

Demographic Data

Response Summary

187 Responses

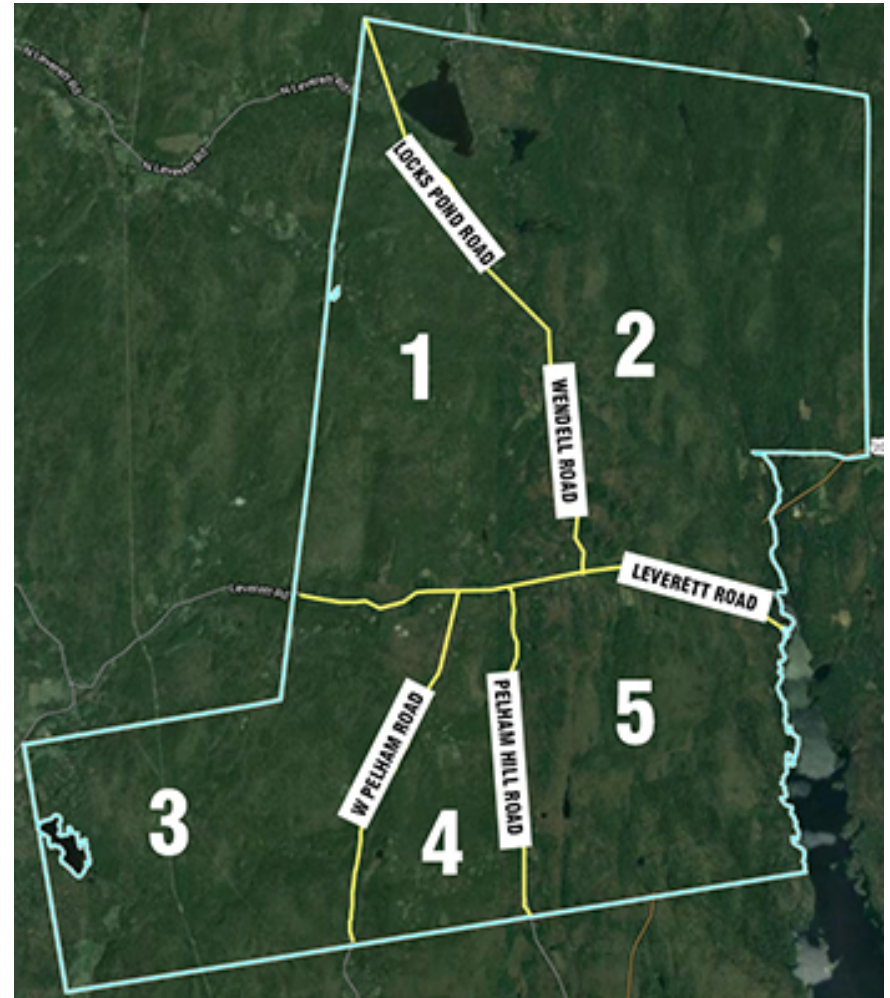
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Gender	Total	Percent
Female	96	51%
Male	77	41%
Prefer Not to Say	14	7%

Age	Total	Percent
Under 18	0	0%
18 to 29	7	4%
30 to 39	15	8%
40 to 49	25	13%
50 to 59	53	28%
60 or older	75	40%
Prefer not to say	10	5%
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Household Size	Total	Percent
1	19	10%
2	75	40%
3	43	23%
4 or more	48	26%
Blank	2	1%



Zone	Total	Percent
1	43	23%
2	41	22%
3	35	19%
4	37	20%
5	23	12%
Blank	0	0%

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RespondentID	StartDate	Using the map, indicate which zone you reside in.	Which best describes your gender?	Which best describes your age?	How many people live in your household? (Yourself included.)
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ID	What do you value most about Shutesbury?
6014371272	It's setting in nature, but with culture all around. Shutesbury Farmers Market Cooler temperatures
6014371351	The elementary school, the Spear Library, progressive folks
6014442413	woods; quiet; negligible traffic;
6015335984	The beauty of the woods
6015340715	Rural environment.
6015342900	Beauty
6015343983	Open spaces, low population, clean water, clean air, access to outdoor activities.
6015345520	It's quiet
6015346103	The rural setting, woods, streams. The quiet at night, the safety for children, the small local school, the community spirit and volunteer government.
6015358292	The school, generally safe neighborhoods, accessibility to outdoor activities.
6015370715	Shutesbury has a down to earth, simple feel. The small old library. Reuse of old buildings.
6015371296	how much potential there is how beautiful it is
6015376405	The Forest that your letting DCR and Cows destroy.
6015378146	Beauty, wildlife, woods, peaceful walks and paddles.
6015386586	It's rural nature and strong community feel.
6015386702	Peace and quiet
6015425957	Quiet, peaceful, safe town to live. Close to Amherst. Nature and wildlife.
6015446205	wildlife, quiet, stars, walking trails
6015446683	It's school, library, small town feel
6015455358	Quiet, trees, hiking trails, wildlife, ponds, kind neighbors
6015541270	I value the quiet and peacefulness that up in the hills of Shutesbury provides.
6015546560	I value knowing many folks in town. I value the local character. I value the progressive character of the town and that we want to work together towards common goals. I value the AC and what it represents as a community resource. I like Celebrate Shutesbury. When my kids were in school, I very much valued that I could walk into the school, know most of the teachers and many of the kids. I valued that the teachers took a deep interest in each of my kids.
6015611443	The small, friendly community...neighbors care about each other and help each other out.
6015616979	environmental beauty,privacy and low crime
6015628002	Rural life

6015677116	The quiet and privacy and interesting people.
6015679080	peace & quiet, early morning walks/runs down dirt roads, wildflowers along the roadside, wildlife, stone walls & foundations
6015731752	The value placed on open space, woodlands, and the environment.
6015734206	Friendly people, beautiful environment
6015766186	Out in the country', rural setting. Sense of community.
6015911172	the elementary school! access to the outdoors sense of neighborhood/community
6015911471	Lake Wyola, natural beauty, the elementary school,
6015914115	The beauty and the people.
6015924554	Open space, rural, scenic
6015926728	The elementary school, the library, being in a rural community but close to Amherst.
6015937714	the people, their concerns and values and ways of approaching life reflect my most dearly held ways - I feel close to my neighbors
6015962350	good neighbors, quiet places, the library, the way that people pitch in when it counts, dirt roads, Celebrate Shutesbury, the school, the lake, the flora and fauna, the liveliness of the AC these days.
6016013391	natural beauty, cool neighbors, safe community, very good elementary school, great tiny library with a phenomenal librarian, waving at folks who go by whether I know them or not, wildlife, nice community events
6016073070	By far, I value the elementary school and the community of people I've met in town.
6016096983	I value the people in the community. I value the school and the school culture that has been created, and I also value the library and everything the library brings to the community.
6016157848	That it is not Amherst
6016171658	the school and Lake Wyola
6016178920	Small town atmosphere; beautiful setting; friendly neighbors.
6016192057	Rural small town character I know my neighbors Outdoor activities within town and nearby Lack of crime Quiet
6016384078	The people, the water and the trees.
6016510007	The people and the natural setting are both very important to me. Probably I would put the people first. When I hear a friend talk about life in Hadley, I know I wouldn't be happy in Shutesbury if it were dominated by people with different vales and attitudes. So: the (human) community.
6016625874	quiet country living
6016655344	peace and quiet; the overall political views of the towns people; no significant commercial businesses.
6016672291	The people, our school, Lake Wyola, and the amazing trails!
6017378201	Peace and quiet. Dark nights. Privacy.

6017461644	Woods, streams, and natural beauty in general. Friendly, politically and community active people.
6017555344	Wilderness Quiet Simplistic lifestyle Rural Low environmental impact
6017675272	Privacy, Wildlife
6017698974	The library, the woods, the elementary school, moose, coyotes, bobcats, proximity to Quabbin, high voter town out
6017940097	Space, open or forest. Nature. No light pollution. Quiet.
6018398300	Rural, Sense of Community, Access to outdoors (especially trails) both in Shutesbury and neighboring towns, Shutesbury Athletic Club (especially the community side of it, such as the Friday night dinners). Lake Wyola, Accessory Apartment both attached and detached zoning rules (I do not have one, but like to know that I can).
6019627836	Close knit community.
6021044454	Quiet, rural living in the woods, near Quabbin and near cultural activities in nearby towns.
6022435652	Direct democracy through town meeting. Small size of the town. Privacy. Tradition of self-reliance. The number of skilled volunteers ready to work on town projects. The town's historic buildings: MN Spear Library, Old Town Hall etc. Being close to Amherst with all its amenities. Good water and air.
6022854291	The dirt roads, the woods, nature, quiet, the elementary school.
6022860000	the nature, the open spaces and wilderness
6023370361	open space & lake wyola
6023371355	The people. The beauty of the land. The progressive level of awareness.
6023387453	rural
6023403612	The school, library, athletic club, and the lake.
6023413653	The people, the friendliness. The woods, the lake.
6023414305	The quiet of the area.
6023424526	the clean water and air, the rugged people with great values, the streams, hearthstones, walking trails,etc.
6023435723	Beautiful surroundings, nature, calm, friendly neighbors, good school
6023507101	Living in the middle of the woods and the ruralcharacter of the town.
6023511126	Good school, natural setting, lake wyola, quiet, good neighbors
6023530326	Rural people who have energy and are active at all ages.
6023579715	Rural, quiet, close to nature, space, can see the sky and stars, people are friendly and try to work together.
6023587202	The open clean space and fresh air. i love the trees, the wildlife, the fact there are no stores or lights or loud music, or loud neighbors. It is a peaceful sanctuary of sorts, but taxes are much, much too high.

