places like Oak farm from being torn down and developed. These places are a historical treasure to our communities .

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Protect/upgrade electrical systems by putting lines underground!
Provide opportunities/incentives for people to donate land to town as open space.
Public sew. Get rid of or offer another cable company other then Charter
Reduce tax RE tax break for all seniors who have lived in town for 10+ years Reduce real estate tax for condo owners not just over 55 complexes
reduced tuition for town residents at WMA, or rebates on taxes. Town schools could not meet our needs and it cost me \$50,000 that I did not have.
Rice's Fruit farm Stand. Wish it could be more like Atkins or Randalls
Rices fruit farm was a loss should be redeveloped
See question 4 response
Senior Center could be relocated to Memorial School so there would be more room for activities.
Sidewalks on north Main St. to Boston Road. Sidewalks on Stony Hill Road where they are not. Sidewalks from Faculty St. to Stony Hill Road.
Sidewalks would have been nice. More charm in the town center...or more use of the Fountain Park.
Social opportunities for all ages
speed of traffic town center- access to commercial shops dangerous does not promote a quiet,comfortable and friendly atmosphere
Sports complex for new high school. It's a shame we spent all this money for a new school and our sports complex is laughable
starts with keeping public informed....rest of comment is illegible on scan
Street lights in neighborhoods
Street lights in the neighborhoods!
Streetlights on side streets.
Summer Employment for high school students, such as upkeep of schools and parks
teen center - opportunities for youth other than sports Continuing education
The Boston Road business corridor should be more attractive (trees, plantings, no electrical poles,sidewaqlks, maybe consistent signage).
The burden for operating this town is increasingly falling on the limited income of a growing older population. There needs to be more focus on business and financial innovation, attracting younger, higher-income residents, and with support services making them want to live here. Right now there is no incentive.
The town of Wilbraham needs to focus on caring for and preserving the historical buildings it owns, Not allowing them to decay because of neglect and lack of care. It is very sad to see a town with such a rich and important history not impart this history on the youth in our town through assemblies in schools or have Wilbraham History be apart of the school cirriculum from grades 1-12. The town and the people who live here should be very proud of our town's history, the buildings that are still standing after all those years and the stories behind them and what the people of Wilbraham have represented over the past several hundred years. Wake up and preserve our History!

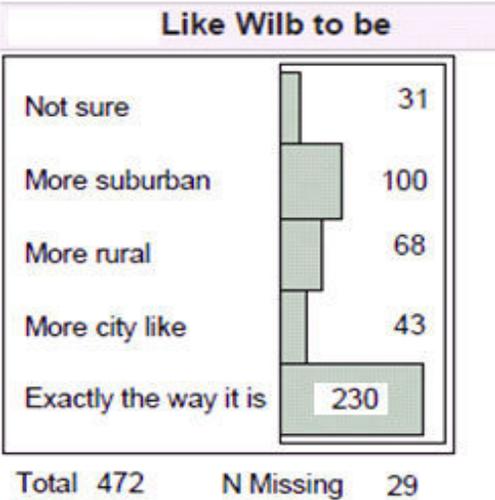
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There is no mention here of religious activities which are an essential part of any community...I am suggesting that they need to be a stakeholder in our future no matter what beliefs they hold.
These are nice options. I would like to see the integration of key services in school and in the community.
tidying up our roadsides
too many areas of focus already should delive the basic , but do them well
Town sewage
Town Swimming pool
Town wide water and sewer
Traffic around Minnechaug in the morning (710-740)
trees trimmed along all roads, especially Springfield St.
Try to use land off Boston Road between Post Office park and Horizons Restaurant to create a new "downtown" feel. With narrow, store (and restaurant) lined streets. Could perhaps tie this into a riverfront development along the Chicopee river.
underground wires
Update our electrical infrastructure which fails horribly due to out dated transmission boxes etc. If the wind blows to hard we lose power!
Use Memorial school for a community center when it is vacatted by Cathedral Highl. This space can be used for a community theater; a place where social interaction for young professionals can occur; where town folk can connect besides meeting at their churches or the library. So long as we have a place for people to meet from any walk of life then a lot of creativity and oppourtunities can happen.
using municipal land to generate funds and farming
Utilities (electric, sewer, etc)
We desperately need an off leash dog park.
We have beautiful, historic farms in town. Lets promote them, get or schools involved with them, make then accessible, encourage local farmers markets or preferably recruiting a new Rice's farm store
We have good schools. Now it's time for a good Senior Center, along with more open space / recreation development ala Spec Pond. Where citizens of all ages can safely enjoy natual beauty and mingle.
While costly, a bike path would be wonderful.
Widening of Stony Hill rd. for safety of school pedestrian traffic. Of bicycle traffic review accident rate on Stony Hill Rd.
Wilbraham needs a method to communicate and organize volunteer oppourtunities, Need a plan to develop a vibrant town center
Withdraw from regional school district

Other suggested areas of focus (please specify) --> This item followed the more/less effort questions

Wonder why Memorial School was closed after the new high school was built. It seemed like we were tricked into building when there were less children in Wilbraham.

Would like to see a Whole Foods or Traders Joes on Boston Rd. Keep low income at state requirement and no more. Put in sidewalks to open up the community.

I would like Wilbraham to be: Key: Choices were: More rural, More suburban, More city like, Exactly the way it is, Not sure. Total= total number of responses, Number missing= number of respondents who chose not to answer the question.



If you could bring three new stores to Boston Road, what would you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
"I don't care"
"Longmeadow Shops"
?
???
24 hr. Gas Station
5 Guys Burgers
A Banquet Facility for Weddings etc...
a better mall
a better mall
a bookstore, such as Barnes & Noble
A craft store like Michael's/AC Moore
A decent eating venue
A Disney-Epcot type dining complex - featuring foods and customs from around the world - educational, entertaining and edible!
a fine art store
A Laser Tag Dome
A Meijer or Target (Sustainable Retail report 2012)
a movie theater
a music school
a new clothing store
A place like Joanne's fabrics.
A place like Randall's
A place like The Little Drummer.
A Randall's or Atkins type country store
a real irish pub - with session music
A sporting goods store
A Sporting goods store
A sporting goods store, not a chain
A Sports Store
a store like Randall'
A STORE THAT SETS ONLY THINGS MADE in the USA
a theater - live plays
A women's clothing store-eclectic clothes.
Abercrombie & Fitch
Abortion clinic
Ace Hardware
add an large outdoor pool to Spec Pond - pond swimming is not for everyone and not everyone has a pool - and it is my membership only... you don't have to live here, but you have to have a membership
Addition to library --community space
Agway
American Greetings
an outdoor equipment store such as Eastern Mountain Sport
another large grocery store

If you could bring three new stores to Boston Road, what would you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
another Rx(pharmacy)-
anthropology
antique shop
Any good restaraunt {similar to hampden house}
Any kind of boutique, locally-owned retail. Think Northampton.
any small business
Anything but large retail chain stores (Target, for example)
anything but walmart
Anything Like Hampden -
APPLE
Apple
Apple
Apple Store
Apple Store
Apple store
Apple!
Appliance store -
Art supply store that also holds arts classes, pottery classes and such
arts and crafts supply store
atkins or randalls type store
auto dealer back on Boston road
auto parts
Auto Parts Store
AW Brown type store
Baines + Noble
Bakers -
bakery (get the owner of Sunrise Pastry Shop that closed in Easthampton, to open here!)
bakery, fruit and veggies (Atkins)
Bakery/Cafe
ballroom/ latin dance school
bames +Noble
Bank
Barnes & Noble
Barnes & Noble Bookstore (jobs)
Barnes and noble
Barnes and Noble

If you could bring three new stores to Boston Road, what would you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
Barnes and Noble
Barnes and Noble (or other bookstore)
barnes and noble or other bookstore {I miss Pam's!}
Barnes noble
Barns + Noble
Bed & Bath
Bed and Bath
Bed Bath and Beyond
Bed, bath and beyond
Bertucci's
Best Buy
Bike shop
BJ Wholesale club
BJs
BJ's
BJ's or Costco
BJs Wholesale
BJ's Wholesale store

If you could bring three new stores to Boston Road, what would you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
Bj's/Costco
BLOCK BUSTER
Bloomingdales
boarders
Bobs
Bon-Ton
Bon-Ton
book store
Book Store/Restaurant
bookstore
Bookstore/coffee/internet cafe..I miss Pam's
Borger king
boutique food
bowling alley
Bowling Alley
BRAND NAME HOTEL
Business/Medical Office and light manufacturing
Butcher or fishmonger
Cabelas
Cabela's
Cabella's
Cafe/Panera
candy store
Car Parts
carbella's
Card Shop
CHAIN TYPE RESTAURANT
Cheese Factory
Cheesecake Factory
Cheesecake Factory
Cheesecake Factory(jobs)
Chico's or other small clothing store
childrens
Chipotle

If you could bring three new stores to Boston Road, what would you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
Costco
Costco - but incorporated into a well planned, walkable, mixed use development
Costco (with significant design controls)
costco or BJ
Costco or bj,s
Costco or BJs
costco/BJs
Country Store
Cracker Barrel
craft store
craft store
crafts/hobby
Crate & Barrel
Crate and Barrel
create an incubator for recent graduates to grow locally with big ideas
currently mix is OK
Cyber Cafe
Dairy queen
Dairy Queen
dave & busters entertainment
Dave and busters
dave's market - (Google)
dicks
Dicks
dicks
Dicks
Dick's
DICKS SPORTING

If you could bring three new stores to Boston Road, what would you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
Dicks Sporting Goods
Dicks sporting goods
Dick's Sporting Goods
Dick's Sporting Goods
Dicks sports
Dillards
discount liquor store
Dollar store
dollar store
don't beleive another store is needed
don't beleive another store is needed
don't think it would work with the mall just up the street
DSW
Eastern Mountain Sports
Eatery
Electronics
Electronics Store
EMS or similar
EMS/LLBean
encourage small, local businesses to locate & grow here
Entertainment store
Ethnic restaurants! Indian, Mexican, Lebanese, Greek, Thai, Japanese, anything but Italian!
Expanded Medical Services / Satellite Hospital
Fairfield Inn,etc (lodging)(Jobs)
FAMILY DOLLER
Family Oriented Sports Bar
Farmers Market and Bakery
fast feet
Fine dining
Five Guys
Five guys
Five Guy's
forever 21
Forever XXI

If you could bring three new stores to Boston Road, what would you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
Formal attire store
fresh acres
Fresh produce
Friendly Restaurant
frozen yogurt shop
Frugal Fannys
fruit/produce
gap
Garden Center
Garden center
General Variety
gift shop
Gleason's camping/outdoor
Good discount dept store
good Indian or Thai restaurant
Good Indian restaurant
good restaurant-not italian
Good women's clothing store
gourmet coffee shop
govt can't bring stores except by lowering tax rate
Greenhouse
grocery store
Guitar Center
Guitar Center
gym & swim
Gym with reasonable membership expense
Gymboree
H & M
Harden center
Hardware store
Have enough
Have longevity of service to our townspeople
healthy food restaurant (soup/salad, fresh lighter fare)
High end department store
higher end clothing
holistic herbal store
hollister
Home Essentials
HOME FURNISHING
Home Goods

If you could bring three new stores to Boston Road, what would you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
Home made candy shop
HOMEGOODS
HomeGoods
homegoods
Homegoods
Hooka Bar
I don't care; it's already crowded -
I think Boston Road has a good variety of stores
i think the key would be to create a place like Fanual Hall in Boston
I wouldn't
ice rink indoor
I'd bring Target to the area, but to Boston Rd, Springfield.
I'd bring three new shopping plazas
Ikea
IKEA
Ikea
Ikea
independent
independent
independent
Independent bookstore
independent bookstore
Indian restaurant
Indoor rock climbing
industrial complex
in-house drycleaning establishment
Integrate restaurants with retail
JC Penney
JC Penney
Jc Penny
JCP
jcpennys
Jewlery
Joanne's Fabrics
justice
K
Khols
Kitchen & bath store
Kitchen store
kitchen supply
Kitchen supply (Lechters)
Kmart
Kmart
kmart

If you could bring three new stores to Boston Road, what would you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
Kohls
Kohls
Kohls
Kohls
Kohl's
Kohl's
Large contributors to our tax base
Leechmere
Legal-aid and social service and better medical care.
Less big box stores and more independent retailers, like the stores in the Wilbraham Shops.
limited signage for larger commercial business
ll bean
LL bean
LLBEAN
LLBean
lLord & Taylor
Local owned restaurants
Locally owned restaurant(s)
Lord & taylor
lowes
macy's
MAJOR EMPLOYER LIKE MICROSOFT/APPLE
make a better mall -
Marriott Courtyard or similar business-centered hotel
Marshall's
MASS MUTUAL
MaxBurger
Meat Store
meditation/ tai chi/ qui gong facility with instruction
Mediterranean restaurant
Men's Attire
mercedes dealership
Michaels
Michaels
Michaels
Michael's
Michael's
Michael's (craft items)
Michael's Arts and Craft supplies
Michael's Arts and Crafts
MICHAEL'S CRAFT
Michaels crafts
Michael's, AC Moore, or any other a craft store

If you could bring three new stores to Boston Road, what would you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically). mid to large size mixed use theater complex - movie screens and live shows to attract young and old alike
Mini Mart
Mixed Retail
Modells
Moes
Mom & Pop store
Moosejaw
More clothing Bloomingdales
More independtly owned stores but in a nice facility
More medical facilities
more selective men's stores
More variety at Eastfield Mall
Movie Theater
music shops
music stores
Natural Food Store
Natural Foods Store
Natural organic foods
Neiman Marcus
new car dealership
New Smart-Growth Housing Neighborhoods - Boston Road should not be all business and retail - need a mix
Nicer restaurants (not chains)
Nightlife
Nike
No more
No More
no new stores
no new stores until traffic is under control and safe
none

If you could bring three new stores to Boston Road, what would you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
none
none
None
Nordstrom
Nordstrom
NORDSTRUM
NOT ANOTHER GROCERY STORE!
Not sure....
nothing needed
Offices
On the Border
Once upon a child
One stop liquors
Organic Food Store
Orvis outlet
Outback Restaurant
outdoor shopping center
outlets
OUTLETS
Outlook restaurant
Outside mall such as Manchester vt or south Hadley shops
Panara Bread
Panera
Panera -
Panera -
Panera Bread

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Panera Bread
Panera Bread
PANERA BREAD
PANERA BREAD
Panera Bread or Hot Table with free wi fi
Panera Bread or something similar
Panera Bread Resturant
Panera Bread!!!
Panera breads
panera's
party place like KOC or Log Cabin or -> Chez Josef
Penney's
Pet shop
Pet Shop with dogs and cats
Pet store
Pet store
Pier One
Pier One
pizza hut closer to palmer area
Plan "B" burger bar
Plato's Closet
Plato's Closet
plus size clothing store
polo store
Pottery Barn
Pottery Barn
Pottery Barn or Crate & Barrel
Price Chopper
produce
Ptatoes Closet
Quality restaurant
Randalls -
rather see multi-small clusters of various shops & stores
Rec for familys to do together.
recruit medical offices, rehabilitation facilities, massage therapy, etc
RED LOBSTER
Respectful of our town's character
RESTAURANT
RESTAURANTS
Resturant (mid to high end)

If you could bring three new stores to Boston Road, what would you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
Rugby Store
SAMS CLUB
SAMS CLUB
Sam's Club
school educational based
school of fish
Sephora
SERAS
Shaws
Shaws Supermarket
Shoe Dept
Shoe store
shoe store
SHOPPERS CLUB TYPE
ShopRite
Sidewalks
small businesses; home furnishing stores
small grocery market(randalls type)
Small Mom and Pop establishments
small movie theatre
Small movie theatre with dining option/ jazz club- how's that for a wild unlikely prospect?
Small shops
small shops, not big box stores
SMALL SPECIALTY
small, local owned businesses
smartpet
Smith and Wesson
something
Something like Randall's
Something unique ??
sonic
sonic
Spa
Speciality Stores
speciality stores
Specialty Food market - Trader Joe's
Specialty foods (farmer's market, vegan)
specialty stores
Specialty toy store
sporting
Sporting Goods
sporting goods
Sporting goods

If you could bring three new stores to Boston Road, what would you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
Steinmart
Stein-Mart
Stores in the mold of "Mast General" in Greenville, SC
Sur La Table
Table & Vine
Taco Bell
Talbots
TALBOTS
Target

If you could bring three new stores to Boston Road, what would you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
Target

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Trader Joes
trader joe's
Trader joes / Whole foods
trader joe's/ atkins farm market
TRADER JOES'S
Trader soe's
Traders Joes
Trades school for adults between 19-70yrs..

