

## SYNOPSIS OF INPUT RECEIVED AT MRHS ON 12/8/2013

### "I Wish This Was ..." Area –

#### Undeveloped Areas in Post Office Park

Let private sector decide (9)	Business Serv. or Wholesale (1)
Hockey Rink (9)	Friendly's Classic with replica of original storefront (1)
Senior Center (6)	Kids Park (1)
Small boutiques/dining (6)	River Walk (1)
Panera (5)	Bike paths (1)
Leave it green (5)	Sled Hill (1)
Technology Center (2)	Create a "Destination Stop" (1)
Trader Joe's (2)	
Think S. Hadley Commons (1)	

#### Former Restaurant (Boston Rd)

Tear Down (21)	Trader Joe's (3)
Restaurant (2)	Starbucks/Coffee Shop (2)
Panera (2)	Art Studio (1)
Community Theater (1)	Offices (1)
Music Venue (1)	Mixed Use (1)
Whole Foods (1)	Exercise Center (1)

#### Collins Mill (Miller St.)

Rec Center inc. Hockey (4)	Cafes/creative spac/hous
Private sector decide (4)	Drum Shop
Senior housing (4)	Entertainment District
Lofts/Aptmts/Affordable (4)	Not Agenda 21
Riverside Work/Multi Use (4)	Wilbraham Boys and Girls Club
Galleries/Technology Center (3)	

**Memorial School (Main St.)**

Senior Center/ Sr. Housing (14)

Police Station (3)

Replacement Town Hall (3)

Multi-family housing

Housing/Shops

Recreation Facility

Health/Wellness Center

Library

**Rail Line (North of Boston Rd.)**

Comm rail (Bost-Spngfld-NY) (8)

Walking/Jogging/Bike Paths (7)

Leave alone (5)

Avoid taxpayer subsidies (2)

Name 1 Passenger Rail System

Stop the train horns at night

**Rice's Fruit Store (Main St.)**

Bring it Back! (27)

Coffee shop/bakery (5)

Private Property (2)

Museum (Historical) (1)

Locally grown (1)

Green Learning Ctr (1)

No Agenda 21 (1)

**Town Hall (Springfield St.)**

Add Police Dept (13)

Leave as is (7)

Senior Cen and Move to Mem School (2)

Teen Center (2)

Open Saturday (2)

Turn Sign for readability (1)

Better landscaping (1)

Move to Old MHS grounds (1)

**Vacant Properties (Boston Rd.)**

Clean Up (8)	Sustainable growth is not people friendly
Whole Foods (8)	Costco (1)
Leave to Private sector to decide (6)	Scales and Tails (1)
Target (5)	Housing/Retail Combo
Demolish (3)	Walk-in Clinic
No more large stores/smaller business (3)	Flexible Zoning
Code Enforcement (2)	Teen Center
Trader Joe's (2)	Activity Center
Retail/ Boutique (2)	Training Center
Return to nature or recreation (2)	Green Energy Company
Sustainable growth	

**Power Line (West-Central Wilbraham)**

Bike/Walking Paths (21)	Health concerns with overhead lines (2)
Leave as is (8)	Herb gardens
ATV Trail (3)	Teen Center

**Town Center (Main St.)**

Leave it alone (17)	Improve parking (2)
More shops/restaurants (6)	Improve sidewalks on Main St (2)
Add Benches/Seats (3)	Add flowers (2)
Teen Center	Swim Park

**Vacant Gas Station (Boston Rd.)**

Leave to private sector (6)	Fruits/veggies/bakery (1)
Work with owner – clean up (9)	Kids Center (1)
Demolish (2)	Teen Center (1)
No more large stores/smaller bus. (3)	Freedom Education center (1)
Flying car refueling (1)	
Commuter Rail Station (1) (NY-Bost)	

**Things in Town I'd Change**

<b>PLACE</b>	<b>POTENTIAL USE</b>
Tornado Damage	Clean Up (4)
Empty Main St Real Estate Bldgs	Bakery, Yarn Shop, Ice Cream Shop
Unkempt houses and lots (2)	Pressure owners to clean up
Old Lighting Shop (Boston Rd)	Lg coffee shop/gallery/entertainment
Mile Tree Baseball Field	New Senior Center
Memorial School	New Town Hall
All Main Roads	Sidewalks
Fountain Park (3)	Nature education, walking
Anywhere	Public swim pool, Target, ice rink
Post Office Park	Ice rink
Boston Rd (Rt. 20)	Clean up/transform abandoned prpty.
MHS grounds	Create ice rink with Wilb./Mons. Acad.
Minnechaug High School	New signs
Memorial School (2)	Police/Senior Ctr./Sr Housing
In Town	More Sidewalks