6023658571	Rural characteristics - surrounded by woods and fields for privacy and enjoyment. The neighbors and community in general is great - very welcoming and supportive. I love many of the things that inherently come with small town living.
6023779889	People care about each other and look out for each other
6023936239	It's residents and location
6023974209	The quiet. The sense of being on sacred lands of the Native American peoples. The innovative, creative, good-natured spirit of so many other residents who are open to generating new possibilities and new ways of doing things in "the commons" (civic life). The active resources and community life offered through the library and the Shutesbury Athletic Club. The non-profits of Temenos and Sirius offering so much. Lake Wyola State Park and the kayak program through the library! I like the little Town Center with a post office and friendly/accessible Town government staff. I like all the trails for walking and skiing.
6023983321	It is safe from violent crime
6023987368	Woods and Library
6024007668	The rural, peaceful environment
6024008952	School, library and its events, quiet, beauty
6024020250	Small town, rural setting, community-based, volunteer driven
6024132266	Forested quiet clean air, clean water, people who care about the town, the land and each other
6024145109	rural character
6024159821	It's quiet, the town takes great care of our dirt road, the school system is great
6024170965	Friends and Trees
6024327617	Clean air and water. Responsible managing of forests. Generous landowners that allow hiking, biking, dog walking, etc. Well kept roads. Excellent schools.
6024331683	Privacy. Quiet
6024334871	Privacy, natural surroundings
6024351524	The real sense of community and that there are so many people willing to volunteer their time to bring that community together.
6025102337	Progressive community and rural environment where we protect open spaces. And, of course, Lake Wyola.
6025250794	The community atmosphere, particularly at the school, and the library.
6025265566	The small town, liberal, friendly nature; the quiet; the open space; the helpful community.
6026527427	Affordability and the setting.
6026649782	-sparsely populated
6027064624	The small town feel , the elderly in town that have been here for many many years , the peace and quiet , the efforts of the police and fire department , the spirit of volunteering .

6027361822	Rural beauty
6027367834	Nature, spirit of volunteerism
6027379464	community of people
6027387611	It's rural character, access to trails, water for boating, swimming and fishing and its forests. As someone whose children are grown but attended SES, I appreciate that there are community gathering places such as the school, library and Shutesbury Athletic Club.
6027397465	The rural atmosphere.
6027398321	Unspoiled natural setting, small elementary school, Lake Wyola, many hiking trails, I admire all the offerings the library manages to provide given its size constraints, roads are well-plowed.
6027422694	Rural/quiet - small community -- outdoor/nature oriented - dedicated people who serve the town
6027423598	The peaceful, quiet country life and friendly neighbors are about equally valuable to my mind.
6027430923	All the open places.
6027439033	It is rural and wooded where we live...quiet
6027447043	Rural feel Space between houses Welcoming community Trees
6027447247	Rural location but close to amherst, Northampton and major roads. Idyllic settings without intrusion. Wooded areas with walking trails.
6027448237	Community
6027481947	The people I know, most of whom are involved with the town.
6027514481	Small town feel
6027517223	Small town living with proximity to 5 college area
6027525716	NOTHING
6027528033	Small community & feel
6027550653	Community. Outdoor recreation. Lake Wyola. Rural. Value education. Great volunteers who run town and paid personnel.
6027606155	Access to outdoors, limited development, library open daily, small school district
6027621006	It's got a bit of everything that makes this area special: a friendly little lake, a friendly little library, a friendly little school, a friendly little post office, the hills and woods I can't do without, artists, Magyvers, intellectuals, woodsmen and woodswomen, and of course the one guy who makes it easy to loathe him. (Every town needs at least one, apparently.) Personalities abound, and there's room for everyone. I love it. The air smells fantastic and the landscape is enchanting. Also, the deer and the bald eagles that occasionally visit, the martin that twinkles up at us in the shoulder seasons, the fearless and charming little critters that make our home feel like a vacation. Far enough away from the Valley crush that the wildlife actually does come out to play.
6027630849	The woods, small town, knowing my neighbors, the AC, town hall and the volunteers who do so much for the town Lake Wyola is a huge resource for our town

6027662350	it is not Amherst
6027906492	It's a good place to raise a family
6027922209	Small town, rural New England at its finest
6027975788	it used to be how few people live here but the pop. has gotten quite large for my taste
6028251195	Natural beauty, natural resources and community
6028929046	small nurturing elementary school, small community, outdoor space.
6028973470	small rural character; sense that it was a welcoming, progressive town (changing unfortunately); willingness to invest in community ie strong school funding with flexible curriculum and strong support for teachers.
6029004397	The natural world
6029266140	The friendly people. Dirt roads. The library. Open space. Sparse population.
6032243321	The beauty, the woods, the caring attitude of many people I've met, the commitment of town leaders, like the library director and some town hall staff, to working for the community.
6032745916	Rural setting, privacy
6032795716	Privacy; forested landscape; logging & rural roads for walking, snowshoeing, biking.
6033892724	small town living

ID	What is your least favorite thing about Shutesbury?
6014371272	Property tax burden.
6014371351	That the library is too small.
6014442413	animosity; contentious public environment; nimby;
6015335984	That there could be a solar farm off Pratt Corner Road to profit Cows, and out of state developers, taking down 20-30 acres of cooling forest for a fake green project, which will not provide solar electricity to Shutesbury.
6015340715	Inefficiencies of town government and lack of accountability for paid staff and dept heads.
6015342900	Taxes No internet
6015343983	People rushing to make long-lasting changes without respecting wishes of others, pushing schemes in which they have a personal interest, racism, hypocrisy.
6015345520	Speed limit in s curves just about the same as near downtown Amherst
6015346103	No public transportation. We have to drive everywhere. Not enough volunteers, especially younger volunteers.
6015358292	No sidewalks, Few in town speaking for the "presumed" majority without actually knowing what the majority wants. The mindset that often happens regarding speaking louder and louder about an issue will somehow make it more supported, and anyone that is against your stance is wrong. No corner or country store/café/general store to grab the basics
6015370715	The high property taxes.
6015371296	lack of internet, lack of businesses, lack of housing options, unreasonable people
6015376405	That we have a defacto mayor in the form of a Town Administrator, that I never voted for.
6015378146	No cell phone service and rotten WiFi connection.
6015386586	No broadband/good communication options.
6015386702	No store
6015425957	Highest Tax rate in the State for marginal services. Lack of technology.
6015446205	no broadband, cell service, taxes
6015446683	no high speed internet.
6015455358	The forests and the land
6015541270	Lack of high speed internet. No gathering and meeting place like a larger meeting center and library.
6015546560	I dislike that since we are so small, differences can get personal. I dislike the lack of internet!!
6015611443	No local store or cafe...so you have to drive everywhere.
6015616979	lacks a modern library
6015628002	Tax rate

6015677116	Over zealous citizens who don't respect other people's opinions that are different from their own.
6015679080	ATVs, snowmobiles on private property and land they don't belong on
6015731752	We don't have enough business. We don't have broadband.
6015734206	Real estate tax too,too high No services, internet, cable, cell phone, poor maintenance of Wendell Rd, Mail can't be delivered to my house, trash has to be driven to collection point 6 months out of the year, there is a part of Shutesbury population that supports all the bells and whistles, fix infrastructure first
6015766186	Poorly maintained homes and properties
6015911172	lack of INTERNET!!!!!!!
6015911471	Lack of political transparency
6015914115	The divisiveness that has increased over the past 10 years, also the lack of a central community space where people can meet by chance or intent. Horrible dsl.
6015924554	the highest taxes in the Pioneer Valley. No cell coverage. No broadband. the current library building
6015926728	Lack of broadband internet.
6015937714	how shabby it looks in the main center how their does not seem to be a motivated collective force of folks driving us into the future
6015962350	not having a library building with more functionality, crazy high property taxes, no place to get milk and eggs
6016013391	pot holes in the dirt roads, no nice community room- the one in the town hall is effective, but not warm and friendly
6016073070	The strength and weakness of the town is that it's very spread out--I know this can't be changed of course. However, my area of Shutesbury is closer to the town centers of Amherst and Leverett, so I rarely pass through the center of Shutesbury. Also, I really don't like the infighting and I really, really wish there were sidewalks near the center of town. It is definitely not pedestrian friendly.
6016096983	The lack of high speed internet.
6016157848	How much it costs to live here
6016171658	No cell service or wifi.
6016178920	Rancorous nature of political discussion.
6016192057	Animosity between factions - solar project for example should be allowed - town did a lot to accommodate residents but some cannot accept compromise Stunt plane use of airspace overhead
6016384078	The melodrama, perhaps a glitch in our own innate human nature that tends to separate us as community ~we all really want many of the same core things, it all boils down for me to health and happiness ~indeed, wellbeing. So let's laugh a little more, appreciate what great FREEDOM we still have and oppressing ourselves and each other with all the petty nonsense.
6016510007	The conflict we have experienced between groups. I was here for the new library debacle, but I understand such conflicts are not new. Perhaps to some extent they are unavoidable. People are sometimes very unkind to one another.