If you could bring three new stores to Boston Road, what would you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
Whole Foods
whole foods (or small/upscale market)
Whole Foods / Natural food market
whole foods market
Xmas tree shops
Yogurt city
Yogurt city

If you could bring three new stores to the Town Center, what type of stores you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
"FRESH FOODS"
24 hour gym
A bakery
A bar
A better Farmer's market
A book store
A book store (Pam's, come back!)
A card and gift shop--similar to old Luis & Clark
A clothing/jewelry boutique
A dollar store.
A Gallery with Gifts
A gourmet food and wine shop
A gym
A larger convenience store(Cumberland Farms, etc)
a locally owned restaurant
A luncheon spot
a market (if no whole foods)
a nice local restaurant or two
a plaza similar to the one in Longmeadow (smaller scale)
a real coffee shop with outdoor area
a real, legit resturant
A really good pizza place, like Sam's up in Noho.
A really nice cafe, like 3 Cafe.
A seasonal attraction site.
a small food market
a small market (Fresh Acre's size)
a smallll "feed store" like a w brown
a store that sells all the the...(swear-word) they used to sell at lewis and clark :)
A store which is a combination of the Scented Garden and Kiddlywinks
a store with local product. there is plenty to be had.
A Tea House- hosting showers & small events
a tea place such as one on the corner of Maple St. years ago
A Thorns Market style place or the type of stores across from Mt. Holyoke College
a traditional pub
A true local market (i.e. Hampden)
A Womens Clothing Store
a&w root beer,
above the line - I'm never in that part of town
acesories
actual grocery store -
acupuncture practice
adult video store
Allow village store to grow slightly larger
alternate health practitioners

If you could bring three new stores to the Town Center, what type of stores you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
America eagle
American Eagle
an area of shops/restaurants similar to the one in South Hadley
An artsy film theater with coffee shop.
An Atkins type specialty shop for fresh foods/produce
An awesome pizza parlor (sorry Wilbraham pizza, not very good)
an upscale small wine/cheese/meats shop
Ann Taylor
another bank (Td bank)
Another restaurant
another resturant/food place
Antique shop
Antique shops / Rice Farm
antiques
Any kind of boutique, locally-owned retail that fits in the smaller space that the Town Center affords.
Anything
Apple
Apple Store
Apple store
Arcade / Enetrtainment
art
ART GALLERY
art gallery/crafts
Art Gallery/Frame shop/ gift shop (as in the Village Commons in South Hadley)
Art supply store that also holds arts classes, pottery classes and such
artison shops
Artistic Shops
Artsy/Antique Shop
Asian restaurant
bakery

If you could bring three new stores to the Town Center, what type of stores you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
bakery
bakery coffee shop large than village
bakery like rices was
Bakery/Cafe
bakery/party store
bakerys
bakeshop, luncheon type gathering place
ballroom/ latin dance school
bank
Bar and Grill
Bar and grill
bar/resturant
Barnes + noble type Shop
Barnes and Noble
Barnes and Noble -
BEAUTY CARE STORE
Bed and Breakfast
ben & jerrys
BETER GAS STATION
Better alternative then the Village Store.
Better Cleaners
better coffee shop
Better grocer
Better Mall
Better restaurant
Bigger Better Village Store... with PARKING & more outdoor seating
Bike SHop
bike shop/ski shop
Bike/Cross Country Ski rentals (for new bike paths)
Bistro-type place for dinner
Book
Book + stationary store
Book Shop
book store
BOOK STORE
book store

If you could bring three new stores to the Town Center, what type of stores you like them to be?
(The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).

BOOK STORE

BOOK STORE / Game store

Book store,CD's,video rental

books and audio books

bookstore

bookstore/coffee shop

bookstore/coffee/internet cafe

botique

botique shops

boutique

boutique

Boutique

Boutique

Boutique

Boutique (like Scenter Gardn)

Boutique sports shop

boutiques

Boutiques

Boutiques

Boutiques

If you could bring three new stores to the Town Center, what type of stores you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
boutiques
breakfast
Breakfast + lunch
Breakfast Place
bring back Rice's
British Pub
burger place
Business Offices around a Public Piazza
Butcher or fishmonger
cafe
Cafe
cafe
cafe
Cafe'
CAFE & DELI
Cafe/Coffee shop with outdoor dining
cafes
cafe's
candy
Candy store -
Car wash
card store
card/gift shop
casual restaurant
chain restaraunt
Chinese Restaurant
Chocolate Shop
classy coffe shop
classy stores
clean new restaurant
Cleaners/Pizza/Lunch shop
Clothes
clothes
clothes
clothes shopping
clothing

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Clothing
clothing
clothing
clothing
clothing boutique/gift
clothing store
clothing store
cocktail lounge
COFFE HOUSE
Coffe shop/ desserts open evenings
coffee
COFFEE
Coffee
coffee house music
Coffee house with live acoustic type entertainment. Open mic etc
coffee shop
coffee shop (not a chain)
coffee shops
coffee/ eatery w/ room for music
Coffee/book shop
Coffee/tea shop
cold stone
Community center
Community hardware store
Consignment / retail shop focusing primarily on Clothing & accessories
consignment art/craft shop for local artists and craftsfolk
Consignment shop
conveince store
convenience store
Convenience store
convenience store
Convenience/gift shop
cooking
Country Store
country store - fresh vegetables and products

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Craft
craft and gift
CRAFT SHOP
craft store
Craft store or fabric store
cupcake place
CVS
Cyber Cafe
Dairy queen
day spa
DD
decent restaurant
deli
deli
Deli
Delicatessen
Design Control Board for any new developments
Dining room/bar
Dinner
doctors office
Dollar Store
Don't care
Don't care
dont really want any
Drug Store
DRY CLEANING
Dunkin Donuis
Dunkin Donurs
Dunkin Donutes
dunkin donuts
DUNKIN DONUTS
dunkin donuts/starbucks
DUNKIN DOUNGNUTS
Eatery of some sort
ecclectic shops
ELECTRONIC
emporium with magazines, keno ect.
entry crossed out
Ethnic restaurants! Indian, Mexican, Lebanese, Greek, Thai, Japanese, anything but Italian!
Exapnd country store for more seating/additional coffee shop
Expanded Big Y pharmacy with more food options
Family restaurant
family restaurant

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Family restaurant
family restaurant
family restaurant
family resturant
Family Retaurant
Farm Shop like Randalls + Atkins
farm stand
Farm stand
Farm stands like Rice's
Farmer's Market
Farmers Market for Local growers
farmers markets
fast food
fast food
FINAncial Services
fine as is
Fine Dining
Fine Dining Restaurant
fine dining restaurant
fine restaurant
First you'd need better parking
florist
flower shop
flower shop
Flowers (silk & real)
Food
Food (Bakery/Fish Store/Butcher Shop)..Randalls/Atkins
food services
food store
Foreign Language Class studio (French especially,since it has been removed from HWRSD)
forever 21
Forever 21
fresh produce market
Friendly's
friendly's
Friendly's {small old school}
Friendly's classic. Throwback to the original burger joint
Friendly's or a similar diner place

If you could bring three new stores to the Town Center, what type of stores you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
Friendly's type restaurant
Friggos
Frigos
frigos type quality shop
Frozen Yogurt
Fruit and vegetable shop (Farmer's market)
fruit/vegetable store/stand
full service restaurant
Fun North hampden-ish retail
gallery to sell and display work of local artists
Garden equipment and repair
Garden Shop
Garden store/nursery
gardening
Gas Station
Gas station
Gas Station
Gas Station that I would feel comfortable to get gas from
General
general store
gift /flowership
gift botique
gift shop
gift shop (I miss Louis and Clark) e.g. Hallmark
gift shop (small not chain store)
gift shop of local talent works
gift shop,
gift shop/gallery
gift store
gift/art store
Gifts
Give the businesses better signage. No one knows they and the Library are there.

If you could bring three new stores to the Town Center, what type of stores you like them to be?
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go berry
Good restaurant
gourmet restaurant
gourmet shop
govt can't bring stores except by lowering tax rate
Groceries
groceries like Randall Farms
grocery
Grocery Market
grocery store
grocery store
grocery store
Grocery store -
Grocery/meat store
grocery/package store-not like a regular convenience store
gym
HAIR SALON
Hairdresser
Hallmark/Craft Store
Handbag shop/Coach/Vera Bradley/Giftology Shop
HAR(d?)WARE
hardware
HARDWARE STORE
Hardware store such as Rocky's
HEALTH & FITNESS
health and wellness salon
health food store
health food/natural store
Health foods
High end bakery
high end clothing
High End Retail Stores
Higher end restaurant
hollister

If you could bring three new stores to the Town Center, what type of stores you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
home - cooking, linens, sheets, etc
Home made icecream and candy shop
hookah bar
hot table
I don't care
I don't want stores in the town center -
I like what's there now. Coffee/snack shop
I wouldn't -
ice cream
Ice Cream
ice cream
ice cream
Ice cream or bookstore
ice cream parlor
Ice cream parlor
Ice cream parlor
ice cream parlour
ice cream shop
Ice cream shoppe
Ice cream stand
Ice Cream Stand
ice cream/ coffee shop
Ice cream/gelateria
Ice Cream/Yogurt
I'd like to see a wider array of ethnic restaurants -- not just more pasta and pizza places
Ikea
Independent Bookstore
Independent bookstore- if they could be economically viable
independent cafe & bookstore
independent clothing store
independent music recording studio
independent retailers bakery/deli
in-house drycleaner
interesting gift-type shop
Internet cafe

If you could bring three new stores to the Town Center, what type of stores you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
It's too small of an area to bring in another store
Kiddle winks
Kidlly-Wink type children's store
Kids clothes
kid's play place
Kid's Shoe store
kitchen specialty shop
knick knack store/ school store
L.L. Bean
La Florentina - pastries/coffee with wifi
ladies' fashion
Laundry service
Leave it alone
leave it as is.
Leave the center alone
leave town center as it is
Legal SeaFoods - Restaurants
Like a Rice's-local baked goods, floral, etc
like randalls
like scented garden
liquor store -
LL Bean
local artisans
Local Artisan's Gallery store / coop
local bookstore
local crafts
Local dining or pub in the old post office park
Local farm stand with local produce
LOCAL GOODS
Local Inn
local market with fresh fruits and veggies
local produce
local restaurants
Local tavern / pub
Locally owned boutique type retail shops -ie. Faces Noho
locally owned ceramics
Locally owned gourmet style grocery store
locally owned restaurant,not a chain
Locally-owned
Local-owned clothes or gifts, maybe for kids?
Louis and Clark
louis and clark (open longer)
Low impact stores -no chains
Lush -type shoppe (soaps, etc.)

If you could bring three new stores to the Town Center, what type of stores you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
Make Rices like a mini Randall's please - local produce, eggs,cheeses, dairy, prepared foods, ice cream, wine
Malt Shop and Dinette
Market
market like Trader Joes
Market/farm stand for local produce and meats- again, will the townspeople support the necessary added costs?
Max Burgers
mcdonald
mcdonalds
meat market/butcher shop
medical mariquana
micheals
Mid or high-grade department
Mini Mart
Mini Theater
Misc. Shopping Venues
Mom & Pop stores
mom n pop restaurant...
more food options
MORE RETAIL but not big box stores
more shops
MUSIC
Music Store
music stores
n/a
na
na
na
natural food store
Natural foods
natural foods store
Need another Rices
New "visioned" library (make it more like Barnes&noble)
newsstand
Nice eating establishment, where the town can cometogether early evenings, evenings,
Nightlife
NO CHAIN STORES restaurant-casual
NO CHAINS!!!
NO More
No more stores in the town center, unless they are in the area close to the library.
No need for any other stores
no new stores

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no new stores in the town center

no new stores in the town center

no new stores in the town center

no stores

non

non

non

non invasive

none

If you could bring three new stores to the Town Center, what type of stores you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
None
None - get "real" the town center is NOT the place for more stores.
None - maintain the town center as quaint
None needed
none-leave as is
Nothing needed
nothing resembling Starbucks (save the Village Store!)
Office and supplies store.
Office supplies
Office Supply
Offices
Ones that do not demand lots of parking, lots of trash (dumpsters). and ones that maintain the property and pick up their trash
ORGANIC MARKET
out door dining
Outdoor hiking, biking
outdoor ice rinks
Package//Liquor Store
Panera
part of prev reply
Performing Arts (not a store)
Pet store
Pet store
Pet Store or Hardware Store
pet supplies
PLACE TO DO HOBBIES
PNONE

If you could bring three new stores to the Town Center, what type of stores you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
possibly a small cafe
Pre-made food, home sytle cooking
privately owned coffee shop for gathering, also, a public garden
produce
Produce market
produce store
Professional offices
Professional Offices (lawyer/doctor)
Professionally run organizations that are customer focused
professional service. Building
pub
pub/restaurant
Quaint restaurant
Quality Restaurant/Bar
quilt store
Quilting Store
randalb
Randall's Farm
randalls type place
RANDILLS
Regional Grocery Store
Restaorant
RESTARANT
RESTARAUNT
Restaraunt
Restaruant
restaurant

If you could bring three new stores to the Town Center, what type of stores you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
Restaurant
restaurant
restaurant -
restaurant (full service)
restaurant (panera)
Restaurant / Nightlife
Restaurant/brewpub
restaurants
Restaurants
Restaurants
Restaurants / Nightlife
restaurants 4 families
Restoration HARDware
RESTRAUNT
Resturant
Retail cloting- original items.
Rices
Rices -
Rices coffee / food- like Sturbridge coffee house
Rocky's
Rocky's
RONDEAUS DRIVE IN (SOFT SERVE)
sandwich shop/deli
School Supplies
see village center sitting committee report in town library about 10 years ago
self-owned small businesses
Several Nice Restaurants
Several small specialty shops.
Shoenique
Shoes
shoes
shoes
SHOPPING
Shopping Store
Shops similar to those in the center of Northampton
Sit-down restaurant
sitdown restaurant (maybe like a Maxx Burger)
sm restaurant
Small
Small / Tasteful Pizza Joint/Sandwich Shop
Small bistro-type restaurant
small boutique
Small business incubator spaces / Boutique Retail
Small Business/ Entrepreneurial level -- art shops/studios

If you could bring three new stores to the Town Center, what type of stores you like them to be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically).
Small Business/ Entrepreneurial level -- cafe/bistro
Small Business/ Entrepreneurial level -- yoga studio
Small business/independently owned
small businesses like restaurant -
small cafe
small cafe
small childrens activity center
Small clothes store
SMALL CLOTHING STORE
Small dress shops
Small food store. (milk etc.)
small fresh grocery/with parking
Small Gift
Small gift shops
small grocer
SMALL GROCERY
small grocery -
Small grocery store
small grocery store like Hampden market
small grocery store/general store
small hardware store
small independent book store
small local owned businesses
small market
Small movie theatre with dining option/ jazz club- how's that for a wild unlikely prospect?
small professional service firms, medical, architecture, etc
small quality deli baker butcher
SMALL RESTAURANT
small restaurant
small restaurant
Small restaurants
Small restaurants -- NOT CHAINS
SMALL RESTURANT
Small specialty shops
SMALL SPECITALY
small strip mall style that would not be to obtrusive looking
Small town gift shop
Small town variety/grocery
small upscale restaurant
Small upscale restaurant.
SMALL WALMART -
Small, local specialty store
Smoke shop

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SODA FOUNTAIN

some kind of bookstore (Or revamp library as a bookshop)