Things in Town I'd Change (continued)

PLACE	POTENTIAL USE
New Senior Center	Need larger space
Rice Fruit Farm (2)	Reopen (1) Audubon Learning Ctr/Trails (1)

MHRS SYNOPSIS (CONTINUED) TOWN SERVICES SESSION – CHUCK PHILLIPS

# RATE YOUR TOP THREE TOWN SERVICES

**Voter Ages: Under 26 + 26- 51 + Over 51 = TOTAL**

## ADMINISTRATIVE

HELPING TO FIND INFORMATION (INC. WEBSITE)      0 + 2 + 4 = 6

EASE OF GETTING PERMITS      0 + 0 + 1 = 1

## EDUCATION

AGE 18 AND UNDER      6 + 9 + 15 = 30

ADULT      0 + 1 + 1 = 2

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ELDER/SENIORS      0 + 0 + 9 = 9

VETERANS      0 + 0 + 3 = 3

HOUSING AUTHORITY      0 + 0 + 0 = 0

## PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE/EMERGENCY      3 + 11 + 27 = 41

POLICE/EMERGENCY      3 + 12 + 22 = 37

**TOWN PROVIDED RECREATION**

**AGE 18 AND UNDER**  $1 + 4 + 4 = 9$

**ADULT**  $0 + 1 + 6 = 7$

**TOWN PROVIDED UTILITIES**

**WATER/SEWER**  $1 + 1 + 12 = 14$

**LANDFILL**  $0 + 1 + 13 = 14$

**ROADS**  $1 + 5 + 10 = 16$

# **YOUR TOP THREE NEEDED FUTURE TOWN SERVICES**

**Voter Ages: Under 26 + 26- 51 + Over 51 = TOTAL**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**HELPING TO FIND INFORMATION (INC. WEBSITE)**  $3 + 2 + 2 = 7$

**EASE OF GETTING PERMITS**  $0 + 1 + 3 = 4$

**EDUCATION**

**AGE 18 AND UNDER**  $2 + 11 + 9 = 22$

**ADULT EDUCATION**  $0 + 1 + 5 = 6$

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**ELDER/SENIORS**  $3 + 6 + 25 = 34$

**VETERANS**  $1 + 1 + 7 = 9$

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**  $0 + 1 + 6 = 7$

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**FIRE/EMERGENCY**  $0 + 4 + 13 = 17$

POLICE/EMERGENCY	$1 + 8 + 13 = 22$
<b>TOWN PROVIDED RECREATION</b>	
AGE 18 AND UNDER	$3 + 4 + 3 = 10$
ADULT	$0 + 3 + 13 = 16$
<b>TOWN PROVIDED UTILITIES</b>	
WATER/SEWER	$0 + 2 + 3 = 5$
LANDFILL	$0 + 1 + 7 = 8$
ROADS	$0 + 5 + 5 = 10$

## POTENTIAL NEW SERVICES (SPECIFY)

**NEW SENIOR CENTER (19)**

-LOCATE SENIOR CENTER NEAR TOWN CENTER (2)

**PRESERVE RURAL FEEL OF TOWN, MAINTAIN OPEN SPACES (15)**

**KEEP THE LANDFILL (12)**

**TOWN WIDE SIDEWALKS (8)**

-SIDEWALK FROM TOWN CENTER TO SCHOOLS ON STONY HILL RD (3)

-IMPROVE MAIN STREET SIDEWALKS (3)

**UNDERGROUND UTILITIES (7)**

**BROADEN SENIOR SERVICES (6)**

-AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING (1)

**INTOWN TRANSPORTATION (5)**

**ENCOURAGE GREEN ENERGY ALTERNATIVES (5)**

**MIXED-USE ZONING – COMBINE RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL (3)**

**FOCUS COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ON BOSTON ROAD (3)**

**TOWN WIDE WATER & SEWER (3)**

**TRASH SERVICE (2)**

**IMPROVE LIBRARY SERVICES FOR ALL AGES (2)**

**TEEN RECREATION CENTER**

**USE COLLINS MILL FOR RECREATION OR HOUSING**

**PROVIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION AND SHELTER**

**CREATE BIKE PATH TO LOCAL SHOPPING AND**

## **HOUSING –**

Where do you see yourself Living in Wilbraham in 10-20-30 years?

What type of housing would you want?