6016625874	politics and people who drive too fast
6016655344	real estate taxes; distance to Amherst
6016672291	Taxes, taxes, taxes and lack of high speed Internet.
6017378201	High property taxes.
6017461644	High property taxes. Lack of high speed internet (broadband).
6017555344	High taxes!!!! Lacks dialogue or conversation, people revert to fighting with one another. Increased development Lacks utilization of current resources And did I say High Taxes!!!!
6017675272	No Diner or Small Deli (AC doesn't count)
6017698974	Unwelcoming of newcomers, lack of appreciation for the work of volunteers by townspeople which makes new people reluctant to volunteer because their work will just be criticized, anti-solar activists, increasing lack of social responsibility
6017940097	High taxes. Fighting over stupid issues like solar.
6018398300	LACK OF BROADBAND!!!!!!
6019627836	Small town gossip & divisive behavior.
6021044454	Lack of connection with neighbors and strong sense of community.
6022435652	High property taxes. A too big police department. An unquestioning belief in growth - of population, in the budget. The incivility of some town employees towards residents whom they dislike on ideological grounds.
6022854291	A lack of a central meeting place and lack of a vibrant downtown.
6022860000	not diverse, not a lot of community outside of school
6023370361	high taxes
6023371355	Conservative, Republican viewpoints. The housing laws regarding how houses need to conform to laws that have nothing to do with safety, but more to do with property values. What happened around the library. The mold in Town Hall and the refusal to deal with it to make a truly safe space for all seniors to gather.
6023387453	rural
6023403612	Lack of broadband.
6023404838	No wifi, no decent gathering place besides the AC...,
6023413653	The road clearing in winter. Would love to see more money go towards plowing ,
6023414305	The fact that no one can seem to agree on anything. People in this town are very closed minded and think that their beliefs and opinions are the only ones that matter. Not to mention some very noisy neighbors.

6023424526	I have been an older, female,organic farmer in Shutesbury for over 20 years. I find the high taxes almost enough to leave town. I feel anyone making this kind of sacrifice with income etc. should be encouraged to keep farming, sought out and supported for the expertise and contribution they are making. Many people from Shutesbury, the colleges have come here to learn goat keeping and ecological gardening over the years. Goat walks were very popular and once we were on the garden tour route.
6023435723	No internet, high taxes.
6023507101	The taxes and no internet
6023511126	Long drives to town, no new library, no high speed internet, high taxes, losing power regularly
6023530326	Distance to shops.
6023578307	No cell phone tower No internet coverage except satellite
6023579715	Distance from everything I do when I'm not home- work, errands, appointments, stores, restaurants.
6023587202	The way some administrators behave rudely towards you--like LAS telling a handicapped friend to move her seat after she had already sat down at a meeting in town hall. This was rude and unacceptable! For goodness sakes the woman is handicapped and yet made to get up and move because of an imagined fragrance intolerance on the part of the stenographer--and my friend was wearing no fragrance this particular evening! Also the librarian crew has to get a grip--it's director is loud, mean, and associates much too much on a friendly basis with the patrons. Patrons are not visiting her kitchen for a cup of tea--although, often, when one is in the library this is how you are left feeling(like you are in the librarian's kitchen--and she is gossiping over a cup of tea!)
6023658571	Accessiblity to the internet and crappy phone service. Old and worn out library.
6023779889	Infighting - library, solar farm, regionalization. It's a shame as there are so many wonderful people here
6023936239	Distance to stores
6023974209	For me as a single, older woman, a sense of neighborhood is missing. So--the predominance of the model of nuclear family housing, without a diversity of housing options available, such as cluster-style housing that can create more of a sense of organic connection between people. Generally, the lack of more affordable housing situations. Also, the lack of any public transportation, such that one's car is the only option. And, the lack of emotionally and socially intelligent civic infrastructure (the low standards) for processing town-wide issues and decisions; ie.,ground guidelines for fully respectful communication in every meeting in the public space.
6023983321	No modern services.... cell reception or internet
6023987368	Lack of general store for cup ☹️ or quick snack. No comfortable place to gather for movie, community events. Library way too small.
6024007668	High taxes and dirt road maintenance
6024008952	Contentious responses to town concerns
6024020250	The need to drive to get to any other place.
6024132266	No pleasant community space that is open to all with ease.

6024145109	turning into suburbia and the traffic headed to lake wyola
6024159821	At this moment the break-ins over the summer are still lingering in my mind, I would say that is the least favorite thing is feeling a bit more uneasy.
6024170965	High Taxes
6024327617	Parking at library. Town hall building problems....water, mold Internet access!
6024331683	There are businesses popping up in residential areas creating noise, traffic, and air quality issues. Government turns a blind eye to the zoning such as the mess in the center of town and unregistered vehicles allowed to be in peoples yard. Secondly, the internet concerns continue to be on going. Maybe starting over? Following Leverett's model? Not sure but we need to do something different. The control individuals have to push their agendas. (For instance Michael DiChaira with the solar project and Karen Traub with the library survey and process.) It's not a small town anymore. Traffic has increased in speed and amount.
6024334871	Increasing suburbanization.
6024351524	The continued and relentless increase of our tax bill. Between the valuation of our home (house & land) and the tax rate, we are getting to a place where we need to consider whether we can continue to afford living in town.
6025102337	High property taxes. In fact, I may have to leave Shutesbury when I need to retire because I will not be able to afford the taxes to keep my home. Also, I have been very concerned about gentrification in Shutesbury, as more people who seem to want an Amherst lifestyle move up the hill to join Shutesbury, and then push for expensive projects (like the million dollar library), requiring even higher property taxes. I fear that we will lose our diversity if high property taxes force everyone out except upper middle class folks. Finally, lack of high speed internet is a big deficit -- I'm glad we are pushing forward with that effort.
6025250794	Infrastructure issues, especially the lack of reliable internet and phone.
6025265566	Limitations caused by remote location - having to rely on Amherst resources, not having town resources, like a fully functioning library, weak or non-existent internet. Also, why do town residents have to pay to use our own pond, Lake Wyola, like we were from Chicopee or something? And do we get any money back from DCR for it?
6026527427	Lack of cafe/market that could serve as a gathering place for casual meet-ups or events.
6026649782	-Town Meeting form of government
6027064624	The smugness and intolerance of the ultraliberal point of view .
6027361822	Lack of Internet
6027367834	No comfortable place to gather as a community.
6027379464	no broadband, people complaining about the taxes
6027387611	No broadband.
6027397465	Too many regulations on specific issues in reaction to concerns of a few.

6027398321	1. Having to use town garbage bags: inconvenient and bad for the planet because I end up having to put several kitchen garbage bags into the bigger sized town bag. 2. Dogs being allowed to be unleashed in public hiking trails. I use trails near Atkins Reservoir, this is a significant nuisance. 3. No Comcast cable TV and no high-speed internet. 4. Woodsmoke in the air. 5. Once your child is out of elementary school, there is no sense of community, no place to see neighbors.
6027422694	Small number of people tend to dominate conversations and complain without doing their part to serve. Terms like "the town should" ; lack of true appreciation for town volunteers
6027423598	Contentious politics and winter travel are equally problematic.
6027430923	No shops.
6027439033	Library is tiny
6027447043	need for driving to get anything Speed boats on lake
6027447247	Lack of high speed internet
6027448237	Lack of gathering place
6027481947	Difficult to establish relationships. Not enough incentives for people to want to get out . The library is a gift under Ms. Antonellis but it doesn't seem to sufficient. The same is true for the vigorous efforts of the SAC. Maybe that is why some people live here - to stay in their nest.
6027514481	High taxes, no technology
6027517223	Real estate taxes are very high
6027525716	TAXES TO HIGH
6027528033	Technology
6027550653	Devisiveness. No high speed. Taxes.
6027606155	Lack of high speed internet, high taxes
6027621006	The property tax rate is kind of crazy, for a sweet rural village with no internet, no stores, some dirt roads, and no big projects to sustain. There's a hint of insular entitlement in the way things happen, that doesn't quite do justice to either the level of education you normally find around here, nor the level of generosity that people show face-to-face. I sometimes want to say, "This isn't Little Amherst. This is Shutesbury. Not the same thing." It doesn't seem entirely conscious, so it's hard to handle constructively.
6027630849	The division that appeared when we were trying to build a library. I still grieve that we walked away from a two million dollar grant that could have created a physical space to build and help our sense of community thrive. I see this same animosity as a solar array is being proposed (and hopefully built) in our town. The nasty things said by people toward our town officials. "Next Door Shutesbury" is seen by many as extremely valuable, and a way to reach out to each other. I stopped subscribing because I couldn't stand the vitriol expressed by members. I cancelled my subscription to the site because of the angry, awful discussions that were being spewed around the solar project. Sad to me. The drive distance to get groceries, etc. Public transportation would really help, but not sure how practical it would be.