SOME TYPE OF BAKERY

something

Something comparable to Rice's

something Like Hampden

Something that fits into residential area

souvenir shop

Spa

specialty

specialty food store

Specialty Market...Gluten Free etc...Organic

specialty shops

specialty stores

specialty stores - gifts, fashion

Sporting good store/falcon theme

SPORTING GOODS - but also wrote alongside the three replies - rather not add anymore

sports store

staples

star bucks

star bucks

Star bucks

Starbucks

starbucks -

Subway

subway

sunglass store

super store(walmart etc)

tailor

Tailor/Seamstress

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Talbot's
Talbot's
Tea room / small independently owned restaurant
Thai or Indian Restaurant
Thai restaurant
THEATER
There's a Town Center here?
Thornes (variety of shops)
Those that appeal to local needs
Those that fit a niche market segment
Town center currently is quaint and developed adequately (above the line)
Town center is perfect as is!!!
Town center to remain!
Town general store
Toys
Trader Joes
Trader Joe's
Trader Joes or similar small grocery store with healthy foods
Unique authentic shops-seabreezes.com
unique boutiques
uniqueness
Upgrade the Village store - it needs a makeover
Upper style equivalent to Rices farm store
upscale restaurant
upscale resturants
upscale womens clothing
URGENT CARE CENTER
Urgent medical care center
Used or rare book store
varity (variety?) store
Vegetable market
Village store
Walgreens
WALKING MALL
Well Planned Town Center preserving its Historical Architecture
We're drowning in stores as a culture and we don't need any more.
White Castle
white castle
Whole Foods
Whole foods
Whole Foods -type shoppe (food, etc.)
Williams-Sonoma -type shoppe (kitchen, etc.)
Wine and Cheese Shop
Wine bar

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wine/cheese store
Wine/Tapas Bar
WOMENS BOFIGOR
Womens' Clothing
women's clothing small
x
Yarn and needle craft store
yarn/craft store
You took all my money. There's none left for stores.
Zone

If you could change three things in town, what would they be? (The responses were not necessarily in 1-2-3 order, so they are all sorted together alphabetically). This list also includes any remarks added by anyone to a fourth column labeled "change nothing"
no sidewalks on Tinkham road
a 'beautify wilbraham' initiative to reduce/eliminate shabby properties
a better park to go to. more to look at.
a better relationship between WMA and Minnechaug
a choice for high speed intergati charnton doesnt cut it
A easier place for families to afford
a great childresn park
a larger park
A light at the Soule and Stony Hill Road intersection. Too many near misses
a lot more interest to help seniors
A main street that literally puts a better light our town (with safe sidewalks)
a Minnechaug that serves the community who paid dearly for it- welcome town civic groups and not charge excessive fees
a solarize initiative that would allow grass roots community driven energy choices
a stronger sense of community
A Study to expand sewer services
a town music festival with local bands
Abandoned Buildings on Boston Road- sold to someone willing to do something with it.
Access to highway
Access to Local Farmers goods
activities
add a dog park
add a dog park
Add a recreation facility
Add a Welcoming Committee
Add an off leash dog park
add bike lanes
Add manufacturing jobs (not more service/retail jobs)
Add more sidewalks (e.g., Soule Rd)
Add more streetlights
Add Nightlife
Add paved bike paths
Add Sidewalks
add sidewalks
Add sidewalks and widen roads to make biking safe
Add sidewalks around town and up mountain
Add sidewalks in certain areas
Add sidewalks to all main roads, to all schools, and parks
Add Sidewalks to more main roads
add sidewalls everywhere
Add street lights in certain areas
Adding nice restaurants other than Boston Rd
addition ot library

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adress buildings that are in falling down condition
aesthetic of twn cntr.
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
All the sidewalks that lead there (to the shops near the library) and add bike route/lane
Allow business like above listed on Boston road. Khol's, target, Barnes noble, etc.
allow persuade use of wind power
An improved plan for roads throughout town
Antiquated way of thinking and a realization that the suburbs do not promote a healthy lifestyle
arts & culture to Wilbraham
Attitude (less snobby)
attitude of superiority
attitudes of academy students
Attitudes: Some people's condescending superiority complex
Attitudes: Some people's know-it-all, that's the way it's always been done way of thinking
Attitudes: Some people's snobbish sense of entitlement
Back to agriculture
Ban dogs in Fountain Park
Beautification of Boston Road
become less urban on Boston Rd
being back peach festival
Being stuck Rural with no impetus to change
Better and Expanded Gas & Water utilities for residents
better and safer ways to get on Rt 20, improve the intersection for Mountain Rd., Route 20 and Main St., This intersection is a nightmare
better children's department at the library similar to East Longmeadow
better communication
better communication for seniors
BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH CITIZENS
better communications (illegible word) wires
Better fund the schools
Better lighting
Better maintenance of roads
Better park
better parking pattern in town center
Better playing fields/accomodations for the High School
better pot-hole repair
Better power line management
Better public safety buildings.
BETTER QUALITY SPORTS FIELDS AT SCHOOLS
Better relations with WMA
better roads

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better roads
better roads
better roads
better roads
better roads (too many potholes)
better roads for mopeds / bikers -
better roads without holes
Better school lunches is / no diet food
Better senior center
better shopping
better side walks
Better sidewalks
better sidewalks
better sidewalks
better sidewalks on main st
Better sidewalks toward st Cecelia side a main st
better signs uniform and clear
Better upkeep of town property
better/more sidewalks
bicycle and walking options for getting to town center
Bigger police headquarters
Bigger senior center
bike and walking trails
Bike lanes
bike lanes
Bike path
Bike path to Hamden
bike path/running path loop
bike paths
Bike paths
Bike paths
Bike Paths
bike paths along busy roads
Bike pathway
Bike trail
Bike trails
Bikepaths
bikeways
blighted properties on rt 20
blighted properties on rt 20
blighted properties on rt 20
Boston Rd run down businesses/buildings
BOSTON RD TRAFFIC
Boston Road blight

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Boston Road Development
Bring Back Community events like Peach Festival
Bring back Peach Fest
Bring back Rice Farms bakery and sell local produce there
Bring back Rice's
BRING BACK SPRAYING FOR INSECTS
Bring back the elementary schools
Bring in natural gas to residents up the mountain to Red Gap, etc.
Bring on some chain type restaurants - Panera Bread; Hot Table;
Bring Peach Fest Back and improve it
bring peach festival back
Bring Rices back
Bring the peach Festival Back
Bring the Post Office back to the center of town
BRING THE PREACH FEST BACK
Build a new Police and Fire Center
Build a new Police Station
Build on present community events
build on residential services schools
Build one big Elementary School for grades pre-k - 5.
Build or adapt a building for a senior center
building.
Bury electric lines
bury electric lines!
Bury utility lines as a long term project starting from the center of town, main roads, and inbound electrical trunk lines
BUSINESS / WILBRAHAM-MONSON COLLABORATION
Cable
Cable access - Charter is not cutting it. Need multiple vendors or a new plan.
cable options
cable provider (Charter is horrible)
Capitalize on regional possibilities, at least with Hampden, for seniors, library, recreation
center
Centralized updated emergency facility
Centrally located senior center
Change away from the current Town Meeting structure of government
Change in tax rules so state mandated deductions should be (illegible?) paid by the taxpayer, not specifically "homeowner" which currently denies deductions for the (??illegible) like situations here in the Gardens.
change nothing
change nothing
Change nothing
change nothing

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Change the elementary schools back to grades 2-6
cheaper living
checked "change nothing"
checked "change nothing"
Chill out about small stuff
CIP tax
CIP tax
circled "change nothing"
circled "change nothing"
circled "change nothing"
circled "change nothing" -
circled "no change"
classes/activities for adults- not just seniors and kids
Classier Restaurants
clean storm debris (main st stony hill rd)
Clean up Boston Rd
Clean up Boston Rd
Clean up Boston Rd.
Clean up Boston Rd.
Clean up Boston Rd.- take down empty, delapidated buildings
clean up boston road
clean up boston road properties.
Clean up Bruer Pond
Clean up existing storm damaged areas (down trees)
clean up more brush from storms-like Faculty Rd loop-too much wild growth
Clean up old buildings not used on Rt 20
clean up standing dead trees from storms and plant more trees
clean up the mess that remains after the storms-the trees along tinkham/stony hill remain an eyesore
Clean up the old businesses around Nine Mile Pond on Boston Road
Clean up the peeling SRO units on Boston Road
Clean up the shabby look of Boston road
Clean up the tree belt and areas potentially impacting power lines. Bury power lines for good!
Clean-up Boston Road
Close the town dump
clubs
Cluster Neighbourhood w/Retal
combined police and fire
communication from town administrator and reports of projects
Community center
Community Center
COMMUNITY CENTER PLAYGROUND/SWIMMING POLL

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Community events
condemned buildings that are still standing. I would have them torn down.
Connect existing greenways/open space corridors, public and private
connect to Mt. road
continued planting of trees-restoration
control of Rec. Dept growth
control spending
Control the traffic as well for the MRHS students as for the WMA students.
costs involved for using dump or curbside pickup of trash
create a "have / need" organization - citizens can list what they have available to give away and list items or services they need
Create a town performing arts/gathering center
Create bicycle paths
Create bike trails throughout the town
Create more access to public services via web: Police Dpt. arrest logs, Fire Dept. logs, access to selectmen via E-mail & forum, development of forum for public discussion, posting of Dept. of Public Works projects and datespublic
create more sidewalks and bike lanes
Create non-church activities for socializing
create opportunities for people helping people - and not just when a tornado rips through town
curb academy expansion
curbside trash pickup as a taxpayer sponsored service
Cut the spending.. Hold off for 10 years on parks and recreation, schools
Declare an Historic District to preserve historical structure
Demolish the former Belli's/Ground Round
De-regionalize the school system
De-regionalize the school system and eliminate the school choice program
Designation of an approved dog park with adequate trails for walking
Develop a plan that set limits to population growth & housing construction that could be voted on by the town.
Develop downtown a more to make it a real Main Street
develop Spec Pond into a true family recreational area
Develop town center
Development in the Town Center
different cable company
different electric company
Do something with the former Wilbraham Light Shop
Dog Friendly Spaces
Dog park
Don't let debacles like Oak Ridge happen again...ie no bailouts
dont turn into springfield

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DRC fees
easier recycling
East long Meadow Porter Rd Repair
Eco friendly
Elderly housing
eliminate "Useless" classes in high school (childcare??? really???)
eliminate all illuminated signage
eliminate in home construction businesses in residential areas
eliminate loud machinery from 7PM to 7AM
Eliminate or revamp the run down/vacant buildings on Boston Road
eliminate power hungry governemnt agencies
eliminate regional school
Eliminate some of the busing. Why do we have so many busses when most kids don't use them. We can cut that cost. And that brings to e need to stop raising our taxes.
empty/run down businesses
encourage more recycling and use or recylog center not mass trash collecting
Encourage beautification be all residents to their personal property (tax breaks?)
Encourage high school kids to take the bus.
Enforcement of noise codes
Engage MORE people in the community
environment friendly services
environmental forwardness
Establishments
everyone having a car
EXCELLENT flee market in walking distance to town or fountain park
expand SOME BUSINESS TO MAIN STREET
Expand the historic district
Expand width of Stony Hill Road - with sidewalks the entire length
Expanded dump hours
Expanded library hours
expenses
Explore build out of broadband network to neighborhoods once the state gets it up and running
Explore ways to provide town wide wi-fi service
extend sewer and water and gas
Extend sidewalks so more kids could walk or ride bikes to school
Facilitate the cooperation and communication needed to make adequate disaster plans and concrete shelter plans for town residents
fair tax for seniors
farmer's market in the center of town
Fewer bars on Boston Road
fewer residents demanding services

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Fewer tornados
Find a use for the Grange
Focus on long term affordability so seniors can stay here
Focus on Senior awareness---needs
Focus on small, iintimate, & unique opportunities.
Focus on Town center on Main St. as hub of activity
free golf for residents (5-18) and 65+
FUN PLACE FOR YOUTH TO GATHER THAT IS SAFE
gay marriage
Get a municipal finacial planner
Get a professional grant writer
get citizenry more involved in shaping our town's direction
Get health and pension costs under control
Get more people to attend town meeting.
Get more school folk living in the community
Get real about te changing population and ever increasing tax burden
Get rid of Charter Cable and switch to Comcast
Get rid of small town politics
Get ride of bunesses who lye cheat and steel from consumers.
Get with other adjoining towns to create a long bike/walk/rollerblading path like the rail trail
Give us more cable TV choices (Charter is terrible and over-priced). Invest in fiber and give us VIOS!
golf course
Governing people
Green initiatives
Greener town services, PV on town hall, Hybrid police cars
grow middle class population to 20-25000
Have a community center
Have a nice bike path
Have a plan for Boston Road-work with developers not individual stores
Have a really good weekly farmer's market in the center of town.
Have a recreational master plan that brings us outside and together-Fountain Park is just too isolated with little to offer
Have a sidewalk from Stoney Hill Rd under the underpass by the CVS to Boston Rd
have evening hours one day a week or Sat. mornings for town hall business
Have good side walks through out the town
Have High End Retail Stores
Have More Restaurants
Have movies at the new high school
have options for utilities and cable
Have police use their sirens at all times.
Have public transportation

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Have Reverse 911.
Have stores and restaurants stay open longer
have to think more about this
Have Town Government Communicate to us. It doesn't except for taxes
Have Town Offices open Saturday mornings
have trash pick up
Help farms to prevent closing
Helping residents to get rid of various types of debris, the dump will not take.
High school athletic fields need to be upgraded
high-tech, low impact businesses
hire planners for downtown area
Historic District
historic preservation
Holiday parades on Main St.
hospital
how about a swim club/tennis club?
how personel properties are kept
How the focus is primarily on the senior population with little regard to attracting younger families
HWRSD
I enjoy the way things are now
I like it the way it is, except for some snobbery that seems silly
I really don't care
I would add sidewalks on Main street all the way from Boston Road to the Hampden Line
I would diversify our population
I would expand the rec department to focus on more than just team sports.
I would implement a fair taxation for senior homeowners
I would make the center of town a little more exciting. It's just kind of blah right now.
I would want an improved safety complex near the center of town - perhaps near the Town Hall.
I would work on programs to attract business to Wilbraham
I'd add a dog park
I'd expand the middle school, it's a bit cramped.
If we can't change people, then just keep up the good work... Wilbraham is GREAT!
Improve sidewalks
improve and increse sidewalks throughout the town
improve communication in the times and reminder
Improve condition of roads and bridges
Improve education
Improve relationship with WMA. This is a positive resource.
Improve roads
improve sidewalks
Improve sidewalks
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Improve sidewalks on Main St. And add more sidewalks. Get people out and moving!
Improve technology in Schools
Improve the physical structures of the town owned school buildings. Many are in need of significant repair
improve the shops near the library
improved Boston Rd shopping corridor-no more banks, CVS, etc
improved infra structure
improved parks and rec offerings and services
improved roads
Improved water pressure and electricity dependability
Incentives for historic properties
Increase community events i.e. autumn festive and tree lighting or create an online town calendar)
increase library hours
increase local agriculture
Increase the school performance markers
Increased commitment to education
increasing taxes
indoor sports/rec facility
In-grained power structure
installation of fiber optic cables to increase internet/cable bandwidth
Intersection of Boston Rd ,Main St. and Maple St
Intersection of Main and Boston Road (it is unsafe)
Intersection of Main Street and Boston Road
ITS FINE
Jail kids who are abusing prescription drugs
Job Options
Keep sidewalks in to town maintenance on main st
Keep up clean up from tornado
lack of natural gas lines
larger police station
larger senior center
Less Building
less cops -
less democratic newspaper
Less development of housing on open space
Less development of mountain land
less emphasis on keeping up with Longmeadow
less government control
less government spending
less government waste
Less housing in certain areas with more farms to feed the community
less intensely bright street lights
Less litter

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less municipal owned land
Less Police
less police officers
Less political correctness in schools
less populated
less power grabbing school committee with a better work together attitude
less spending on recreation
less state control
less traffic
less traffic on main st / storyhill
less zoning requirements for private land
library
library improvements / expansion
limit big box stores on Rt 20, try local vendors
link open space through either private or public initiatives
longer townhall hours
Look at traffic Patterns
Lower property taxes
Lower speed limits
lower tax rate
LOWER TAXES
Main St
maintain schools to highest standard
maintaining local control, seems this is being outsourced in many communities
Maintaining roadways better. Repaving of residential streets.
Make a connection bet. Stony Hill Rd. and Main St.
make Boston Rd a place to go, not a place to avoid
Make Boston Road less ugly
Make Charter Communicatons compete
make fountain park nicer
Make it easier to get around without driving and living unassisted
MAKE IT LIKE HAMPDEN WILBRAHAM (swear-word)
Make it more business friendly
make it possible to get around Wilbraham with less need for a car
Make more of our historic homes and spaces
make people clean their yards