In My Own Home. 15

"in my own home with ability to walk to places in town"

"Nice single family house" 3

"single family home with w/c accessible 36 inch door"

"single family home, nice clean neighborhood"

"own home (hopefully)"

"my own home if health allows" 2

"the same house"

"My own single family home-age 69 now. May need public transportation to get around, walk ability to services and businesses would be nice"

"my "own"home" :-)"

"Historic Colonial"

"10 years -same place ,20 years -? , 30 years -?"

"In my own home as long as possible, then in senior housing if I could afford it"

" 20 years one floor condo". 2

"1 floor condo" 3

"Affordable condo for seniors" 2

"maybe a condo"

Senior housing 3. "Beautiful", "wooded"

"Mixed use, like South Hadley" 1

"Dead X 2 Ditto". 2

**NOTES FROM HANDWRITTEN QUESTIONNAIRES – DESIGN CHARETTE STATION – :**

**If you could change or improve one thing in Wilbraham, what would it be?**

- More public space
- Splash park
- Restaurant with outdoor space for recreation / casual drinking and dining (2)
- Add smart growth and \_\_\_\_\_ (*not legible*)
- Modestly priced senior housing
- Develop waterway between Wilbraham and Ludlow
- Addressing high speed internet is critical in collaboration with the schools
- More chain restaurants and retail stores to the Boston Rd. area
- Shops and hockey rink at post office park
- More nature trails
- Pubs and outdoor bars
- Run Fountain park concerts for a longer time period
- Tighten up zoning laws to prevent overparking in driveways and have less businesses visible in residential areas
- Better care for fences
- Improve traffic flow on Stony Hill Road
- More conservation land
- Sidewalks on Springfield Street from 16 Acres to Town Center
- Sidewalks and Mass Transportation
- Sidewalks
- Trolley system
- Senior Center
- Emphasis on a 10 year plan to reforest areas lost to tornado
- An area of town to be able to walk from home to grocery, retail, restaurants, etc
- Pave Daniele Drive
- Put in a teen center

**What area of town needs the most work or reconsideration?**

- Spec park open longer for swimming
- "Center" should have more to make it feel like a center – Boston Rd. feels like the center
- Boston Road is underdeveloped and unappealing
- Boston Road (3)
- Main St. shops and infrastructure to keep residents in town

- Don't want to see the town deteriorate into what Springfield now is – should be more like Longmeadow
- Future development of wooded parcels
- Sidewalks
- Senior center
- Town Hall – or new building
- Teenager activities (middle school age)
- The trend to expand government and take land from private property owners
- Roads

**What area of town do you feel functions perfectly that you wouldn't change?**

- Post office shops
- Spec development is heading in the right direction
- Town Center (4)
- Library
- Residential neighborhoods (2)
- Volunteers and committees
- Emergency, Fire and Police – they do a great job
- Most of it

**If you had \$50,000,000 to build anything what would you build?**

- Revamp the mills with a boardwalk
- Utilize the riverfront more it's beautiful but we don't access it.
- Police station
- Senior center (5)           *(Collaborate with Hampden / At Post Office Park / At Miletree Baseball Fields)*
- Ice skating rink
- Bike trails (2)
- High school fields
- Hiking trails
- Train Station
- ATV riding
- Farm stands
- Target store
- Public pool
- Dog park
- Fix roads
- Create an entertainment district
- Buy tow trucks and tow away cars that overpark in driveways (more than 4)
- Senior housing
- Idea of small shops replacing strip mall atmosphere at old Whyte Buildings and incorporating walking trails in that area
- Teen Center
- I am opposed to grants, I think people who pay for their own local needs are what we want

**What forms of recreation, leisure or entertainment do you enjoy that are not currently offered in town and where would you propose they be added?**

- Dining facility that caters to children (adults eat and kids play close by)
- Open outdoor casual dining
- "Tanglewood" type of venue – but not at fountain park
- Drive to Northampton to go to Iron Horse, would like to see something similar to that in Wilbraham
- Leave town for dinner and ice cream
- Restaurant on Main St. to go along with the village store
- Movies
- Parks
- Hockey rink
- Theater
- Hiking
- Biking (2)
- This is a question for business owners, it is not the governments job to provide leisure or recreation to residents; obviously what makes money is wanted

**What do you feel is the identity of the Town? Do you feel this identity is represented in the built environment? What would you do to enhance the Town's identity?**

- History (2)
- Beautiful buildings
- Get people outside more without cars
- White middleclass suburb
- Rural suburb
- Nice, quiet community next to Spfld, which is represented throughout town, I would not change a lot
- Bedroom community of older families
- Outsiders say rich people live here
- Large housing lots
- Wooded areas
- Privacy
- Open space
- Wilbraham is a residential community and should remain that way in the future; drive around and take a look and keep new homes in the character we currently have.
- Village
- Friendlys
- Quiet