6027662350	That the visioning process was completed 10 years ago by one man. His thumbprint is squashing shutesbury landowners and homeowners who want to either develop or increase the size of homes. His cul de sac is the last one to ever be built in shutesbury. He got his and now no one else can do the same. So why bother!!!!!!
6027906492	Some of the politically conservative a-holes
6027922209	Lack of modern infrastructure (cable TV, cell phone service, etc)
6027975788	high taxes
6028251195	access to services
6028929046	Lack of high speed internet, tiny library.
6028973470	Increasing emphasis by small group of residents to halt investment in town infrastructure with strongly voiced anti-tax sentiment that does not represent the majority or the need of the town; angry response to civic discussion and vilification of some residents/officials. Desire to keep things "as they were" rather than look at creative solutions to future. Needs of seniors or long-term residents do not trump needs of all residents - a respectful balance needs to be acknowledged.
6029004397	The divisiveness between different people
6032243321	Lack of community gathering spaces. As a newer resident, it's hard to figure out a way to be part of a community.
6032745916	Increase pressure to "grow", develop.
6032795716	Lack of access to broadband internet. Difficulty in meeting other families in town.
6033892724	taxies, way to high

ID	What would you change about Shutesbury?
6014371272	Property tax burden.
6014371351	I would build a bigger library! I would add more art and music to the elementary and middle and high school curriculum. I would allow the solar project on Pratt Corner Road to be built.
6014442413	i don't know how to change animosity or contentious environment or nimby.
6015335984	Be nice to have a bigger library/community center
6015340715	More openness and communication from town officials; better vetting and coordination of projects, esp. highway dept and police. Train or find an effective town administrator, one who can find and facilitate grant and other funding sources for programs and projects. Change zoning to bring in clean businesses to augment the tax base. Stop automatically adding 2.5% to our taxes every year.
6015342900	Get high speed internet
6015343983	Increase respect for what Shutesbury already has and is disappearing elsewhere, reduce racism, selfism and self-convenient hypocrisy.
6015345520	Give the hardworking librarian a better space to do her good work
6015346103	Not much. It's a great place to live. Public transportation to Amherst and perhaps Greenfield would be great and would reduce Shutesbury's carbon footprint. Retirement housing would be wonderful for older people who would like to stay in town but can't stay in the houses they live in now. A larger library with community meeting space would help bring people together, I think. Not to mention fiber-optic broadband for all!
6015370715	I like Shutesbury the way it is -and the way it was 20 plus years ago when I moved here.
6015371296	have services in town like gas station, general store, lower taxes divisive people, vocal on every issue hopefully we will get internet and attract more affordable and diverse housing options for seniors and first time home buyers and folks who want to rent.
6015376405	I'd fire all boards, selectman and the TA and start over from scratch.
6015378146	What happened to the promised Wired West solution? When?!? Also, we could use a better communication system for medical alerts and emergencies. This is important for our aging town population. More people investing in photovoltaic and solar hot water systems. Perhaps, given our propensity for power outages, a large-group effort to acquire Tesla power walls or the equivalent at discount prices.
6015386586	It's broadband/communication options.
6015386702	Get a store, fix roads
6015425957	Promote a high speed internet solution. Encourage more residential housing. Look for new revenue streams like solar on municipal land.
6015446205	relax housing restrictions, attract families, promote revenue beyond real estate taxes
6015446683	develop high speed internet, build a larger library
6015455358	Equal access to high speed internet
6015541270	Add a larger library and meeting centers in the center of town. Access to higher speed internet.

6015546560	Broadband internet!! Build a respectable library, befitting our townspeople.
6015611443	We need high speed internet! I'd love to see a little more local commerce in the town center. It would be great if we had something like the Leverett Coop...a place to get groceries, have a coffee, a space to gather, maybe a performance space.
6015616979	build a modern library
6015628002	Give up some larger city amenities (trash pick up, too many full time police)
6015677116	Break away from the state run fiber operation that may take forever to implement and look at Leveretts' setup. Allow a small store/cafe to open that doesn't require membership. Something that would be attractive to residents and visitors alike. A bigger library is still of interest. But hey, we are a small town and a new library 2-2 1/2 times bigger than the current one would be sufficient. Setting up funds to help residents in need to pay for heat and our own food bank.
6015679080	stop the highway dept from ruining the roadsides, removing the wildflowers and ferns and replacing them with cultivated grass or gravel or pavement.
6015731752	Develop a small business cooperative to encourage small start ups. Focus on getting high speed internet. Consider working with Franklin County and North Quabbin communities instead of Amherst.
6015734206	Cut expenses, why does fire chief need a car paid for by town, pay mileage instead, forget about new library there are many wonderful libraries around us that we can use, cut police force and stop cruising Shutesbury roads, we will call if there is a problem. Cut expenses to the bone Different tax rate for elderly on fixed income and no children in school
6015766186	Updated town common area, library.
6015911172	high-speed modern broadband, please!!!! identity/perception as a town of conflict and controversy would love to see a "Cushman Market" or "Leverett Coop" type store in the middle of town
6015911471	Town needs a culture. A cultural framework or center would make it a much nicer place to live. Saturday market is dying, what other culture do we offer ourselves and folks from out of town? Restructure town government. It's far too incestuous.
6015914115	See above comment about space. This could be library or community center encompassing police, fire, town admin, library.
6015924554	Lower the taxes. Get cell coverage and broadband. Build a new library
6015926728	Upgrade the internet. Upgrade and build a larger library.
6015937714	do whatever it takes to get us broadband so the values of thehomes does not continue to decline and so we can attract homesteaders that have good incomes and expertise to give back to this town
6015962350	I would try encourage the development and location of clean, low-water-use industry that would absorb some of the tax burden on home owners zoning for 'tiny' houses so that I can bring my brother here to 'age in place'
6016013391	some sort of community center, I would connect it to the library. Maybe pave some more roads. And definitely improve internet access and cell phone access

6016073070	I think it's a pretty wonderful town over all, but it would be really, really helpful to have BROADBAND.
6016096983	We need better internet access and a new library where we could have community functions.
6016157848	make it cheaper
6016171658	lower taxes
6016178920	Eliminate our police department. Crime is not a big problem here, and it's very difficult to see how our police department do much to cope with the little crime we have. It's expensive and the resources could be better spent elsewhere.
6016192057	Town should plow and maintain roads around Lake Wyola - the community has existed since 1937, more than 1/2 live year round now, and waterfront home value and associated taxes have soared
6016384078	nothing really ~we are evolving as a community, as we are evolving as a human race, I accept the bad with the good, it is what it is, and it's ALL GOOD.
6016510007	See #6. I'd like us to learn to live together peacefully even when we have disagreements. We need to develop a way of handling them (ex: the current issues of the Pratt Corner Rd solar farm and the related questioning of the Quabbin's forestry.) On a lesser note, I wish we had some public transportation available, so we aren't all dependent on cars. And we DEFINITELY need Broadband.
6016625874	stop trying to be Amherst
6016655344	install high speed internet town wide; go with 100% green energy for the whole town
6016672291	Taxes, taxes, taxes.
6017378201	Improve transportation. Vermont has bus service to small communities along route 100 (people moover). Our area could do the same thing. If it is possible to bus school children, it is possible to bus adults.
6017461644	[1] I'd want better grade, smoother, quieter road repaving material used for highway department work (than was done recently on West Pelham Rd. from #125 to Pelham). [2] I want less logging throughout the beautiful forests in town. [3] I'd wish for less haphazard and dense zoning in the Lake Wyola area. [4] We need broadband installed for all who need it as soon as possible.
6017555344	Lower taxes Reduce town government (part time administrator, lower library costs)
6017675272	Have a Public Safety Building for Fire and Police. The Fire Department Building is a bit of an eye sore and should rather be a highlight of the town. Also try and get a small mom and pop type diner or deli in town similar to the one in New Salem.
6017698974	Build a bigger library and community center, encourage development of solar farms, organize a veteran's day celebration
6017940097	Find offsetting revenue to hold taxes where they are. Open school up to choice. Partner with abutting towns to share resources.
6018398300	BRING IN BROADBAND!!!! Improve the town beach at Lake Wyola, Reasonable maintenance of lake, including dredging when unusual storms bring in tons of gravel.
6019627836	See question 6.
6021044454	Increased land protection and energy self-sufficiency.