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make people get off their high horse
make roads connect (many roads are dead ends next to other dead ends)
make stuff fun
Make sure ALL the roads and sidewalks are paved and usable for bikes and foot traffic. Many sidewalks are in disrepair and cause injury when trying to exercise on them.
Make sure all waterways, brooks, run-offs and roads have proper drainage.
Make sure Boston road doesn't become Riverdale
make the center of town more user-friendly (parking & ease of traffic flow, crossing street safer
make the historical information more availale
Make town center more accessible to stop shop and go.
Make Wilbraham schools independent from Hampden
marked an X next to "change nothing"
Market Boston Road business corridor to increase tax revenue
market rate apartments
Mayor vs Select Board
middle school / high school on same proberity
mixed use oppportunities on Boston Rd
Modernize the DRC (Dump)
Modernize town center
moe sidewalks
More active recreational space -
More activites for younger citizens (recreation / cultural oppportunites)
more activities for 2 -3 year old children at the library
more attention to careless drivers..speeding,talking on phone.....
More attention to conservation laws
more basket ball parks
More Bike friendly
moRE BUSINESS FRIENDLY OUTSIDE OF BOSTON ROAD
More Cable options
More central opportunities
More citizen involvement
more city bus stops
More clustered housing
more commecial tax base on boston road
more commercial oppty in center
more community activities - similar to the free summer concerts
More community events like the tree lighting/250th celebrations
More community participation and partnership interaction with WMA
More community support of extra curriculr events at the high school
More connected to wma
more continuous protected land parcels for animal habitat

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More creativity in schools
more crosswalks and enforcement
More cultural awareness/diversity. The town is 96% white, and it shows in local discourse.
More cultural places, less sport places.
More culture
more democrats needed
More development on Boston Rd
More DPW
More emphasis on economy of scale with services
More emphasis on education
More emphasis on look of Boston Road
More Entertainment
more entertainment
more entertainment accross for kids
more exciting center of town
More family orientation [not just sports
MORE FARMS
more fine personell
more fire stations
More firefighters
More focus on attracting young professionals. The median age of town residents is 42, and it shows.
More focus on bettering the town as a whole, not just the town center
More focus on education
more focus on middle age activities
More focus on sustainability. Green centers (parks, forests, preserves, etc) are in jeopardy of drying up, dying off, and becoming unusable for the next generation.
more food options
more gas lines
more input from people in school
More Internships.
more knowledge of (illegible) 1s
More Library programs
more local recreation for 35-65 yo population
more mixed use (like Boston Rd. Shoppers Plus)
More mixed zoning
more new housing
more open space
More open space/conservation land
more opportunities for youth involvement
more organized civic opportunites
More Parking near town center

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more sidewalks
More sidewalks -- forget bikeways, Wilbraham is a walking/running town
More sidewalks on main roads - Stony Hill, Springfield St.
more sidewalks or improved sidewalks
more sidewalks to encourage walking
More sidewalks!
More sidewalks!!!
more sidewalks, bike path or lanes
more small business
more social opportunities
More sports fields
more stores
more street lights
more support for our Library
more telecom and cable options
More things for Seniors
more things for teenagers
more things for teens
More things for teens to do (although Y has helped this greatly)
More things to do
More trails for Bikes & Rumers
more trees -
More trees to replace
More vibrant Town Center
more/better sidewalks
Move towards less development of land and more preservation.
moving sixth grade back to the elementary school level
Mxed use of town properties - ie, community group meetings in a school cafeteuc
natural gas
natural gas and sewar lines
Need more sidewalks & a public garden
need more sidewalks on main roads
New facility for Police Dept.
New Home Development
New Library
New Middle School where old Minnechaug is
new police station

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New Police Station
New police station in post office park area
New senior center
new senior center
New Senior Center
new sidewalks on main street to boston road to hamden line
No block scheduling in the high school
No large houses on Wilbraham Mountain
no lawn care noise on Sundays
No more large pacels of land for developement
No more prop 2.5 override votes
No Parking in Front of COUNTRY STORE
No parking on Main St. in the town center
no rv's parked in residential neighborhoods
No smoldering firepits
No tax increases for five years
No unions in government
Noise ordinance until atleast 10:00
Nomad's
NOT HAVE MOST OF BUSINESS IN NORTH Wilbraham
not sure
not sure
now opportunity for our youth to see entrepreneurs in action
off road biking trails
offer more activities in town for children and or families to do.
offer tax incentives for volunteer service work
Officially change Trick or Treating to the Last Saturday of October.
One of my next door neighbors
Open a state of the art Senior Center
opportunities for children and seniors to learn from each other and have fun
orange gloves for traffic helpers
other stuff
Our cable provider - Charter lacks on so many levels
Over pricing in stores.
Own LESS fire trucks and have more personnel
PARKING ON MAIN STREET INFRONT OF VILLAGE CAFE
parks
Parks
Pave existing roads; add sidewalks
Paving on private roads
pedestrian accessibility

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pick up all dead road killed animals
Place a college in the town
Place term limits on town board members.
places for hiking
playground
Playground/Dog Park
police
police fire safety complex as one
Police information. We should know what is happening in this town, not hushed up. especially if robberies are happening in our area.
police reports- what is happening ? what problems are going on....
Police Station
politics
pormote small businesses
possibly a few more traffic lights
Preserve the small town New England flavor of Wilbraham
Prevent further housing developments/maintain present green space
Prevent parking of 'dead' cars , recreational vehicles, boats and other large eyesores on residential lots
programs for young families
Promote all of our open spaces and trails with better Parking /entrances
Proper development of Boston Road
Provide free Wi Fi to bring consumers to Wilbraham
Provide incentives for solar power in residences. And neiborhood wind power generators
Provide mixed use, pedestrian shopping areas like Northampton
provide storage for town departments
Public Safety /Police and Fire to be one
Public Safety Complex
public transportation
publicTransport
Publish a list of the town benefit packages for empolyees
Publish list of town employees including their gross pay
Purchase more open space land
Pushing the arts in our town -especially schools!!
Put a safe bike/walk path paralleling Boston Rd. to encourage people to walk or bike to stores on BostonRd. Less reliance on cars to get around our town
put electric + other wires in the ground
put in more light post
Put in sidewalks
Put sidewalks in on every street
Real bike lanes

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Real encouragement of small businesses
Realize the citizens wallets are not a bottomless pit.
Reconstruct intersection by police department onto Boston road
Recycle Service
Reduce comercial property on Boston Rd.
reduce power of selectman
REDUCE SPEEDING (too many "entitled" residents with expensive fast cars)
reduce taxes
Reduce the tax rate
reduced regulations
Refer to above comments.
Regular open brush recycling at DRC
Remove abandoned buildings on Boston Road
remove tornado damaged trees near main roads
Renovate WMS
Re-open Rice Fruit Farm store with veggies/fruit, pastries, bread, ice cream
REPAVE BOSTON RD.
repave some of the roads
Repeal the unfair sewer "betterment" for Main Street residents.
replace all asphalt sidewalks with concrete sidewalks
replace tar sidewalks with cement and make more sidewalks were there are none. Ex. Dipping Hole Rd down to Boston Rd. I see kids walking in the street to get home and one day someone will get killed. all streets should look into updating sidewalks due to the amount of people walking these days.
Replant trees
Require National Grid to fix constant outage problems
restore the damaged tornado areas - trees, etc.
retain more of small four values
Return a post office to the town center
revamp the elementary and middle schools -- make them neighborhood schools again
Revitalize Bennett's, rices, greens
Rice's farm re opening
road conditions
road maintenance plan
roads-better
rude people
safe bicycle & along the road activity corridors
Safer, easier access to Boston Road from residential side streets
Safety
Save or. Bring back farm stores
school choice
school system
Schools

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schools building open for after school groups
schools graded for whole town not by area (ie 1 K center, 1 1-3 school, etc.)
seek another prep school to rival WMA
senior center
Senior Center
senior center in the middle of town
Seriously need to look at the School District financial creativty--Less bookkeeping more Financial management & development
Sew
sewage treatment plant that works
Sewer to areas that don't have it
sewers throughout
side walks
side walks
Side walks
side walks all the way to boston road
sidewalks
sidewalks along all main roads
Sidewalks and bike lanes
sidewalks are needed, more bikes and less driving
sidewalks everywhere
Sidewalks lack of
SIDEWALKS on all Main roads
Sidewalks on all main roads, starting with cement sidewalks on Stony Hill.
Sidewalks on Springfield St many runners and walkers
sidewalks to connect stoney hill road and main street
Sidewalks/Bike Paths
skate board park
Skating on the local ponds
Slow the traffic on Main street
small businesses in town center built in existing structures
small committes that are clicky (clique-y?)
Small shops in the two former real estate buildings in town center
smaller class sizes in schools
Smaller Taxes

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Social activities for ALL ages
socialization accross boundries
some nice shops
some of the people
some traffic calming innovation in the center in particular
SOME ZONING
speed of traffic!
speeders
Speeding on town roads
Stop building sprawling McMansion-style developments
Stop charging user fees to students doing something positive with their time, this sends a terrible message
Stop discussion on closing the dump & keep recycling there
Stop extremely liberal, everything is "free", entitlement thinking
Stop the development
Stop the dog walking in Fountain Park
street lights
Support funding of our 'unfunded liabilities' for town employees
Take over Wilbraham-Monson Academy grounds by eminent domain
tax rate
Tax structure
taxes
taxi service
Tear down blighted buildings on boston rd
Tear down or enhance all empty unused buildings on Boston Road
technology - the town is in the stone age
teen activities
Teen Center for town kids with all kinds of activities like pool tables, bowling, puzzles, bounce houses, juke boxes, food. Just for a couple hours on Weekend nights, just for town kids and maybe one guest.
Teen Programs
Tennis courts at the Country Club
Term limits for board members
The "interpretation" of open meeting law. Wilbrham's interperaiton that you cannot participate in town open meetings as an elected or appointed participant is out of step with where the world is going with remote access through webcams, etc. I believe this is a detriment to people who have jobs that require travel and diminishes the pool of candidates for town offices and volunteer positions.
The academy should participate in a PILOT program
the activities planned for 250th seem great, I'd like to see continuance afterwards

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The Apple farms- would love to see both thrive
the attitude (cliqueiness) of the "townies"
The Attitude of "Entitlement"
the boredom
The citizens
the condition of the roads
The disconnect between the "sections" of Wilbraham
The exterior of village/ Louis Clark are so tired
The eye sore on Boston Rd near Post Office Park on the right
The eye sore on Boston Road that used to be Taylor Rental
The fact that Wilbraham has historically treated the residents of Main Street in an appalling manner.
The intersection on Main St + Boston Rd
The lack of things to do
the look and uselessness of the center of town
the look of Boston Road, blight
the look of the town, roadside trash and tree damage
the new school zonedoes not work
The old dirty run down look of some buildings along Boston rd
The over spending on schools
the poor communication and diverse directions by leaders
The power to demolish vacant "eye sores"
The realization that we need to improve what we have-a lot.
The separation among groups.
The Snobby People
the town meeting- it is biased toward older folks who don't have school aged children & both members of the couple can attend night meetings
The traffic near Minnechaug in the morning
the village store & cafe
There is nothing to do in town
things stay open later
To develop a real Town Center like Mashpee Commons or the Pinehills
To many fast foods restaurant
Too many special interests trying to spend everyone else's money
Town access to Wilbraham Monson Academy gym
town center needs more cohesive 'styling'
town events all year
town hall hours of operation
Town Hall should be in the center of Town, not out on an island by itself.
town leaders
town meeting form of governing where power is in hands of loud and organized
town owned water supply

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town water and sewer everywhere
TOWN WEBSITE/COMMUNICATION
town wide signs,street signs, no parking, ect.
Town wide trash collection
Town wide water and sewer
track at high school
Traffic calming in center of town
traffic control boston rd
Traffic Flow - Stony Hill Lights need improvement, sidewalks
Traffic flow & control
traffic lights
traffic on main street at boston road and maple street
Traffic Pattern of new High School
traffic problems getting to school
trash collection
TRASH COLLECTON
Trash containers all along main street with town pickup
trash pick up
Trash pick up
trash pick-up
travel for younger pepole (bike paths)
tree maintenance plan
trust for capital repairs to school buildings
turning lanes with arrows at lights on Stony Hill
underground electrical wires , attractive street lights
Update the technology capability for all schools and public buildings
upgrade parks-common areas
Urgent care facility
use of Grange for something productive
use of school gyms
Use the Grange for a meeting hall
utilize natural beauty of moutain
utilize the train tracks to attract business
vacant buildings on Boston Rd.
Volunteer coordinator
vote on line instead of once a year town meeting
VOTER TURN OUT
voting turn out
WAlking TRAIls w/PARK NEAR HOUSING
water problems
Water/sewer for whole town
We need once source to get all the information about everything happening in Wilbraham.
Welcome new people to town better
widen roads to add bikes lanes

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Widen Stoney Hill Road

Widen Stoney hill road for side walks as well as tinkam road

widen Stony Hill Road

widen the roads (traffic gets too backed up at Stony Hill and Boston Rd.

Widen/straighten/flatten Stony Hill Rd btwn Soule and Hampden line--still dangerous

wider roads to accommodate bikes

With the land off Tinkham/StonyHill and connected to the golf course

Withdraw from regional school district

WMA students crossing without stopping/looking

youth drug use addressed and treated as health issue, not crime

Zoning enforcement and promote a neat/clean/safe appearance

Provide any other thoughts or insights you might have that would be helpful to share with the Task Force.
(1) Thank you for providing this participation opportunity to the town (2) Updates on the process / actions taken would be appreciated (3) The open space is one of the critical factors that defines this town (specifically referenced in the top #100 ranking)...once you loose it, you'll never get it back.
1. Publish a financial plan that will address the future pension benefit shorfall for town employees and teachers 2. Reduce library budget
A CASINO INPALMER WITH HAVE AN IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT TOWN SCHOOLS & SERVICES
A few more thoughts on the town center -- the patchwork of properties and venues at the town center need unification. Gazebo park, BoA buildings, the collection of houses for business lease, the village cafe, louis and clark, the grange -- don't lend themselves to an attractive town center.
a few sidewalks and short bike trails could really connect neighborhoods and get people out of their cars, interacting. It should be easy to ride to the center where there should be vibrant retail, not the decrepit stores there now.
A large number of residents leave the Town to work elsewhere...and have no chance to interact. How can we change this? Longmeadow was built so people of many ages can walk to town...and the Longmeadow Shoppes attract so many people in Town. You see neighbors and friends. We need this here.
A lot of money seems wasted on patching the roads.... The paving never seems to be done correctly. Could the town offices have better hours?
A patrol to clean up liter on our streets. Not a good image whhen entering town,
Actually it kind of (removed swear) me off that you people would take it upon yourselves to impose more rules and regulations upon the good people in this town. I strongly suggest that you drop this whole wasteful exercise and find something usefiul to do with YOUR lives and leave mine alone
Affordable market rate rentals for young professionals. A grouping of apartments and stores/ mixed use set on one of the many vacant land areas on Boston Rd
After the tornado so many people wanted to volunteer in some way, a few local churches were the ones leading these groups but we should have a better plan. There are always ways we all could give back to our town
All set
although the expansion project for the library fell through it is important to maintain the current building and provide the resources to keep its services moving into the future uprade electric, lighting compact shelving
an "indie" type movie theatre-similar to amherst cinema in the twn cntr. eastfield and lower boston rd.does not attract the wilbraham consumer. i believe many residents shop in enfield-variety and safety.
At the recycling center split yard waste from everything else, charge half the money now collected for each.
balance needs for all residents. Don't put so much emphasis on children -
Because of Boston Road Wilbraham can have a dual personality of a dynamic shopping district as well as relaxed recreational feel to the town. I would strive to be in the top quartile in both areas. Don't settle for "a little more shopping" or just some more sidewalks. Make the town distinctive in both areas.
belchertown allows town residents to use new high school gym for exercice and recreation -

Provide any other thoughts or insights you might have that would be helpful to share with the Task Force.
BETTER TRANSPORATATION TO SPRINGFIELD, PALMER, & EASTFIELD MALL; UNDERGROUND POWER LINES -
better up keep of our schools,inside and out
Bring back Peach Festival. Also a Blues, Brews, and Bar B Q Festival
candidly, there is some information being shared that all of this may have an "agenda" that has nothing to do with genuinely listening to well intentioned and sincere people - I hope that's not true I'm taking the time to complete this and trusting that my views will be respected and valued
Cannot keep relying on single-use structures spread out throughout the Town. Also cannot push all businesses down onto Boston Road, by doing so it creates separation rather than integration. Create a bike path along the power lines which runs North-South which could be connected to existing hiking trails and almost all of the schools.
class size at minnechaug is too large; most of my son's classes have >25 students 0 difficult for teachers and strudents
closer relationship between business & educational institutions -
Conduct research on educational best practices for online educational opportunities and explore ways high schoolers can take courses other than inside Minnechaug's walls.
Continue to preserve the town as it is to continue to make it the great place it is to live and raise a family.
Convert methane gas from the three old landfills into energy to power municipal buildings. Establish an organic town garden at the pheasant farm to be maintained by a division if the highway dept. with the produce going to the senior center and put by for use by the school system.
Current planning practices foster a reactive approach to developer proposals. Sometimes, "working with developers" ends up meaning "giving in to developers" in the long-run. Would like to see the town become more locally proactive in shaping its future instead of letting its future happen to it.
Develop a dog park at Fountain Park which would allow people to safely use the area. More recreational areas for cross country skiing, hiking, walking and biking.
Difficult to balance the needs of everyone. More development vs preservation. This is very difficult. Having more open areas for bike trails etc seems a desirable goal.
Do not change what made the town what it is. Do not presume you can structure the future (you did not structure the past). Allow people to live as they wish, so long as they respect others rights. Do not under estimate the long term visions of Agenda 21 and similar government initiatives.
Do not forget what our community started out As
Do not over regulate any phase of your study. Make it available for discussion over a few years and do not rush its implementation.
don't let the task force get political or extremist
Don't loose the sense of community.
Dont't turn as into a city!
education and good retail and nice properties help image
education is a key force in town
Encourage local businesses....less big box stores in our town.