6022435652	Lower property taxes. Think in terms of sustainability - how we can maintain what we already have - rather than growth. Shrink police department. Reallocate funds to have a visiting nurse in town who could respond to emergency calls. Consider senior housing. Bring back the "senior surrey" van.
6022854291	There needs to be more affordable housing and public transportation. It would be great if there was a coffee shop or place to hangout (like a new library!) downtown.
6022860000	more racially/economically diverse it would be great to have twice daily bus route into amherst and greenfield small library
6023370361	figuring out how to lower taxes
6023371355	Yankee values. I'd put in the library/community center. I'd change the housing laws and regs. It would favor the purchaser being able to have whatever housing they want.as long as it is safe.
6023387453	Build the library adjacent or connected to school
6023403612	I would have 1Gb broadband to the home and a new, larger library.
6023404838	Needed library/community center & wifi. Local store in center of town needed. Better organized & cleared trails for biking, XC skiing, running, etc... Keep Lake Wyola clean.
6023413653	Would love to see high speed internet available to everyone . A bigger library .
6023414305	Demand better internet access for the whole town. And maybe a store or something to help bring some revenue into the town.
6023424526	I would make it more possible for homesteaders by lowering the taxes for people who are consciously living in a more sustainable way by gardening, keeping livestock,etc. Many of these homesteads could be linked on farm tours and make great contributions to the food security of Shutesbury.
6023435723	Internet accessibility
6023507101	The feeling of the people that live here that want to have everything in this town when all we need to do is drive down into the center of Amherst or Hadley and fulfill our needs.
6023511126	Internet access, build the new library, more young families, a cafe in town
6023530326	Lower taxes. A grocery store. Bigger library. Straighter roads. A nice trail/ trailhead near town center. Better information about recreational activities for each season.
6023579715	Have a little store/coffee shop in town. Have a bigger library.
6023587202	More people of color in high positions--like the elementary school, the town hall, the post office, the 'athletic' club, the library--geeze--this is quite the white place to live.
6023658571	Infrastructure and delivery of internet as good as the rest of the country - including cell, web, television and landline phone service. Connectivity is a real problem - more than a "nice to have" issue. New library to support the community. Would love bus service but I don't think that is feasible economically.

6023779889	more fiscal responsibility; high speed internet for all; keeping the lake from becoming lake winnepesaukee (decrease current building height)
6023936239	Open one small convenience store
6023974209	I would love more of an updated library/welcoming community space where people would feel inspired to gather, connect and generate new things. I would welcome some kind of public transportation option that would offer a reasonably comfortable ride down the dirt roads (ie., good shocks).
6023983321	High speed internet
6023987368	Build a bigger library with more room for community gatherings, showing movies, tables for personal computers, etc. Similar to what Wendell has. Build a country store with general groceries and some prepared foods. Coffee and tea, etc. plus a place to sit and chat with neighbors.
6024007668	Invest more in roads, less taxes for those that don't have children in the school system and keep the old library
6024008952	I would build a new library.
6024020250	Need a new library and community center. Transportation to Amherst and Greenfield. Broadband Perhaps single level housing for the elderly
6024132266	High speed fiber optic internet access
6024145109	add a community center with library, etc.
6024159821	That taxes weren't as high and/Or that people living in shutesbury were able to volunteer in a way to benefit the town of shutesbury, to get a break on taxes. It would also promote community involvement and would greatly benefit the town
6024170965	Improved Internet access, build a nice, spacious, multi purpose meeting place for folks with a coffee shop/ restaurant
6024327617	Add new library, community meeting rooms, artspace, cafe. Broadband! Regionalize police and fire but keep local service. More sustainable energy sources (solar, etc)

6024331683	<p>Decreasing taxes so people don't have to move out when they retire. If you have lived in town a long time you will know what change we need to make. Maybe decreasing the town administrative's position to half time? Fire chief to part time? Decreasing the school budget. Look at the amount of adults per student. We also have the same budget for half the amount of students in our school when you look at the history of the student ratio. The processes in which the town implement change be transparent. Those people who "cheat" should be impeached. High Taxes. Town's people should have free access to Lake Wyola State Park The boat ramp should cost to out of towners. The speed boats should be controlled on lake wyola. There are speed limits and engine limits the town is turning a blind eye to. The development on lake wyola should follow the bylaws. Why are we allowing three story buildings? The people with knowledge should be forthcoming with all the information. Withholding information for the benefit of their agenda is "lying". Those people should be asked to leave their position whether it is paying or volunteer. We need to build trust in this town and people who display this kind of behavior should not be allowed to be on the boards or employed by the town. Town meeting budget should go back to line by line. People are pushing hidden costs through. Again, transparency is the best policy among this current climate and administration. The finance committee needs to be more balanced. They have not been accurate with their "forecasts". From what I have witnessed, townspeople on the floor have been more accurate with their "forecast". That puts the finance committee in a very precarious position in the public eye. When I go to meetings I have to "read between the lines" when the finance committee reports out. Unfortunately in our town if you go against the majority you are looked at differently. More support for the elderly. Perhaps a shuttle as they did in the past?</p>
6024334871	<p>Reduce/reverse increasing tax load.</p>
6024351524	<p>Craft a master plan that would help balance the rising cost of living here while trying not to compromise the small town, community charm living here has to offer.</p>
6025102337	<p>Get high speed internet ASAP. Maybe a progressive property tax, or an income tax that only affects affluent families, so we can increase our revenues without forcing people with more modest incomes out of town. Also, more respect for concerns of Native Americans about sites for large building projects like the proposed solar array. Finally, use technology to conduct town meetings online (webinar or Skype-type platform?) as well as in person, to facilitate participation of people like me who have to work odd hours out of town.</p>
6025250794	<p>Pave Montague Rd, get reliable internet, build a new library. I also think the Town should address issues with Lake Wyola and DCR... Entry is too expensive for residents, and the beach is overcrowded by bus loads of campers in the summer. Maybe a town beach elsewhere?</p>

6025265566	1) Pave Montague Road - the population and number of trips per day simply destroy the road surface; and it was already voted on to do it years ago anyway. The population isn't going to go down. It will be safer and is a practical and economical improvement for the 100s of people who live on the road. 2) Internet - follow through with a wiring plan, as in Wired West, Leverett-style, whatever. It is a necessary improvement to keep the town viable. 3) Continue to fund raise and build support for a modern library. It would be a huge community-wide asset for all kinds of resources, an educational center, and a comfortable community meeting place. Libraries are not just for those with kids. They are the intellectual and historical heart of most towns, serving as a focal point to gather and pass on information about the town and the world. Some people have underestimated how much this would bring to the town. And eventually that building will HAVE to be replaced. Its not going to last forever.
6026527427	More young families.
6026649782	-institute a town government decision making process based on paper ballots that allows all voters a voice even if they don't attend annual Town Meeting
6027361822	Wire it for high-speed Internet
6027367834	Add broadband (yes, I know, it will come!), larger library that could serve also as community center.
6027379464	Add a new library and meeting space. The basement of town hall is toxic for me and shouldn't be used for public meetings. Add senior housing for those who want to stay in town and can't afford the taxes.
6027387611	Not much.
6027397465	Would love a small coffee shop for socialization.
6027398321	1. Have a general store/coffee shop/lunch counter up by the town green, where one can pick up conveniences, meet up with neighbors, and feel a sense of belonging to an active community. 2. Implement leash laws on all public hiking trails. Walkers and hikers should not have to put up with dogs coming too close or leaping on them. It's not enough to assume all dog owners will prevent this from happening.
6027422694	See above - plus it is essential that the town get high speed internet as the first order of business. People of means need to be more understanding of the severe economic/tax challenges that lower income folks have
6027423598	Well, we need broadband. And better road maintenance in winter; perhaps a bus system would be part of that solution. A bus system would be useful for year-round access to metro areas south and north of here. It would be great to have a gas station and a small restaurant or cafe in town, especially for those of us who live near town center (and thus further from the metro centers). A health clinic is probably asking for too much. I do not know that the politics can or will change, or see any way to introduce greater civility into public discourse. So much of that depends on personalities and characters.
6027430923	More places to hang out.
6027439033	Not big on change for change's sake
6027447043	Internet, Cell phone service, New Library