Provide any other thoughts or insights you might have that would be helpful to share with the Task Force.
Establish monument and gazebo park as a community hub ; additional events, evets associated with the High school, bon fires, i.e whole some activties and at times tied to school events.
Expand use of high school. We have a very nice, but small choice of adult education classes. Would be wonderful if we could expand variety of classes.
Expand weekend library hours.More activities @ Fountain Park to bring community together eg outdoor movie nights, rent a pop up screen etc.see Prescott Park Arts Festival Portsmouth NH for ideas fantastic community events/festival eg get Giza's grp to do an outdoor play/musical
Find a way to motivate younger residents to volunteer for Town Boards and Committees- perhaps a proprty tax incentive is what it wluld take to bring more people to "volunteer..."
Fine tuning not wholesale changes
Follow the model of Longmeadow in regards to the way the way the town in connected by sidewalks and everyone can access the public areas without needing a car to get everywhere.
For me, as you may have notice, improved sidewalks would be big in our community. But on top of that maintaining local control. To many other communities have given up local control and outsourced to those that say good things but inevitably fall short.
getting to school in the morning is hard and sometimes not safe with traffic
Goof luck!
Great work. Focus...the meetings I've viewed have been rather sfcattered. Stick to one topic or theme per meeting...for now AWARENESS followed by outreach. People dont know who you are. create a buzz. Everyone kniew about Rice's before any major decisions where made...good example.
have a vegetable truck visit senior housing to help provide fresh fruits and vegetables to seniors
have more town togetherness activities and places to hang out
hookah bar -
I am a town resident who eagerly sought out the imaginewilbraham survey site. I am a wife, and mother of two (10 yrs old/5th grade and a 10 month old). And I grew up in town and graduated from MRHS. I am also a full time professional who has experience with surveys and in assessing the customer experience. I would like to provide feedback about the structure of the survey. The open ended questions at the beginning do not appear to lend themselves to data driven analysis. I am interested in how these answers will be analyzed and acted upon.
I am always leaving Wilbraham to do things like shop...mostly going to Enfield and Chicopee. Would love to be happier with better shopping closer to home...Springfield is letting us down with the Eastfield Mall etc. Would prefer a community with more accessability to entertainment...like Longmeadow Shops...perhaps a theatre...better restaurants...

Provide any other thoughts or insights you might have that would be helpful to share with the Task Force.

I believe Wilbraham can remain a small, residential community that grows with the 21st century. Sadly, I think residents are quick to complain about change, but also want more taxable businesses--just not near them. The center of Longmeadow is a place where I choose to shop to avoid large retail stores and malls, but can still find quality stores. And especially in this economy, I think more small businesses should be allowed and encouraged. Too often small businesses are rejected because residents have irrational fears of change; this will only hold the town back, in my opinion. Wilbraham already has an established school system and many beautiful, residential neighborhoods--they will not disappear or lose value due to small businesses. In fact, the future of the economy and job market is slowly shifting: 200 years ago people worked within their homes, then slowly moved to work outside their homes, and with continued advances in technology, more and more people are shifting back to working within their homes, even if working for an outside company. This growth should be encouraged, not thwarted.

I chose Wilbraham a decade ago because of its beauty and serenity. I enjoy the open spaces that are available for exploration. The houses are varied to suit many types of lifestyles.

I don't have kids (don't use the schools), I'm not a senior citizen (no senior center or needs), I work and pay my taxes without a complaint but don't feel I get much for my money in Wilbraham. The things I use (ie roads and sidewalks) are horrible, there is no pond maintained for ice skating, there is no Christmas tree pick up, the storm drains are not maintained very well, the brook by my house and the culvert under Main St. Desperately needs to be dredged/opened with requests falling on deaf ears. Where is my tax money going? Why do I feel like I get nothing for paying taxes? Please keep residents like me in mind when making decisions about this town. I live here too.

I have been frustrated when I've watched properties in my neighborhood become neglected and be unable to have any influence to do anything about it. The residents are people who are able to cut the lawn or eliminate broken trees or paint, but they do not choose to do so. It's frustrating to walk the residential streets and see campers and large boats wrapped up in huge tarps sitting as eyesores for all to see. These things are not allowed in other towns and I wish they were not allowed here. Better schools. I spent a fortune on private education as my family was appalled at course work that was considered appropriate at Minnechaug. Three classes at a time and two of them could be art and gym. Really??? Classes were taught for 45 minutes and the remainder of the time was spent on homework!! Teachers calling in sick and kids ending up with a 90-minute study hall. What a waste of time.

I have been involved in community and economic development for four decades or more. Communities die if the citizenry sees a lack of interest in their input. It is the same people over and over again who serve on committees and make decisions, or of their group. The prevailing community attitude in Wilbraham is "do-nothing, we like it the way it is." Most of us, from what I hear, don't like it the way it is. Open some community forums and hear from the people directly, not from a questionnaire. This is a non-involvement way of doing things.

Provide any other thoughts or insights you might have that would be helpful to share with the Task Force.

I have lived in Wilbraham all my life. Living in home was borne and raised in. Brought up my family. Now senior. I have seen the good and bad. People move to Wilbraham and want all kinds of services and in 5 years are gone leaving the bill for us to pay. We must look at what is a extra and what is really needed.

Indianapolis, Orlando, Marathon Key, Tampa, St. Pete/Clearwater). I have been mostly transient over the past 30-years, but grew up in a small suburb outside a larger city. I can appreciate small town. I have found Wilbraham to be the most unfriendly place I have ever lived. Not rude, but just unfriendly and non-welcoming. I have tried to get involved since moving here, but have received some sort of backlash around every corner. Never generosity, compassion, flexibility, or acceptance. The locals do not realize how "closed" off they are to newbies. Most people in Wilbraham, I have found, have family and long-term friends living in or around the area. Therefore, "locals" do not need or want more friends and fill their time with old friends or local family. This attitude alone will keep Wilbraham from growing in the future. The sports programs, the school programs etc are all slanted toward whether or not someone "knows your name" in town. Rules should be flexible to accommodate and welcome "new families" or "outsiders" to the community; but they don't in Wilbraham, as it sits today. Of course, new people find it hard to penetrate the programs or boards in Wilbraham, so a "fresh" voice is muted. If you really want to grow Wilbraham, your board would seek out the "fresh faces" in town

I honestly can't think of anything in particular that attracted me to Wilbraham. I live here more or less by default -- the schools are better than in Springfield and the housing costs are less expensive than Longmeadow. The truth is, while it's nice to think about what it "could" do, Wilbraham can, and I suspect probably will, pretty much maintain it's current regional status just by working to keep those two things constant.

I hope as Wilbraham moves forward on this project that the town does not fall into a trap of mandates/by-laws. Many communities have adopted programs that will limit and in some cases take away rights of land owners. All based on green growth, energy consumption, and other non proven environmental factors. All I ask as a resident is be smart and continue that path we are on, why deviate?

I just want a public basketball or wallball court or something. Give the kids something to do and they wont all be potheads -

I like living here. It's not too country, but is convenient to Route 20 shopping and services. I am concerned about the Springfield border will affect the town in the next decades.

I like the snow plowing and salting done in the winter. Streets are always clear.

i like the town as it is

I love the history of the town and would encourage you to do anything you can to preserve the history and traditions that we have.

I love the recycling center. Bringing my recyclables there is an important part of my own personal environmental responsibility. I also think the library is a great resource for all ages in the town and the larger area community.

I love the town center, I do think it needs some updating and could really benefit from being a place to access local goods. I love the mixture of farms and modern convenience. You can still find a tractor driving down the street! Help local farms like Rice's Fruit Farm Re-establish in the community. Offer a Randalls' (in Ludlow) type shop with local goods.

Provide any other thoughts or insights you might have that would be helpful to share with the Task Force.

I love the town. We moved here in 2008 and choose this town or E. Longmeadow/Longmeadow for the feel. That being said, I think adding a little urban to the town would not change the feel too much and provide the residents with activities they would normally have to travel further for.

I love Wilbraham. I would hate to see it become over-developed. It still has a small-time feel, which I think is fabulous. I love the community events, such as the Christmas tree lighting, concerts at Fountain Park, and I would love to see the Peach Festival return. I think it's wonderful that we are mindful of maintaining open space. Given the large boomer population, we probably should increase our focus on senior/elder services.

I see a lot of people walking and riding bicycles around town. It is frightening to see how close they come on Main St and Stony Hill Rd to getting hit by traffic. We should encourage more outdoor activity as it will reduce crime, foster a sense of community, and improve health. To do this, we need to make it safe and enjoyable.

I strongly oppose large box stores being brought in to the Boston Rd. corridor. Boston Rd is already over taxed with traffic and a burden to the tax paying residence who live in the neighborhoods along Boston Rd. While I realize we need to generate revenue for the town, I don't believe that is the answer. Also, when you travel east from old boston rd, you start to "decompress" from all the congestion to the west on Boston Rd and enjoy the landscape. It would be a shame to congest this stretch of town and loose focus on the nice smaller independent establishments.

I think a website, contained, controlled, to show where town volunteers are needed and how they can volunteer would be great.

I think I would remind people they are living in a town. They want a lot of city services but don't want to live there. Trash pickup is one example with barrels all over and in bad weather blown around etc. More heavy trucks on our roads etc. Also landscapers should have a max. weight with all their stuff as they too crack the roads and speed along with all in tow. Maybe need to register with Town Hall to get our rules and regs. Plus the noise polution from all of this.

I think most people would like to see wilbraham stay the great community it is, while keeping the town's growth for small business at a level that dosent overtake the suburban feel of the town, I personally would rather see more small business than big box stores.

I think that we should create more community based initiatives such as more land for farming, hiking and other recreational use. We should start a program where we can buy and grow our vegetables locally instead of at the supermarket.

I think the New England charm of town center is VERY important. I'd like to see small businesses have the opportunity to use some of the older homes as coffee houses or small boutiques.

I think the town is nice. We moved here from south hadley b/c the schools are better. don't mess that up. Also, perhaps someone could explain what Dave Sanders is going on about "local control". I saw the signs, but don't understand the issue. since he's heavy into the tea party, I'm curious.

I think Wilbraham is aging in population and needs more retail and amenities to bring in younger residents. With the new high school and some new retail, housing values would appreciate and tax revenue in turn

i wish you the best developing this and i look forward to learning about the future -

Provide any other thoughts or insights you might have that would be helpful to share with the Task Force.
I would also like to see forward-thinking courses such as nutrition given attention in the schools.
I would love to create a Wilbraham separate from Boston Road. Right now it is too associated with it and Boston Road is run down and in shambles. There are no nice buildings, shops, or restaurants there.
I Would not encourage growth in Town Center.
As a non resident, new to the area., my first impression was, the town was forgotten about
As a resident from Springfield
improve communication in the times and reminder - put upcoming events in the paper sooner - have more updates about whats going on... disaster recovery, new trees
In a town of about fourteen thousand people, a decent portion are seniors that ask a key question: Can I afford to live here in ten years?
increase hiking trails on Wilbraham Mountain; improve bicycle safety lanes or create trails; post office park should be a loop with only one entrance and stoplight not two lights close together -
It is a great place to raise a family but I think young adults see no future in the town for them and as I get closer to retirement I am not sure it offers enough amenities that offset the fact that it is so cold in the winter. It needs to be more like a college town, Noho or Amherst come to mind.
It is a great town but we are stuck in the mid- to late-1900's here! It is time for upgrades to infrastructure and attitudes! Projects need to be carbon neutral and there needs to be investment in environmentally friendly projects
It would be nice to get kids involved in the community. for example, have a second grade class plant flowers at the library.
It would be nice to have a nice shopping center like Longmeadow Shoppes so we can stay in our town and not have to travel and give the business to Longmeadow, MA.
It would be nice to see people out more enjoying their community Walking or on bikes (safe).
It's unfortunate the Peach Festival is no longer. It's important to have a town-wide annual event.
Keep it much as it is now, but increase opportunities for independent, non-driving living. Connect open space, provide tax incentives for privately owned open space WITH public access. Expand availability of natural gas heat, Traffic light at Main St/Boston Road intersection.
Keep personal political agendas aside and make decisions based on the majority desires of the community you serve.
Keep the integrity of the town - keep it clean (as it is now) and keep up the roads
Keep trying! Help fix up eyesores in neighborhoods.
keep up the good work in moving forward to make all the citizens of Wilbraham proud to live here -
Keep Wilbraham essentially the same...don't overdevelop like Chicopee or East Longmeadow. Bring in Trader Joe's to Boston Rd!
Keep your Master Plan as sizeable as you can reasonably accomplish. Don't plan for every possible thing, produce a 3 foot thick document that just sits on a shelf. Don't get hung up on the "exceptions", focus on the high probability occurrences

Provide any other thoughts or insights you might have that would be helpful to share with the Task Force.
keeping wilbraham as rural as possible with less houses, more land, and less stores would be a place I would want to live - -
Landlords of low income housing treating us like we have no rights and telling us if we dont like it we can move.
leash laws
Less emphasis on "green" (stop spending so much money on land just so it won't be developed) and "open space" and more effort on small business development
Let's be open-minded and listen to ideas without trying to pigeon-hole them along party politics.
Let's make it easier to walk,jog,bike to things and promote healthy lifestyles for all
Lights on Boston road don't work properly. The bridge to Ludlow is falling apart already. Can we get our money back? Make sidewalks mandatory, not optional in developments. Add WIFI zones.
Lived here all my life, now I have a house here.. can't sell the darn house because buyers are moving to longmeadow/east longmeadow for perceived better business community, or ludlow for better pricing. We dont have a clear visual identity for attractions/activities
Look at the Blackstone Valley Shoppes or Wrentham Outlests. Look at other towns like Lexington or Sudbury for setup (reatil while still having character) and staying w/character and being very desirable -
love this town-wish we could afford to stay here -
Lower taxes; traffic on Boston Rd -
make it fun -
MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING W/MIXED US
More rentable properties
More retail space so we can limit our traveling away from the town
more side works , bike paths become more methods of green energy
n/a
n/a
n/a
n/a
na
Needs to high quality stuff rather see the 10 plan take 20 years and be of a high quality nature / done right.
No "housing for those with a limited income" category should even be a selection for the town of Wilbraham. There are other towns that are able to provide opportunities for this class. Please keep Wilbraham a town where people work hard as we did to be able to settle here, as a young couple who didn't expect to be able to live in Wilbraham but-for the hard work we've endured.
No need to emphasize our colonial past. It's evident in the present layout of town-cemetery, stone walls, atheneum buildings. These should be kept up.
None
Not sure what this task Force is, but people in town, just want basic services. Look at Chicopee, they get a lot of services for their tax money....ape them.!

Provide any other thoughts or insights you might have that would be helpful to share with the Task Force.
Our taxes are getting out of control. We are so behind in so many things, where is the money going? Watching selectmen, planning, finance, or school committee meetings is very painful. Most of the time I can't hear or understand what people are saying. Why don't we have better equipment so we can hear the conversations? I know the cable access people work hard to make it all work but many times I just turn it off because I'm not able to understand what is said. It is not my TV either.
out reach as to our form govt. middle and high school classes as well as adult education classes
People are attracted to and often move to Wilbrahm because of it's historic qualities and community feel. It's important to maintain that quality as we move into the future with technological advances and development. The center along with Wilbraham Monson Academy provides that core element and it behoves us to honor that quality that we all seem to love. It seems when ever there is a vision committee the center of town become vulnerable to enchroachment or "development". In fact the center is really what people are buying when they move here, the New England charm that is fudamentally the antique quality of what the town once was but no longer is. How we move forward and hold on to that quality is, I think, the challenge
People who make decisions about what Wilbraham could be should spend time in other parts of the country -- take the best ideas from successful communities -- and apply that intelligence to this process.
Pick several large issues, not a multitude of small ones.
place for bikers as its unsafe to drive for us and for them on the road -
Please contact me as I would be happy to contribute to the development team. Derek Morrison 265-6682 4 Edward street
possibility hire a city planer; sidewalks for biking. People have to leave Wilbraham to go biking -
Probably the high crime rate in Springfield is a concern for Wilbraham. Wilbraham is tied to the larger western Mass area and is really a high point in the region. I think a bigger question is how to turn around Springfield/ Holyoke... which I realize is not the purpose of this survey. All in all, Wilbraham has managed to remain a wonderful oasis given how close it is to the chaos of other communities.
Provide better opportunity for new long term care facilities. Currently the existing units in town requests more beds from the state than they need - to prevent competition.
Provide feedback to this survey so we can continue the conversation and fine-tune the vision.
Provide shelter in power outages
Provide transportation for seniors to and from out of town events in the evenings....Symphony, plays provided the seniors with a new senior center they and the town can be proud of
Publish the names of those on the task force who are asking for this information. Are the all citizens of this town?
Publish your info more prominently
put in a hospital

Provide any other thoughts or insights you might have that would be helpful to share with the Task Force.
Question 9 is badly worded and yet it is the crucial question. The best answer, I think, is that Wilbraham needs to preserve its small-town New England feeling while recognizing that this will be a challenge in itself and wrong-headed if its our top priority. Staying the same is not a good option, especially as Springfield continues to die a slow painful death. Being one of the best suburbs of Springfield is not a good option either. The town needs to be more city-like as it thinks about the challenges we face.
Question the value of having a Town Planner and belonging to PVPC ?Do we need both. View the PVTA usage against cost.
Replace Charter Communications with any other cable provider!!! Their notorious bait & switch tactics with program plan rates is out-of-control!!!
reply was crossed out -
See Above
SENIORS ARE BEING TAXED OUT OF THEIR HOMES.
seriously do something about the monopoly charter has on internet service -
should have public swimming pool, more entertainment, more jobs, more restaurants -
side roads are in terrible shape & give a poor image of our town. Fix them.
stop being bitches tryin to screw kids over
Support and Follow through with the design/upgrade of Fountain Park
Take a look at works and what doesn't work in surrounding towns. I see the bike paths/rail trails in Easthampton/Noho/Hadley/Amherst, and it is a HUGE success. Everyone loves it. Why not try something like that around here? Hadley has Whole Foods, maybe that would work here. Most every town around us has a nice restaurant. Wilbraham is more affluent, and yet has none. Boston Road is depressing. It looks terrible. How to fix it? Tear down all the boarded up derelict properties. Can you do that? People driving through Wilbraham and seeing the place on Boston Rd would assume that our town is a dump.
take care of what we have
Thank you for taking in these issues and for encouraging community involvement
Thanks for working on this. It is very exciting!
The "center of town" needs a little cleaner look. The gazebo area is kind of unkept. The Village Store could use some updating. (Can someone encourage them) To me, looks portray an image!

Provide any other thoughts or insights you might have that would be helpful to share with the Task Force.

The CPA should be eliminated as the projects being funded (unattractive fences at cemeteries, sidewalk at center, barn at the Pheasant Farm) are of marginal value and add little to the town. If it remains, funds should be used to enhance Bruer Pond by sinking a well so that it remains a pond year round and not a mud hole. Could be an attractive area for picnics, ice skating, educational activities and so on. Boston Road cannot handle more retail growth with out significant road infrastructure improvement. Retail growth on Boston Road will be difficult and marginal due to limited north/south access (due to Chicopee River and railroad tracks) which is critical to its success in getting non resident shoppers. Too much vacancy at the Eastfield Mall area to start adding more retail space in town. Enforce codes to clean up the stretch of Boston Road from the Post Office to Brainard Road, too many old unsafe looking buildings. The trainagle at the Main Street and Bsoton Road intersection needs to be eliminated and turned into a T intersection to make it safer. WMA should have no role in planning the town's future until they participate in a PILOT program in a very substantial way. The school brings nothing to the town other than a quaint campus. If a casino is developed in a nearby community the character of Wilbraham may very well change. Zoning for cluster and low income housing is not the way to go.

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The future is the internet, attracting stores/business that provide access and support. Provide more for our youth to do in town, either @ the center or Fountain Park.

The impact on families in residential areas off Boston Road are currently not well considered when planning changes, businesses, etc. for Boston Road.

The new Minnechaug is a great looking new building, but the learning opportunities are still somewhat limited. A wider range of courses offered and more freedom to choose courses based on interests would be nice. That being said, the block scheduling system does not work, at all.

the public needs to be more civic minded and support the town and volunteer. Some how need to get the message out better that if they don't participate then what we have will not last

The reason I mention taxes throughout survey...I heard a radio talk show on Connecticut station (3:00PM/1360/may 9, 2012) and it was young married couples in distress with money concerns. The young married couple, small businesses are in deep debt. It was really a true look into the future.

Provide any other thoughts or insights you might have that would be helpful to share with the Task Force.
The Task Force needs to get more digital, engage with social media, create a website or official forum. It's nearly impossible to find anything from the task force. The best (only) way to find anything about what is going on is to wade into the cesspool that is the MassLive forums, pick through the racist, bigoted, hateful vitriol you find there just to pluck the nuggets of useable info the Task Force is posting there. This problem isn't isolated to you folks, of course - the entire town government needs to get more digital-friendly, but you have to start somewhere! Let us like you on Facebook (and post updates there!).
The task force should take a look at the June 30, 2000 report of the village center committee. This is much the same as what you are trying to do and is pretty comprehensive. The task force should also look at The Town of Wilbraham Open Space and Recreation Plan , 2010 Update
The tax rate needs to be less than 17% of my fixed income
The town has really nothing beyond the Boston road corridor for things to do in the evening. More could be done towards the center of town like a dining area and a small buiness area. store fronts area.
The town needs to think more about the future. Expanding natural gas water lines for example. The town needs to be more business friendly, the homeowners taxes are out of line with the services provided by the town.
The town should disband the regional school district and restore local control to our schools. We should not be held hostage by the rogue school committee.
The town wide tag sale seemed to be a wonderful success. Continuing that each year would be wonderful.
the white cedar swamp needs protection
There are multiple groups that do similar things and some have challenges getting volunteers. People don't know about all the of the civic groups in town.
There are too many of the same types of stores on Boston RD. There are also too many BOX stores on Boston RD as well, Guidelines should be set up as to improve the variety of stores and resturants that would give corporate owned and small businesses a chance to succeed.
There is too much new developement while many buildings sit vacant.
things for everyone to come together and do. things and more stuff to do. fund rasing - food fest, raffles - rest is not legible.. -
This is a wonderfully well crafted and very demanding survey. I'll now make a targeted effort to have more people complete this for you. Best of luck-would love to see the data
THIS TOWN NEEDS MUCH MORE INTEREST TO HELP SENIORS, THE SENIORS ARE NOT THE PRIORITY OF THIS TOWN.
To keep Wilbraham the nice quiet community that it is now, without over developement.
too new to area 1year
Town is in a good direction. Preserving Lands, new high school, etc. Better commercial development along Boston Road would be helpful for residents, and provide a strong tax base. But road should be widened if more traffic is anticipated. At least put in a turn lane.
Town needs more space open to use for other community groups - meeting space, shows, activities
town sports for kids are not well communicated

Provide any other thoughts or insights you might have that would be helpful to share with the Task Force.

traffic light at Gardens can not be seen at some times of the year... hard to look into the sun. need one at eye level; also need free transportation to cultural events for those who can not drive.. -

unsure

Use Agawam as a guide. They have a light mfgering park and Six Flags to keep down property taxes and provide local jobs. We have plenty of "green space" - we need jobs! Travel on vacation to the South or Midwest and you'll see what controlled growth can look like.

Use real data for analysis and assure that these surveys are properly tabulated so that decisions aren't made on erroneous assumptions of preferences.

use shorter survey limited to multiple choice. might increase participation -

We are a part of a larger community of Western MA and the State of MA and need to take advantage of opportunities provided through that relationship.

We are happy to be living in willbraham

We are new to Wilbraham, and came from a city. I like the fact that there aren't big stores and areas for unsavory opportunity. Having lived in a larger city I am quite enjoying my "small town experience". This is exactly why we moved here, to minimize the chain stores and opportunity for hangouts. I love Wilbraham and we are pleased that it is a small town that ISN'T industrialized! Obiously it has worked thus far and I look forward to this small town continuing to stay the way it is. My husband always remarks that we moved back into the 1950's, everyone is pleasant and we feel safe! We couldn't be happier to have choosen to live here and raise our son here!

We have always had a strong school system. However, we have now crowded 600 kids into the Middle School. We have teachers teaching in closets, text books that are almost 20 years old, very few related arts classes that are not academic, etc. We need to rededicate ourselves to our school system.

We have enough senior and family programming. Bad enough I will have to pay for that new High School. Do more for pet owners. We have an obesity epidemic, we need more community recreational opportunities. Less emphasis on the environment, please! I think we also need to look at the Eastern portion of Route 20 which could benefit from some development. Why can't there be a sidewalk or pedestrian access from Stoney Hill to Boston Road by the CVS?

We have such a great a town already! I really appreciate these efforts to involve community in the future vision and hope we continue to raise children that will maintain the pride in nature and history that this town seems to value.

We live on Stony Hill, not where there is a sidewalk and would love to have 1, so that my children can ride their bikes to nearby neighborhoods without riding on the main road. Possibly a bike path. Park, where family can play and take walks and enjoy the quietness of a town life.

We need more pride of place. The edges of roads are overgrown and full of trash. So many areas look strangely out of place with developments of manicured lawns linked together by roads that are messy.

We need more support services for senior who want to remain in their homes.

Provide any other thoughts or insights you might have that would be helpful to share with the Task Force.

We need to create an identity for the town-a tagline-"The suburb with the trails".Colors of the school should be used in lots of ways. We need more community-wide events that are well publicized.There should be at least one each month. We need more publicity about the good things that happen here.

We, like many Wilbraham residents, moved into town and started a family. We made most of our life long friends via our kids many activities. The Welcome Wagon was fantastic. As new empty nesters we have plenty to keep us busy but enjoy most our time outdoors walking/biking/hiking around town. These outings could be enhanced if there were "destinations" around town like stores, restaurants, cultural events that we could hike/bike/walk to.

businesses but no parking... can't The Grange be used for a Cultural Arts Center (Palmer did it) where artists can display their paintings, jewelry, pottery, whatever - and use the lot across the street for parking.... Could the town buy the places on Burt Lane and fit some parking in there... What about The Grange becoming an educational center like The Yellow House in Palmer... what are other little towns doing right? why reinvent the wheel? Just thinking, too, that it seems we have to pit the young against the old when it comes to funding (new schools vs senior center), police/fire against the schools for budget dollars... rich vs poor.... how can we instill civic mindedness - we are all in this together - we'll all get "ours" when we help each other get "theirs". Schools need to start educating at a young age the meaning of civic duty, civic mindness, civic pride (connected with the duties and obligations of belonging to a community) I think we saw a lot of that in the aftermath of the tornado and freak snowstorm, but I want to see and feel it as I drive down the road, walk down the street - when I see teenagers interacting... people don't pick up their trash and many businesses don't keep their storefronts and property clean and neat

Wilbraham already has well established, family friendly neighborhoods consisting of single family houses and a great school system which makes the Town a desireable place to live. But where do these residents go to work or for entertainment, where do they go out to eat - almost always they are leaving town. The safe and easiest method would be to do nothing, to keep the town as-is and proclaim that added business, retail, etc would only add traffic, or that adding nightlife would add crime and problems. If you dont provide residents with walkable areas of business and entertainment they will continue to leave town for these services.

work all day and return home to this oasis. I moved to town four years ago and my family has never been happier. The assumption in this survey is that Wilbraham has to change. I disagree! Wilbraham needs to keep doing what it is doing...with open space, limiting businesses from making our town too commercialized, and having housing developments take over our land. When I think of Wilbraham, the Louis Armstrong song, "What a Wonderful World," comes to mind. If people want hustle and bustle, they can travel a few short miles to crime infested Springfield, a city with years of decline, for their action. I hate to see our town become East Longmeadow, overrun with developments and business and lacking in quaint. We should never try to be all things to all people but we should strive to be the reason many people live here: to feel safe, respected, close to land, and to live in quiet. I love this town and do not wish to have it be any more developed than it already is. Hiking at Rice's Nature Preserve, enjoying outdoor concerts at Fountain Park, or savoring our international community at the Academy are all wonderful experiences for me. Let's not try to be Longmeadow or anywhere else for that matter. Let's have our own unique identity-an intergenerational town that promotes healthy,

Provide any other thoughts or insights you might have that would be helpful to share with the Task Force.
Wilbraham is a cute little town, but the majority of students growing up in it are the opposite. I don't know what else to say, really.
Wilbraham is a tremendous place to live and we are very thankful that we chose to raise our family here! The new High School project is the most important this we have done in years and really reflects on the character and values of the community. This feedback is coming from empty nesters who have put four kids through the school system.
Wilbraham is a very unique rural community. We do have access to many commercial outlets nearby in Springfield, enfield, Ludlow. But we could also be a little more self reliant locally in the center of town or even on Boston Road. Encourage diversity, we have enough Italian restaurants, pizza shops and boutique gift and chocolate stores. Let's encourage diversity as best we can. Easier said than done I know, as small businesses are tough to run. But worth pursuing.
Wilbraham needs to focus on younger generations and not be so focused / dominated by seniors - which includes making changes to the Town that older generations may not like. (such as nightlife)
WILBROTH IS A GREAT TEAM
You do a great job with fountain park concerts and harvest festival. More fair type farmers markets but incorporate education (how to spin yarn, grow a better plant)
Yours is a difficult task---the survey shows you are interested in listening to as many stakeholders as possible. That will bode well when your report is published....

If you don't live in Wilbraham, what would the town need to do that would inspire or enable you to move here?
a safe place 2 live and rise a family
Ability to walk on sidewalks (recreation, illegible?) great schools/place to find employment, even if part time
affordable housing
Attract more metal heads
balance needs for acc age groups.keep taxes low
be in England
BE LIKE HAMPDEN!
Be more city-like
be more interesting
Become more modern like Northampton
Better education program
Better quality restaurants, bars, nightlife, and activities in addition to nice housing.
build a downtown art scene like Northampton
change my wife's mind. Wilbraham is a great community
Continue to have a strong school system Maintenance of the town infrastructure
cost of housing
don't know.
EMERGENCY SHELTER
Equality for all not just the ones who own homes and are police officers and have jobs at the schools.
expand public knowledge of Wilbrhaam's public education system
For me the steps that have been taken are very good ones....new school, updated Fire House, Spec Pond area. What wouldn't make me move here is more governmental control of land use or managing the way in how I live.
Frankly if I didn't already live in Wilbraham, I'm not sure I could afford to... but that's just the way it is - people can't always get what they want, even if they work really hard... I don't understand why Wilbraham is building such high priced "downsized" homes/condos... we need comfortable, affordable (not necessarily subsidized) housing for people moving out of the big homes into smaller ones so families can move into the larger homes. What's wrong with cute affordable, ranch style units (Alvord Place in South Hadley comes to mind - maybe not that dense but similar)
Get Blacks!
Have a SAFE environment, that makes me feel the money I am spending is being put to good use without me asking
Have access to more stores. It is very difficult to get everything you need without spending a whole day shopping.
Have more regard for the economical impact of what one of the highest personal property tax rate can do to families and individuals
HOUSE PRICES ARE TO HIGH .I GET MORE BANG FOR MY DOLLAR LIVING IN A NEIGHBORING TOWN
I didn't move here 10 years ago because of Boston Road, it was a turn off.
I Do, the water and taxes are bothersome as we don't get a lot for the price we pay. Limited sidewalks, poor water pressure, narrow curvy roads
I enjoy living here very much.