6027447247	Bring high speed internet service to town
6027448237	Would love to have a community space - besides the AC since some people are excluded due to alcohol on the premises
6027481947	Create a town with a purpose other than lodging. A new library w/ a community center that is not part of the library but a separate space. Upgrade fire, police and postal facilities and equipment. Improve operation and equipment for Town DPW. Broadband. God bless that committee. Type of town govt. Existing Selectboard system is slow, lacks focused action, not in sync with some town committees, groups, and administration. Too much personal bias throughout.
6027514481	Open up development for some more revenue
6027517223	Relax bylaws to allow more business and residential developement.
6027525716	LOWER TAXES
6027528033	Technology
6027550653	Civil disagreement skills. Hi Speed. Increased participation in community events. Limit hp and speed on LW. Enforce existing firework rules. Extend policing hours on July 4 weekend.
6027606155	Larger library without increasing taxes. Create town garden. More trails-like Leverett.
6027621006	Modern internet. Really. Enlarge the library by combining it with other assets and using the current site as, say, a dedicated AV/presentation space. Fun, useful, inexpensive :) Not at all clear about why the resistance to having public land (and necessary easements) inspected by Native elders and wise people to flesh out the pre-European and early settlement history. It looks racist to me, the unexamined kind that New Englanders are so good at. History and knowledge are worth a little uncomfortable courtesy, though, aren't they? Shutesbury has interesting history (though the records are so thin until recently.) I think it should be valued and investigated. So, if I could, I'd raise the level of intellectual diligence a little.
6027630849	Find ways to have a more racially and ethnically diverse populations-through affordable housing and some form of public transportation. Encourage more individuals-younger people in particular-to volunteer on town committees. Have older citizens provide childcare, dinners, to help people with young children be able to volunteer. Healing-which has happened to a large extent. We are a community and need to remember that.
6027662350	The fact that some residents feel entitled and that only they matter
6027906492	Internet access. I'd make the town center nicer. New library/town hall/police buildings.
6027922209	See #6 above
6027975788	lower taxes, put reatricton on cost of new buildings
6028251195	Invite people who don't care to invest their time, money or talents toward making a better community to leave. We need a new library to replace the tiny, 19th century building with no running water. Sitting in my car to use the internet- kids taking practice tests at the bar.. Pathetic!

ID	What about Shutesbury should stay the same?
6014371272	Un-posted private lands open to all to respectfully enjoy.
6014371351	Lots of open space, small police force, on-call fire department is nice, post office is good, all the town employees are hard working, kind people
6014442413	woods; dirt roads, low traffic
6015335984	The ecology and beauty and neighbors and neighborhoods
6015343983	Low population, open space, access to outdoor recreation, quiet, clean water, clean air.
6015345520	Population density
6015346103	Volunteer government/operations, rural setting, small school, community feeling.
6015370715	The simpleness, rural, non suburban feel.
6015371296	all our protected land should absolutely stay protected - quabbin has a big portion, the water land is protected. the timber land is protected. is enough protected? probably. now use some
6015376405	The number of building lots.
6015378146	A sense of community and belonging.
6015386586	It's rural nature and strong community.
6015425957	form of governance. small town feel.
6015446205	town government, small town feel
6015446683	it's local school
6015455358	the forests and the land
6015541270	It's quiet and peacefulness and its non industrial status.
6015546560	Friendliness, natural character, a local school (as long as we can)
6015611443	That people care about the community and each other.
6015616979	everything else
6015628002	Rural character
6015677116	Small town feel. Keep the distances between dwellings. Keep forests intact and replant trees.
6015679080	wooded or natural vegetation on roadsides, houses set back a little from the road for a less developed feel
6015731752	Commitment to improve and sustain the town finances
6015766186	Sense of small town community. Protected woodlands.
6015911172	school governance (imagine if we had thrown in with Amherst Regional a few years ago) richness of library programming current pace/load of development
6015911471	Natural wonder.

6015914115	Overall character. Dpw also does a great job.
6015924554	Rural character
6015926728	The school.
6015937714	it's focus on ecology and taking care of the environment it's connectivity and communication with each other
6015962350	cantankerous free spirit,
6016013391	So much about this town is wonderful!
6016073070	I'll leave that to others.
6016096983	The elementary school.
6016157848	the land for hunting
6016171658	small rural feel
6016178920	Rural feel, open space, conserved forests.
6016192057	Collect the garbage and recycles (would be good to have a way to arrange pick ups for stuff like couches or stoves and to have greens pick up for branches etc which town could compost)
6016384078	The amazing RURAL INTEGRITY we have continued to preserve in so many ways.
6016510007	The community that does exist, even with the problems noted above. The natural setting. I would hope it would never be highly developed though it would be ideal to have more small businesses in town. A grocery store would be nice! Too bad the Village Co-op is (now) in Moore's Corner.
6016625874	keep the old and respect it
6016655344	population size
6016672291	Lack of commercial enterprise.
6017378201	Small population. Wooded spaces. Clean air.
6017461644	Quiet, small town atmosphere. Friendly, kind residents. Abundant natural beauty. Zoning that keeps most residential property lots large.
6017555344	Rural character
6017675272	Once the Internet gets in Shutesbury, the Library will be antiquated, we should keep the Library as it is.
6017698974	dirt roads, dark skies at night
6017940097	Open space
6018398300	Keep existing dirt roads if possible.
6019627836	See question 5.
6021044454	Extensive woods, largely open to the public for passive recreation.
6022435652	Town meeting. Tradition of volunteerism. Small library. Post office.

6022854291	The dirt roads, the nature, the undeveloped areas, and the schools.
6022860000	wild, open spaces dirt roads great school
6023370361	restricted development or clustered development
6023371355	Some of the people.
6023387453	rural
6023403612	Its rural character.
6023413653	Small town government. Keeping the lines of communication open and encouraging community involvement
6023414305	The quiet small town feel.
6023424526	The sense of community
6023435723	Good school and calm environment
6023507101	The rural character of the town.
6023511126	Woods, trails, great elementary school, community dinners at The A C
6023530326	Quaintness. Rural feel. Friendliness.
6023579715	All the things in number 5.
6023587202	No traffic lights, no stores. The Wheelock Tract--This is a Native American Ceremonial and Burial site. If you really think hard all of these Unites States are. No one--not Cowls, not Jones, not anyone--has the right to come in and rip apart the sacRED earth to install a solar plant--This is not green energy--do you think we are stupid!? This is green dollars bills in the hands of Lake Street Developers and the rest-- The electrical energy this plant will generate will go to Springfield! Fifty thousand dollars a year you claim Shutesbury will gain? Big freak'n deal! How this town could allow this to go forward is the biggest sham I have been exposed to this year yet. Mr. Lacy should resign. He has not the town's interest at heart at all--he should resign his position to allow intelligent, unbiased community voices to speak. He could not even tell the community about the update on this project--this is not right--surely any fool can see how terribly, terribly wrong this.
6023658571	It's own Elementary School to serve the town.
6023779889	No opInion
6023936239	The beautiful views in and around the town
6023974209	The quiet. The peace. The refuge-like qualities such as access to the woods. No big developers coming in to create big changes in the forests. The community resources and activities.
6023983321	Everything else
6023987368	Local post office, friendly folks in town hall, fire department, public works and library.
6024007668	Town center with the historical buildings and keep the library with no new investment in library
6024008952	Community building, conservation

6024020250	Town meeting. Volunteer activity. Community participation
6024132266	Forests, clean air, clean water. Self governing. Stay small in a good way by thinking big!
6024159821	Keep maintaining dirt roads so great!! That it's a small town and neighbors are great.
6024170965	Lots of forest
6024327617	Clean air, great library programs, trails, quaint roads and small school.
6024334871	Rural community with modest services.
6024351524	The small town charm and community atmosphere that is fostered and supported by volunteer efforts and community involvement.
6025102337	Open spaces, community supporting each other and sharing resources through NextDoor Shutesbury, recycling and reuse efforts, Lake Wyola access.
6025250794	The community-- there is a strong value given to taking care of each other. Also the school is WONDERFUL.
6025265566	The elementary school is great, and should be fully supported as a community gem. No busing kids down to Amherst for elementary education.
6026527427	Respect for neighbors.
6026649782	-maintain the rural character of the town by not duplicating services that are available in neighboring towns i.e. library, recreation, shopping, doctors, etc.
6027361822	Rural beauty
6027367834	Rural nature
6027387611	Keeping a small elementary school alive and in town.
6027397465	The rural country feel.
6027398321	Elementary school should not merge with Leverett or with schools in Amherst.
6027422694	See # 5
6027423598	Peace and quiet.
6027430923	Not a thing
6027439033	Stay rural
6027447043	Zoning
6027447247	Rural atmosphere with dirt, unpaved roads
6027448237	Small town feel. Town meeting
6027481947	Not much of the infrastructure.
6027514481	Small town government
6027517223	Dirt roads.

6027525716	EVERY THING BUT TAXES LOWER THEM
6027528033	Quiet feel.
6027550653	Open space. Trails. Friendly folks.
6027606155	Conservation restrictions on building
6027621006	The rural tenor; the lake and the fantastic boat-rental from the library; the outstanding benefit of the land available for walking, notably the paths off Wendell Road and Mineral Mountain; the way neighbors tend to look out for each other; the basic assumption that, although we're all different and none of us is perfect, we're all doing our best and (mostly) we'd rather be kind.
6027630849	The sense of community. When friends teenage boy died suddenly, the community came together-comforting in the time of such deep grief. A few years ago another community member became physically impaired after a fall-and the town responded with food, support, comfort...that should stay the same.
6027662350	the rural character but with a paved montague rd and a lil red library where children can go and treat it like a museum and look at and touch actual books which they will never read
6027906492	It's undeveloped nature and lack of crappy little convenience stores
6027922209	See #5 above
6027975788	town meeting and voting
6028251195	caring people donating time and talents to make our town great
6028929046	Outdoor space
6028973470	Trees, rural character, small accessible community There is a way to balance rural feel with enough infrastructure and change to allow the town to stay viable and vibrant. If we cannot continue to attract new families with needed amenities like a library and broadband we will become yet another dying New England town
6029004397	I would not want to population to increase
6029266140	Preservation of native artifacts.
6032243321	Commitment to land preservation, attempts to build community.
6032745916	Rural character, existing diverse population. Historic landscapes, buildings.
6032795716	Dirt roads. Wildlife. Relative quiet.

ID	What factors will challenge Shutesbury now and in the future?
6014371272	Affordability (keeping an appropriately sized town government) Internet access Changes to the regional economy (e.g., UMASS) Possible loss of Leverett Coop, Deja Brew, Wendell General Store, or Book Mill.
6014371351	We need to create some things in town that will attract families - our school population is dropping and more families might want to live here if there were services for their kids. Climate change - the drought dried up some people wells. Will we have water issues. People who do not know about things but make inaccurate or false claims that mislead people is a real challenge.
6014442413	animosity; contentious public environment; nimby;
6015335984	Deforestation and protecting native american sites
6015340715	School costs, local and regional. Infrastructure maintenance, and getting the priorities 'right' on addressing that.
6015342900	Lack of Internet will not bring in any new tax revenue
6015343983	Lack of long-sighted planning, under-valuation of Shutesbury's unique/rare qualities, "trendiness" in outlook and perception, consumerism, lack of cooperation, disenfranchisement of the citizen majority by power-holding cadres, irretrievable losses from poor development planning.
6015345520	Taxes will continue to go up, Lake Wyola will be more stressed as the state park becomes more well known, Amherst's schools problems will continue
6015346103	Increasing costs (e.g. school, roads, other infrastructure), isolation for aging residents, lack of broadband for half the town. Reduction in State funding. Possible reduction of the number of kids in the school.
6015358292	Number of students in the school; lack of reliable internet
6015370715	Too many suburban demands on a small town, too many expectations for large suburban services and facilities.
6015371296	hopefully we become more desirable to live in. hopefully houses are easier to sell and we can improve our investments.
6015376405	Unscrupulous carpetbagger developers who will exploit our need for increased tax revenue.
6015378146	Getting distinctly different individuals to work together for common goals. We have a broad range of economic concerns. Since many people have second homes and summer residences in Shutesbury, they look at responsibilities here differently than full time residents.
6015386702	Taxes, internet availability
6015425957	whether families will choose to live in Shutesbury. Tax rate.
6015446205	taxes, in-fighting over resources
6015446683	if we do not get high speed internet. if the elementary school lost it's independence by joining the Amherst system
6015455358	pressure to develop, build more houses, invite commercial enterprises, etc
6015541270	Updating our access to information and technology without bringing in big businesses. And attracting more families into our spread out neighborhoods.
6015546560	School demographics. Internet.

6015611443	We really need high speed internet. I'm also concerned about access to clean water and water rites. We are already having issues now, and if more development (or more solar developments occur) our well water could become contaminated or wells could run dry, etc.
6015616979	aging residents, population decline
6015628002	People resistant to change
6015677116	High property and school taxes. Land use and possible damage to the land.
6015679080	increase in traffic and people (wider roads, more pavement, more development along roadsides and into the woods)
6015731752	We don't have high speed internet. We have too few children to sustain a separate elementary school and should consider working with Amherst. We need to stop trying to add municipal expenses and services and cooperate with other towns.
6015734206	Rising costs, shrinking population
6015766186	Cost/budget containment.
6015911172	families will not move into town w/o internet; the houses that are for sale now have been on the market for months tax limits for an aging population vs. increasing town costs (health, retirement, etc.) challenges of "living in the woods" for a new generation, i.e., an apartment in town might be much more appealing
6015911471	Lack of faith in town reps. Limited/shortsighted vision of infrastructure. Conflict of interest/unethical conduct.
6015914115	More people moving in with expectations of how it will be not how it is. High speed internet will be a benefit and a problem.
6015924554	Lack of broadband. No place for community to gather for events/programs. Lack of public transportation
6015926728	Lack of broadband.
6015937714	that it has no main good center to draw interest or not a big library - gathering place for folks not having broadband
6015962350	taxes, state mandates that don't fit small towns, attracting families to the school and young people to the town, building a more functional library/community center, meeting the needs of an aging population
6016013391	The number of kids in the school is dwindling- I think largely because it is hard for folks to be connected to the web or the cell phones- so young families are not coming or staying.
6016073070	changes in population climate challenges (like our drought right now) taxes and town services (should we be looking to consolidate town services like fire/police/DPW with Pelham/Leverett/Wendell?)
6016096983	Lack of internet access and cell service.
6016157848	liberals
6016171658	technology and taxes
6016178920	Population loss, particularly if we don't get the broadband challenge satisfactorily resolved. Costs of government overwhelming people's ability or willingness to pay. Gentrification.
6016192057	Lack of high speed internet (cell and TV) School choice Lack of business tax base Gentrification and house construction

6016384078	Imbalance in growth and change I believe it is vital to agree to disagree, especially when it comes to money: money, money, money ~it CAN tear families apart as well as nations, or it CAN bring us together, it is our choice
6016510007	One thing is an aging population here in town. I gather the forecasts are for reduction of population in the Pioneer Valley and surrounding hilltowns. Staying current with technology. It isn't just that we need broadband to keep and bring people here. As long as cellphones are such important communication devices, we will need better service. Taxation based primarily on property is and will continue to be a limiting factor. Diversity of population: while good, it can also pose problems. (Here I'm thinking of length of residence and years of education as diversities. We don't have enough diversity of race and ethnic origin. So I guess being a predominantly white population is a challenge.)
6016625874	residents wanting too much instead of being happy with what we already have
6016655344	global issues having local impact
6016672291	Lack of Internet and the high taxes will challenge us to have a diverse population.
6017378201	Economic factors. Town expenditures rising to exceed town revenues.
6017461644	New xenophobic policies of the incoming Trump administration, as well as reduced federal government funding. Effects of climate change will challenge the town's natural environment. Increased pressure from developers that must be resisted to keep the town's beauty and character intact.
6017555344	Increased growth of town services without an increase in the tax base, causing increased burden on the current tax base which is already over taxed
6017675272	Population
6017698974	Lack of social responsibility, lack of commitment to community, willingness to lie and cheat to save a few tax dollars, unwillingness to stand up to bullies, climate change, climate change deniers, population decline because who would want to live here when every town around us offers better amenities.
6017940097	Technology and taxes
6018398300	Rising costs that are only covered by a residential town with very little business tax/income.
6019627836	Now- Lack of high speed internet & welcoming community gathering space that is not a bar. Future- Population loss due to lack of tech & cost of living & changing demographics.
6021044454	High property taxes.
6022435652	An aging population. Shrinking federal/state funding for small towns. Drought.
6022854291	A lack of racial and economic diversity. Once broadband arrives, gentrification.
6022860000	lack of business development, high taxes no public transport
6023370361	#8
6023371355	the economy and the Trump presidency.

6023387453	Growing population, tax rate.
6023403612	Energy prices, broadband, and our tiny library directly effects our population and real estate values. Higher transportation prices, lack of broadband and an inadequate library is causing our population to drop and real estate values to drop.
6023414305	The fact that people do not get along or listen to others opinions or ideas. Too many stubborn personalities.
6023424526	giving signifigant tax breaks to local farmers and even gardeners who are producing food and herbs.
6023435723	Now - professional residents are moving to other towns because of the lack of internet access. Future - ?
6023507101	Keeping our rural character and not having Internet available to all that live in town.
6023511126	Lack of young families, lack of access to internet for students and businesses,
6023530326	Raising funds without raising taxes on those who can't afford it.
6023578307	Cell phone and internet
6023579715	Money, lack of people willing/able to volounteer their time.
6023587202	The solar project--the 'new' library. It amazes me to see how people have been bitten by the bigger is better bug. Our library is simply fine as it stands--between the senior center being rebuilt--and the fact the elementary school has a well equipped library of its own--why do people want to waste money and resources to have a grand new structure? The classes are so lopsided--even in this fine town--between the rich and the poor--Why don't administrators work on keeping all people happy and healthy? Why isn't this new 'principal' doing the coat drive? or the boot drive? Our children need to come first--If their needs cannot be met by their parents/guardians working two or more jobs each--isn't it the awake, conscious people of the town's responsibility to make sure their needs are met? If we have a senior center--and this is beautiful--why don't we have a children's center? Why isn't the 'principal' collecting coats and hats, mittens and boots for our children as has been done in the past?
6023658571	Finances. The community can't pay more in taxes to get the services they demand, so there will need to be tradeoffs
6023779889	Internet; state funding for the school; taxes; home sales
6023974209	Our reliance on individual transportation, the reliance on fossil fuel for our cars and for heating our homes. The aging state of the electrical grid and our reliance on it for surviving, without a Plan B. the unpredictability of climate change and its effects. Peoples' level of capacities for civic working together to generate solutions. The wave of developers looking to take advantage of the volunteer, non-professional, decision bodies in little towns, to get their big resource-extracting projects approved. People growing older, without enough income or immediate people around them who can help sustain their needs for assistance in Shutesbury.
6023983321	High taxes
6023987368	Community coming to agreement on what the town needs.
6024007668	Senior care and mobility, rising higher taxes can be unattainable for some, and the school system needs.
6024008952	Size and maintaining services