If you don't live in Wilbraham, what would the town need to do that would inspire or enable you to move here?
I graduated from MRHS, and I'm a fairly successful entrepreneur now living in Arizona. I'd love to live in Wilbraham again someday, but I doubt my wife and I could afford our current lifestyle as homeowners there. If there were lofts or other high-quality modern housing in a desirable part of town that didn't require us to buy a \$539k McMansion, we could do that. Otherwise, the property taxes would kill us. Wilbraham doesn't make a place for 20-40-something professionals who don't have/want kids. That's a shame.
I have a beautiful home. A lovely property. I feel really safe. I believe in the education provided here in Wilbraham. But, I wish I had not chose to move to Wilbraham. Your Task Force needs to visit and look at cities around the country that are known for being warm and welcoming. Maybe visit the US World News 100 top small towns to live. I think you might be able to learn to be more attractive to new people. This town needs new, fresh blood to grow into the future.
I live here
I live here
I live here
I live here now.
I live here.
I live here.
I live here.
I live there.
I moved back to this town for all of the reasons noted in question 1.
I recently moved here due to the location, school system, open space, and low crime. Great things to capitalize on!
I would love to live here. We use a lot of recreational opportunities, sotres and services in town; we go to church in town
i would more here it,i didn't work here
If I were looking at relocating, I would want to compare Wilbraham to other like sized towns. Where do we stack up now and in ten years?
Increase amount of retail and service providers in Town.
jobs
Keep Wilbraham in Wilbraham, don't let outside forces and the few dictate the direction in which the town may go.
line here
live here
Live here
Live here and love it. I have only been here 13 years and love it
LOW TAXES
lower prices, integrate to American society better.
lower tax rate
lower taxer, lower home prices, free trash pick up
LOWER TAXES
lower taxes
Lower taxes
lower taxes and less expense to use the twon dump.
Lower taxes, safe neighborhood, decent schools

If you don't live in Wilbraham, what would the town need to do that would inspire or enable you to move here?
Make it more lively. Other than the schools, there's really nothing to draw people without kids here.
Make life more convenient
market rate apartment. salary doesn't allow me to live in town
More advertising for things in Wilbraham
more advertising of Area
more convenient shopping
MORE FREE STANDING CONDO TYPE HOMES
More going on in the town
More jobs
more like Northampton
More stores
More things for kids to do
More vibrant town center
My hometown. Has been for most of my life!
Not applicable. But, the primary reason we moved to Wilbraham was its excellent school system.
not much, it is fine
not really a factor for me, but safe community, semi-rural area with good services and school system would be on list if I were...
Nothing
nothing
Nothing I like it
Peacefulness
Plant more trees, bury overhead lines, develop more access to natural gas, create more hiking and biking paths, create more sidewalks, make town more accessible for bicycles, and slow or stop further housing development.
Probably peach Fest and a closer sense of community
Promote schools & small town community
add more family community offerings like Longmeadow Rec @ Greenwood
quality of schools safety
Reduces Taxes
resident already but in they profession (real estate) people feel like it's the other side of the world
school
See #11 and #13
SEWERS THROUGHOUT
TOWN TRASH PICKUP
SORRY,I LIKE LIVING IN MONSON
stay small
Stay the way it is now
Streets of energy efficient green homes with 2-3 bedrooms.
talk my wife into it; we bon't want to take our kids out of their current schools
Tax Rate
The above

If you don't live in Wilbraham, what would the town need to do that would inspire or enable you to move here?

The town needs to decide if it wants to be a retirement community, or a place young professionals can make a home for their growing, diverse families. If the town wants to grow and evolve and move forward, focus on being a community where young professionals can settle down.

too mwhite??

vibrant town center

What does the town need to do to be prepared for the next catastrophe?
\$
(1) Continue to test the 'robo' calls. (2) Notify residents of shelters in place now - before we need them.
A BETTER WAY A ALERTING PEOPLE
A central location to get and give information. The town has done a darn good job in this area.
A disaster committee with a protocol. Instead of being reactionary we should be proactive with information, shelters, and a plan. As with the Dept of Defense and Homeland Security there should be set responses to different levels of disaster.
A more cohesive emergency plan w/ plenty of shelter space 24/7
A proper emergency plan and equipped shelter space, with good coordination of health, elder, and emergency services (police, fire, ambulance). The October snow storm outage was a nightmare and I was unable to effectively procure assistance for elderly neighbors despite a full day of efforts and calls to the police. They directed me to Palmer or Monson for assistance.....this was inaccurately reported in our local news media. I understand that no one from our town has been attending state led emergency preparedness meetings...I have friends from other towns who do attend and they say that Wilbraham is never represented.
A Safety Complex would be great
A secure facility with a generator to power light and heat. I like most of my acquaintances in town were shocked to find out that the school board did not fix the generator in the high school. The school department focus was not for the safety of the children and adults in Wilbraham. A number of us have spent \$3,000 to \$7,000 for a generator.
a shelter where survivors could stay and surplus food.stay and supls food
A Volunteer Fire Dept and Volunteer town wide helpers
A warming center and more care for seniors.
A warning system that all can hear. Adequate generators to keep all town funcions fully operational.
Act Quickly and let the town know what is going on.
After tornado,improvements have been made. Advertise on a regular basis exactly what is available in emergency,for ex, if you cannot get to your home,we plan to have these facilities open if possible, the new communication system--again advertise on a regular basis,not just when the system is put in place
Agree/formulate policy about emergency sites or shelters; perhaps it's been done but I am not aware of it.
Alert system
ALLOW RESIDENTS ACCESS TO TOWN WATER FOR hygiene AND HOUSE USE
An emergency Fund
An emergency text message system linked to a local news station, or a warning siren
Ask them, I think they did a good job.
Automatic phone warning system. Food and water distribution center.
available shelter
Be on top of various scenarios of what could happen, who is in charge and their duties and COMMUNICATE to all in town. Train people ahead of time get volunteers involved, everyone knowing the shelters, routes and emergency services. Not like the last fiasco.
Became aware

What does the town need to do to be prepared for the next catastrophe?
better access to information
better communication
Better communication at neighborhood level. Utilize text communication. Create local cluster communications using experienced ham radio ops in each area with radio communications to central Town department dispatch, and create trained volunteers from each area to serve as neighbor contacts (NOT vigilantes!). Establish shelters and prioritize responses. Communicate better. Utilize and organize volunteers better.
Better communication if no power - how do we know what the town is offering if there are no signs other than in the Center! Community Outreach contacts provided to residents if there is a catastrophe, a meeting place to go to get supplies.... Planning and foresight is needed, sometimes little details mean the most!
Better communication with police/fire and neighbors as well as a center to go to for safety, food, etc.
Better communication, still need help a year after tornado-but improving.
Better communication.
Better communication.
Better communication. Very happy to see the Blackboard Connect system in place but disappointed we received no updates during Hurricane Sandy. Only test message the night before.
better communication; polic presence in neighborhoods if needed to give info
Better equip our local emergency services departments (fire/police). Those guys are always underfunded and under equipped for emergencies. More emergency shelters. It's no good to have them all on one side of town when a tornado cuts the town in half.
better generators or stand alone functioning buildings for shelter.
Better liaison with utilities get more leverage and penalize them for poor response
Better maintenance of trees overhanging wires.
Better power infrastructure! Wish we had municipal power like Westfield. Why can't we have UNDERGROUND power lines?
better response to power outtages / downed trees
Better shelter service for residents. The academy should be used as a shelter.
Better system of communication. There was no radio information. We didn't know about using Hampden Senior Center until after we got our electricity back on a week later.
Better town wide communications
better web updates
Budget, police, fire and central dispatch.
Build a large building that fun in the top and serious in the bottom.Plus keep jobs local and up to standers.
build a real fire/police station
Build up the emergency fund in town budget, simply, and KEEP it at a high level.
Bury electric lines. This may be more of an "electric company issue" rather than a "town issue" but I'm really tired of losing power every time it rains/snows/hails/blows etc
Bury more overhead lines. Expand access to natural gas. Develop a way to direct people out of town in the event of a disaster.
Centralized public safety complex

What does the town need to do to be prepared for the next catastrophe?
Civil defense groups would be great - organize neighborhoods for mutual support and communication. A dedicated phone number for getting answers during emergencies would be helpful - when we have no power, we can't get online! The church group who coordinated tornado volunteers was great - but the TOWN should do that!
Clean up the existing tree/power line belt.
clearly - any and every warning system is critical to have access to, and perhaps wisdom teaches us to be careful how much we rely on modern technology to communicate - I could not reach my family by phone or cell phone when the tornado hit, which means others could not reach them either
Combine Wilbraham and Hampden medical reserve corps. Work out details of sheltering at MRHS.
communication among the first responders, administrators, & townspeople.
Communication. Blackboard Connect should help identifying special needs locations
Communication. We lost our telephone and television services when the storm hit in October. Luckily we were not in need of the emergency shelters because we did have heat (woodstove), but we were not aware of locations until after the electricity came back on. Most of information we received was with our police scanner and over the radio. The police scanner was our best resource for obtaining status on the situation, but I did not hear very much about shelters or services being provided. Without access to the local cable channel, information was difficult to obtain. Our cell phones were losing their power, and we needed a place to recharge them. They were important, as they were our only means of communicating. We did not know where to go or who to contact to get information, and we were not going out driving on the streets with all that was going on. Had there been a local site that we could have gone to where we could have recharged equipment and talked with some other residents for a little while, we would have used it.
conduct emergency drills; create, stock, and publicize location of shelter(s), emergency alert service directed to telephones (such as the one which Agawam has)
communication between town and town residence needs to be looked at and refined with duties of town officials identified
Consult with red cross and national guard.
continue to improve communications and listen to public safety officials, work with regional neighbors
Continue with fire department/police department plans.
Continue with tech communication. Facebook, text alerts, etc. And trim more overhanging branches so they don't bring power lines down.
Continuous planning, practice, and keeping the public informed of emergency plans.
Cordinate with all departments and make a plan
Create a contingency fund through a realistic budget; this means cutting back on dscretionary spending
Create a place for shelter and communicate emergency situation.
Create and Emergency Center where people could go in case of loss of home
crystal ball
Cut down trees that lean over the main roads.
cut tree limbs over wires create better drainage home call system like Palmer has
Define catastrophe, storms? Environmental? Not sure this makes sense to me, sorry.

What does the town need to do to be prepared for the next catastrophe?
Designate an emergency shelter. Fully utilize communication systems (reverse 911, email, regular mail).
Develop a method for all town service sectors to communicate with each other and to send out emergency information to the residents.
Develop and maintain comprehensive disaster plans and have them widely communicated across organizations. Designate a shelter manager and substitutes and outline the specific plans to operate a shelter for residents who may need this service. We can't rely on outside agencies to provide this service especially when the disaster is widespread across communities.
develop redundant communication channels with citizens
Develop a town shelter. Work with Support groups. Train & staff.
different elec company
disaster awareness video
do safety courses on natural Disasters
Do we have an exit policy? Is the high school prepared to house people in such a situation ? The elderly??? A committee to look into this ???
Doing great w/ the phone system and new fire station. Thought the community did great last year!
Don't know
Dry food storage bulk.
Each person needs to prepare. Personal responsibility.
EARLY WARNING SYSTEM
educate residents that THEY need to prepare
Either cut the trees away from the utility lines or bury the utility lines.
Eliminate vulnerabilities in power grid.
EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM AND TEAMWORK
Emergency communication system
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM TO BUSINESSES RESIDENTS - email text and phone alerts
Emergency notification to its residents with process for reaching frail and home bound elders. shelters and education to community as to their locations.
emergency plan, community cooperation
Emergency preparedness plan broadcast on public access t.v.---If this occurs, you do this....if this occurs, you do that....have police and fire depts. present what present plans exist (on local access t.v.)
EMERGENCY SHELTER
Emergency shelter and Publicize it's whereabouts.
Emergency shelter location
Emergency shelter location
EMERGENCY SHELTER. That was despicable that there was NO place for our Seniors this past disaster.
Emergency warning system.
Establish designated information centers throughout town where people could get most current information - multiple locations so people can walk to them if roads are closed.
everyone have emergency things chainsaw, generator, food /drink
everyone keep preparedness kits - rest was not legible.

<p>What does the town need to do to be prepared for the next catastrophe? everything</p>
<p>Find a way for the town, residents, and emergency services to communicate when there is NO power, email, phone, etc. Maybe emergency personnel would have to go door to door to check on residents. The October 2011 snow storm was a disaster in this regard. If it hadn't been for my neighbors, I would have been completely alone and ignorant of what was going on and the availability of the emergency shelter in East Longmeadow. We also must have an emergency shelter in town (such as what is being discussed for MRHS).</p>
<p>First we need to hold an emergency preparedness drill to make sure that everyone in town is prepared in terms of being able to arrive adequately and safely to Minnechaug in case something does happen. Instead of people driving straight to Minnechaug and creating a huge traffic nightmare they would drive to the neighboring schools if they live closest to Soule Road School, Memorial School, Pines School, Stony Hill Road School, Middle School, Thornton Burgees and Green Meadows where they would be met by school busses that would transport them to Minnechaug. Also we need a continuation of government plan with shadow selectmen. We also need to have a roster of able bodied citizens living in town that can be mustered quickly to respond to situations that may occur such as flooding, storm damage and whatever else that may occur. We also need a Disaster Response Van that would be filled with generators, tools and tarps for immediate use and manned by town citizens. We need to make sure that all fire apparatus and police cruisers are fully prepared and up-to-date in terms of maintenance, equipment storage and age. If an evacuation is warranted than an emergency evacuation center would be setup at the Town Hall and staffed by trained individuals who live in town who could coordinate with Fire Headquarters, Police Headquarters, DPW and Minnechaug in terms of picking up stragglers, conducting well being checks and responding to others situations that may arise. Also we will need food, medical supplies, water, blankets, cots and other important stuff. That would need to be stored someplace in town. We also need to set up an adequate emergency coordination plan with neighboring communities in terms of sharing resources and personnel.</p>
<p>Forward thinking and well trained community</p>
<p>From what I have learned, we are ready.</p>
<p>Get a better method of communication. It currently is terrible.</p>
<p>get info out now meetings etc... I did not even have a radio in October that worked just able to get CT station</p>
<p>Get the emergency notification system up and running</p>
<p>Get the power restored ASAP Help with tree and tree debris removal</p>
<p>get to know your neighbors, work together</p>
<p>Good communication system town-wide as well as in neighborhoods.</p>
<p>Harness the network of goodwill from the last one. Stop thinking of them as individual events and string together a working network of services. One that remains vibrant and active in between unfortunate events.</p>
<p>Have emergency housing in town! Have someone in charge of emergency help who can coordinate all needed organizations. Have a phone system like Palmer has that will call all the citizens in town and keep them updated to what is going on.</p>

What does the town need to do to be prepared for the next catastrophe?
Have a better communication plan for when power is out.
Have a better system of keeping people informed of the situation
Have a central place /location that has an emergency generator where people can go to charge their phones, use computers and make coffee! Not being able to have phones sucked - maybe we could have a "town power center" at the YMCA or similar for emergencies. (instead of meeting all our neighbors at the Ludlow McDonalds),
Have a direct means of communicating with the residents; have an emergency response team that can act immediately and bring resources to bear; get some publicity and help from state and federal government. The responses in 2011 were amateurish, at best.
have a disaster plan
Have a larger emergency program
have a LOCAL shelter.
Have a plan ready and a workforce ready to start clearing the roads immediately. Improve overall town wide communication from the selectmen/police/fire to the residents. Have a Warming station ready where people can go to warm up, charge cell phones, lap top computers, maybe get something hot to drink.
have a rainy day fund in polace for emergency only
have a regular tree maintenance program to keep them trimmed and out of the way of the wires
Have a shellter that anyone can go to in case their houses not safe for them
have a shelter for everyone to go during storm if needed -
have a shelter in town
Have a shelter set up at the new Minnechaug which taxpayers paid for.
have a warnings signal
have a way to communicate or pass communication quickly
Have an adaptable town emergency services process in place--1 person in charge with extrodinary powers, equipment in place, a plan for how seniors are identified based on needs. A "PUSH" communications process from the single source of info (Town Public Info Officer-appointed at time of emergency--like the head librarian) to residents...they should never need to think they need to ask. A well managed shelter----fully aware of LIBILITY.
Have an area for people to go for emergency heat/cooling. Food etc.
Have an emergency fund able to take care of the needs of all people who live in town.
have an emergency information system in place
have an emergency shelter
Have an Emergency Shelter up and running at the High School or perhaps several throughout Town
Have available emergency power(generators)Ability to re-route traffic around road blocks
Have meetings on a regular basis to make sure the town is as ready as possible for any unexpected emergency.
have more money ready for clean up opportunities
have more programs to keep prepare.
Have one central source for info. Have robo calls. Organize volunteers
Have people leno shelter locations text updates (tv is useless for news if no power)
Have the electric companies be ready to restore power as quickly as possible

What does the town need to do to be prepared for the next catastrophe?
Have the high school ready to go Have a list of seniors who may need home visits Have a list of volunteers to call upon in the event this happens again Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers that can help with visiting homes other towns people without heat/water/lights Town should provide water, and other necessities in the event town people do not want to stay at the H.S., but instead go home.
Have the new high school have a generator that can run a significant portion of the school for housing of the elderly
Hopefully they have already implemented a plan after the last disaster, but I think looking for town volunteers to gather at a certain destination if disaster strikes might be a good start!
I don't know that you can ever really be prepared for a catastrophe. However the only situation that may help is maybe seeing some presence of firefighters or police officers town workers or officials checking in on neighborhoods and just overall patrolling the areas to be certain people are safe. Naturally the FF and Police are responding to scenes and that is most important. Maybe designate a neighborhood point of contact.
I don't know what you could do to prepare for devastation like 2011 promote places for people to meet / gather
I feel like Wilbraham's response to the catastrophe's of 2011 was excellent and while there is room for improvement in all aspects of life, I have great faith in policies already in place.
I think communication is the key and although we would like to think we can be completely prepared, that is not a possibility. I think we are in decent shape.
I think that we are as prepared as we can be, with the opening of the new Minnechaug and preparing to use it as a shelter.
I think the town is advancing with their notification system. I think we've had our fair share of catastrophes and the response time has been wonderful!!
I think there is need of a central alarm -- on the order of the old air raid alarms most especially needed during the night when people are sleeping. Along with that there needs to be a quarterly drill -- to make sure the alarm is audible and that people are aware of what it sounds like. We could make better use of the public access channel by featuring emergency preparedness seminars possibly hosted by Red Cross or FEMA staff.
I think they did pretty well considering all the disasters we experienced.
I think we can overdue this. We had a tough year no doubt, but town should not get crazy with preventive measures
I think we did a great job
I think we did a pretty good job. We are a small community, you can't expect perfection
I think we do the best we can
I think we handled the torn really well. May be we should have an alter site to hold school in case the school gets destroyed, but I think previous responsee
I think we have learned from last yr, think selectmen are doing what they can to spearhead forward planning
I thought the town did a fine job considering the circumstances.
I thought we responded well. Yes there is room for improvement but that will need to be addressed at the state and federal level. More people have to rely on their own ability, not gov.
I was very upset that the town did not have an emergency shelter after the October storm. The town must have an emergency shelter for people in case of such future emergency.
I would have said better communication, but that is already in place.

What does the town need to do to be prepared for the next catastrophe?
improve communication shelter planning
IMPROVE COMMUNICATION TO RESIDENTS
IMPROVE COMMUNICATION TO TOWN RESIDENTS HAVE EMERGENCY SHELTER
Improved communication, hopefully reverse 911 system recently put in place will help
In town task force that deploys and provides direction asap. See what was done by two Monson students as a example (Ted Talks.com)
Increase the range of its warning bell
Inform public Better that help is on the way and be patient
information to community
Iron out operation of designated shelter at new high school.
It would be great to post information on the town website (and share the information with townspeople) about the town's preparedness plan. Where do we get information during a catastrophe? What can we do to prepare? What should we have in our homes to be prepared.
Keep on doing what they are doing...it will be hard to prepare for something completely without going overboard
Keep planning n minimize political infighting, communicate clearly & regularly with the community
keep school open
Keep the gawkers away from affected areas.
keep things the same. there no avoiding natural disastors
Keep tree belt better maintained/cleared.
Leaders SHOULD DE SELECTMEN
Learn from recent mistakes. Promote MUCH MORE AWARENESS of our citizens responsibilities. And how they can utilize their neighbors resouces. In other words, what must they do as individuals, vs what will the town do for them.
learn from the past-be prepared - there seems to be planning going on
light a candle certainly an emergency centerk a network to inform everyone and to help those in need
Like most cities you need a responce ciation dept. that has plans for different cenarios and how best to handle them and get input from other sources to be a prepared town.
maintain communcation systems with state federal agencies
make citizens aware that in an emergency they should be prepared for as many possibilities as possible, since the government can not always provide for and protect them.
Make it a priority to have a functioning emergency shelter in this town! This shelter should be a place that dispenses information about the catastrophe, as well as shelter (if necessary). During the October 2011 catastrophe, it was very difficult to obtain information in this town about many things - for example whether or not fallen trees and debris would be picked up at the tree belts, among other things. This information was hard to obtain at the Town Office. But I want to compliment the first responders, especially those who rescued people in need during the storm. My neighbor would have died the night of the storm if police and firemen and an ambulance had not rescued him and taken him to the hospital. I don't know how they did that so late that night when the roads were just about impassable.
Make it known to the community where the shelters are

What does the town need to do to be prepared for the next catastrophe?
Make known the locations of emergency shelters and places to go for shelter/food/water if necessary
Make monthly mandatory military training for all that live here
make people aware that it can happen and what to do if it does
Make sure all shelters can be access by car high school has too narrow of a road for busy traffic
make sure everyone is on the same page
Make sure National Grid restores power faster. Over a week without power when you live off of Stony Hill Road is unacceptable.
Make sure you reach everyone. Neighborhood groups on every street!
MOBILE LIGHTING ONE THING THAT COMES TO MIND
Modernize the town's emergency service facilities (e.g., new police station, continued upgrade of the fire department).
MONEY
money saved up more communication to help in groups
Monson has a citizen group started by Karen King called STREET ANGELS who organized after tornado and are now a permanent functioning group to deal with future emergencies... We can do that, too!
more and better communication with its citizens
more communication; supplies for residents
more coordinated efforts - police, fire, emergency serv
more Emergency services
more information
more organized less time coconsuming emergency task force. more resources for Wilbraham residents in Wilbraham
more places to seek shelter in the event of really bad weather
More planning and preparation. Power outage in October was WAY TOO LONG.
more town employees to be able to act quickly
More training for fire and police.
More volunteers.
More warnings and more emergency backup.
More warrings
Much better details readily available on current infrastructure and necessary service contacts. (Realize they may be working on it)
Must be able to get the message out of what is going on. During the snow storm there was nothing telling people in Wilbraham what to do. My wife is getting over cancer and did not know we could go to Hampden. We would go different places to get warm. More info must get out to the people.
n/a
Natural Gas
Need a new centrally located 'Public Safety Complex', stop investing \$ in these old antiquated structures like the fire house on Boston Rd.
Need a warming center
need an emergency center; warming and hot food
Need the experts here...sounds like they are doing so. do we need to store food and supplies somewhere like with the old fall out shelters??

What does the town need to do to be prepared for the next catastrophe?
NEEDS TO HAVE AN EMERGENCY SHELTER
Neighbor to neighbor campaign to check on people, list of sites to go for food, water or heat. Contact persons for each neighborhood.
Neighborhood preparedness.
New high school shelter pet plan
new public safety complex
New senior center. A place to go when no heat, electricity, etc.
NOT GET HIT BY IT
NOt sure
Not sure
Not Sure
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
nothing - we seemed to handled it well
nothing i thought it was handled very well
Nothing things were handled nicely
Nothing. Actually I thought we did pretty darn good in 2011. Maybe
OPEN HIGH SCHOOL SHELTER EMBARRASSING TO HAVE A\$87M SCHOOL AND USE ANOTHER TOWN'S SHELTER
Open up high school and at least one church to offer warmth during day and showers and food. A way to communicate to all townspeople. Glad Fire dept. is working on that!
Open up the High School emmergency notification system to a second leg called town-wide notification that calls cells and text messages emergency messages.
Organized volunteer base and a plan. Tree trucks
People in town need to know where to find shelter (heat/water) maybe use voting.districts as a start
people know how to be safe
people need to prepare themselves for the next catastrophe
Plan for anyone displaced from home.
Plan for information and services to be available to ALL AREAS of the town. Our street off Boston Road was left out when emergency information during the week after the Oct 29 snowstorm was handed out "door to door throughout the town."
PLAN FOR TRANSPORTATION AND ROUTES
Planning, Planning and Planning. Communicate, Communicate and Communicate some more.
Please consider renovation of the Police Department! Continued practice drills and communication between all departments including school department.
power outages seem to have the biggest impact/ anything to prepare for downed lines, I guess
Power sources, places to live, food
Practice practice practice... I think the town officials and safety personnel have lived and learned from each catastrophe and I highly commend them... they figured out what worked and what didn't and then make plans accordingly. Getting the new high school set up as an emergency and/or warming shelter was critical... having a good rapport with a State and Federal legislators is crucial.

What does the town need to do to be prepared for the next catastrophe?
Pray
Pray and help each other as needed
Pray!
Preparedness (i.e. better communication and plan in place) More help to people rather than bureaucracy. Lack of federal, State, local services and insurance were illusions of words on a personal level. Volunteers delivered.
Proactive planning for the flooding and erosion that occurs here frequently due to our high water table.
Proactive tree trimming/maintenance to reduce chances of power outages.
PRUOENT PLANING
Purchase ConnectCity.
re-instate the general alarm
Require every gas station to have a electric generator, have a large reserve of fresh water, concerned putting electrical wire under ground, have a emergency what if plan and share with the community and have voluteer already in place if the plan needs to implemented.
Reverse 911. Notice to local residents when crime or accident in progress. Disaster shelter at Minnechaug.
Road Clean up
Robo phone calls if we have service
SAME AS LAST TIME
Save money.
Save more rainy day funds and open ice cream shop.
SCHOOL SHELTER
Seriously... we just had a hurricane. After last years snowstorm, I think we are good.
Set aside reserve funds and select an existing town employee to be the "point person" to coordinate disaster relied efforts through FEMA and MEMA
set up a warning system and shelters in neighborhoods where applicable, Give everyone a phamphlet / booklet about the changes.
Setup effective communication systems that take into consideration residents won't have power or internet.
Shelter
Shelter area for residents.
Shelter at new Minnechaug
signal warnings
simulate other disasters and how we would react to them
Sirens. Emergency center. Cell phone emergency number.
some type of loud siren warning system
Spread the message to help you neighbors in the time of need.
Stay out of debt and put more money in the rainy day fund.
Step in the right direction with the connectEd type of notification we recieved recently.
Stop arguing about using the HS as a shelter. Be more proactive in trimming trees.
stop excessive spending budget without depending on the 2 1/2 property tax increase each year
Storm shelter, water storage for emergency use, specific emergency action plan.
Straighten out the emergency shelter
Streamline emergency alert procedures and response?

What does the town need to do to be prepared for the next catastrophe?
Strengthen lines of communication with residents. Find a way to help residents realize they also need to be prepared before the community can reach them.
strengthen the power grid. pray.
Strong police, fire and rescue training. Better cell coverage. Living on the side of the mountain makes for poor coverage. A good quality radio station to get up to date town info.
Stronger relationship with cable company, electric provider. Hopefully, the new high school will function as an emergency shelter for all who need it.
Study the past catastrophes and learn from them. What problems were faced by "the town?" We, as ordinary citizens, actually were not inconvenienced at all. Perhaps a magnet card for the refrigerator for every household would be a good thing, listing numbers, services, websites, places of shelter, etc, that a person could reference at that time.
Table tops, drills, more specific equipment (ie) chain saws, generators. A better plan for where townspeople can go when there is no power.
Take everything as a potential threat. One designated area for the community to join in order to help each other/ ask for help.
telephone alert use of sirens
telephone emergency system...auto call
tell people not to go out and drive in it
test existing emergency plans and machines to make sure supplies are onsite and generators will start and operate.
Text messages or calls made to residents when disaster is probable
The community is well served the residents need to become more self sustaining. Government can provide leadership and direction individuals need to do more.
The new communication system is great.
The town and the YMCA did a pretty good job during the tornado and the Oct. snowstorm - using the new high school as a shelter will help. We don't need more cops or firemen for the size of this town.
The town did a good job of handling the tornado and October storm situation.
The Town is doing it by using the outbound warning system.
The town needs to provide to its community a list of emergency contacts, locations of shelters and list of supplies to have at the ready, that they can post in their home prior to the next catastrophe. The town needs to have a strong relationship with the electric company and needs to be able to provide feedback to the community to support or fill in for the electric company.
There needs to be a place where people without heat or water can go to stay warm and safe. There must be a way for people to register in advance if they are interested in this type of opportunity so that they can be checked on in an emergency. (I'm thinking primarily of elderly people).
There needs to be an alternative plan if you can't reach the high school. We need a place to shower and we should plan to keep the kids busy.
They appear to be managed.
Tornado Sirens!!!
tornado warning system.....
Town did a decent job with the last events, but decide on a town shelter for those displaced.

What does the town need to do to be prepared for the next catastrophe?
Town did a great job with the last three, just do it again.
Town did great in the last few emergencies!
Town siren system & clear plan for evacuation. town survival center-town safety center
TOWN WATER NATURAL GAS TO NOT BE TIED TO THE EAST LONGMEADOW ELECTRICAL LINE
town wide communication - webstie, phone, text
Train citizens to be self-reliant
Tree maintenance
tree trimming around power lines
Trim or remove damaged trees. Creat a simple system to show help is needed in a home. Work with the power companies. Stock our homes with water, non perishables, alternative sources of power and heat.
Trim the overhanging branches, bury electrical wires maintain trees on the tree belt
Trim the trees!
Trim trees
underground electric lines
underground electrical utilities
Underground power lines.
Update electrical lines.
Upgrade DPW equipment and manpower
Upgrade the safety complex and staff
Upgrades to the electrical infrastructure would help - putting lines underground.
Use all underground wiring to avoid power loss; form community watch groups with point person to notify officials of neighborhood issues
Use the phone/email system the schools use to announce an emergency, texting too
volunteer fire fighters, emergency preparedness plan, better DPW response with clearing public roads in all parts of Wilbraham (not just certain places).
Warming place
warning sounds and TV, Radio Notification
we are in a better position now
We have put in place a town wide alert system that works. Nothing more needs to be done.
We need a warning system, like a siren, for imminent weather threats. We also need a better communication system during and after disasters when we have a loss of power and internet. If you don't have a smart phone you are completely in the dark. Posting information on the town web site doesn't help if you don't have internet.
We the people have to be prepared. We all learned a great lesson with previous catastrophes. The town did a great job in previous castrophes. As long as elderly,sick, and young families are taken care of that is the main concern. Maybe a siren would be helpful for tornadoes....not sure.
We would need the ability to vaccinate people in a hurry or give medical treatment quickly in the case of a disease outbreak. We would need a plan to clear roads and evacuate if a chemical spill happened. The railroad, I90 and Solutia are so close to us.
Weather warning alarms
With Blackboard connect, I think Wilbraham is headed in the right direction.
Work on creating a network of underground utilities
work with the utility companies to have them all moved underground
Work with utilities to trim trees along the rights of way.

What does the town need to do to be prepared for the next catastrophe?

Write a grant to give out emergency kits. Alarm system Phone system that calls people in the event of an emergency.