6024020250	Transportation Elderly population with increasing needs
6024132266	Ageing population, would be great to support residents staying in their homes. Pressure to build and develop, be great to do that without sacrificing air and water quality and losing forest. Cluster housing, multi unit dwellings maybe. an increase in low income residents, low income families. Support for some sort of business or service that would provide basics like food, gas, diapers Without having to drive out of town. Possible power shortages and/or increases in costs for electricity, oil, propane. Cost of education and health care, and public services like fire, ambulance, etc are likely to rise, what is possible for keeping those under town control without spending more? What is possible for community groups with online and shared resources to encourage prevention of emergencies? How can we encourage community members to contribute time, expertise and skills towards a more self sufficient community? What incentives can be offered for people to contribute to the school, for instance, if they have no children there? What regulations, licenses, inspections and so forth pay for themselves in preventing, for instance, chimney fires, and which ones are a financial and/or time burden to the town? The next decade is likely to see a lot of changes in the world, in government, demographics, technology. How can Shutesbury be flexible and change with ease to take advantage of benefits and buffer challenges?
6024145109	fewer families
6024159821	Many factors. High taxes could easily force people to move out of town because they can't afford their taxes. Having broadband Internet would give us more phone and television options, and increase resale values.
6024170965	Solar array guidelines and decision making, accurate assessment of Native American sacred sites, fiber optic network, improving the tax base with some (limited) commerce, decisions re education of children, services for elders, infrastructure maintenance, maybe even clean water
6024327617	Maintaining air and water quality. Preserving and managing forests. Maintaining local school. Energy sources.
6024331683	There are still folks in town without computer or internet. How are you reaching out to them for surveys? Disabled and elderly?
6024334871	Pressure from State government and some locals to increase services and degrade quality of life.
6024351524	1. Affordability - this encompasses a number of areas: Selling homes, potential home buyers, rising taxes, and the lack of services to take advantage of (see additional points below). 2. High speed internet access 3. Cell phone service 4. Population size (if school population decreases, how do we continue to support the school?) In this town we live 15 minutes from Amherst yet are still unable to take advantage of technologies or high tech infrastructure most people around us take for granted.
6025102337	Budgetary issues.
6025250794	If infrastructure incl. technology is not improved, no one will move here... Taxes will go up, property values and school enrollment down, etc.
6025265566	Increasing population is likely as housing prices in Amherst and surrounding towns rebound, so some sensible regulations on housing development - I'm not informed on what is in place now, but it is a concern. The price of energy may be a continued issue, but access to solar is probably helping.
6026527427	Climate change and energy/food/water sustainability.

6026649782	-high taxes, lack of town government leadership, overbearing volunteer committees, declining population, increasing elderly population
6027064624	Whether or not different point of view of political and generally can coincide together .
6027361822	Lack of internet is depressing home values and preventing the growth of sole proprietorship and home businesses.
6027367834	Tax base that is limited to residential.
6027379464	Seniors' income which can't keep pace with taxes. It's sad but a fact of life. Seniors everywhere can't afford taxes. That's why they have subsidized senior housing. Its not possible for a town to base its economic viability on senior income.
6027387611	Not having broadband is a huge challenge. Future challenges I'm not clear about.
6027397465	Unification. Sometimes extreme views cause dissension.
6027398321	Aging population.
6027422694	The cultural, economic and social divides that divide the country will challenge our town too.
6027423598	Well, if the population keeps falling, it will become more peaceful! But that will affect the tax base and encourage disputes over public services and public employee benefits. If we do not get broadband in here, property values will fall further, same result.
6027430923	Groth
6027447043	lack of internet
6027447247	Lack of high speed internet and lack of tax base other than residential
6027448237	Growing aging population with no alternative transportation options Shrinking SES population will overburden those without school age children
6027481947	Fund\$ Broadband implementation and operation. How will the age demographics change. Will the town be able to adjust or remain with the status quo?
6027514481	Taxes
6027517223	Taxes and wifi
6027525716	MORE PEOPLE
6027528033	\$ intake.
6027550653	Lack of high speed. Graying of populations. Repopulation. Increasing taxes.
6027606155	Maintaining a small elementary school district, having a say in middle and high school district. Building an appropriate new library. Becoming more diverse is needed.

- 6027621006 Limited buildable land and finite potable water, in the face of population pressures from the south, perhaps. It's not sensible to expect to support much growth; with that in mind, it may make sense to pool our resources better in order to stretch our dollars, rather than trying to squeeze more out of the residents. It's hard to afford champagne tastes these days; even when one can, some of us moved out here because that champagne environment comes with too much baggage. With the 5-college area so close, it makes more sense to go there for the champagne, and come home here for the peace and reasonableness. If property taxes continue to rise as they have, and the town continues to stay in the last century's info technology, then it'll be hard to maintain even the population that remains. Elsewhere, that sort of dynamic pulls in the kind of people who take and take, and don't give or put back. That would wreck Shutesbury's special vibe for sure. It's important to keep a reasonable cost of living here, in order to keep reasonable people living here.
- 6027630849 Having to pay for most of our budget through property taxes. Having been a town official I am aware of the challenges in providing services, education, and maintaining our infrastructure, and how most of that has to be paid for through property taxes. Getting Broadband to every home in town, in an affordable way-hoping that Wired West can be part of that. The need for new town buildings Town hall is filled to the max, police work out of a glorified closet, and a library that can function as a community center, performance/art space, place for old and young to hang out together as well as a repository of books, and relics from our past. Maintaining clean water that is plentiful for all. Our private wells/septic systems should be seen as a municipal supply. My neighbor's failing septic system becomes all of our problem as it can affect other's wells.
- 6027662350 no business tax base and the residents who believe that no profits should be taken from shutesbury
- 6027906492 Who buys a house here.
- 6027922209 Sooner or later we will HAVE to develop 21st century infrastructure (see #6 above). How we go about doing it will determine, to a large extent, whether or not we can preserve the small town, rural character of Shutesbury.
- 6027975788 population growth, school costs, taxes
- 6028251195 No services, no people. Already house values are decreasing because of lack of internet and library.
- 6028973470 Broadband - essential but we all agree on this. Taxes and investment - if we stifle investment in ourselves, we will kill the town in the medium term. People will not move here and those seeking to pay less taxes will pay more for less because the tax base will shrink. Ways to grow and adapt that retain character of town. Note: we need to be cognizant that many people in town, not just seniors, are on fixed incomes or earn modest earnings. This is true throughout America. Yet investing in the town is what makes this a good place to raise a family and live; hopefully also to live in older ages.

ID	Imagine yourself 15 years in the future. . . What would you like a newspaper headline to read for an article about Shutesbury?
6014371272	Shutesbury Achieves Energy Independence, Goes Off the Grid!
6014371351	Shutesbury celebrates five year anniversary of opening of new public library!
6014442413	Franklin County's largest buck taken in Shutesbury Octogenarian Shutesbury resident wins the annual cross country ski race on brushy mtn sponsored by crows, mass wildlife, and kestrel trust Shutesbury 6th grader wins state spelling bee new senior living center opens due to wealth of nature and proximity to culture shutesbury's ground water heralded as state's most pristine shutesbury sister community in Kazakhstan hosts contingent of shutesburians shutesbury, wendell, and leverett cooperate on public safety matters. new england amateur astronomers meet in shutesbury to view haley's comet in pristine night sky.
6015335984	Still wonderful after all these years
6015340715	Seniors are finally able to remain in Shutesbury, despite their fixed incomes.
6015343983	"Shutesbury Succeeds in Preserving the 'Small-Town Life' Otherwise Extinct in the Northeast."
6015345520	Shutesbury faces it's financial future with optimism because of earlier planning.
6015346103	Retirement Community for the Elderly Opens in Shutesbury
6015370715	"Community uses innovative approaches to re-use old buildings."
6015371296	Downtown Shutesbury Thriving!
6015376405	New Quabbin National Park dedicated to saving New Englands forest ecosystems.
6015378146	Shutesbury--Efficiency in Eden
6015386702	Library voted down again
6015425957	Shutesbury residents enjoy high quality of life with low taxes....
6015446205	Shutesbury finally gets new library for free!
6015446683	not sure
6015455358	Still a beautiful quiet forest refuge just up the hill from the 5 colleges
6015541270	Celebration of residents living off the grid and their deep effects on peace and wellbeing in the world.
6015546560	Shutesbury receives major state grant to expand the community center portion of to their already state of the art library, built 12 years ago.
6015611443	Shutesbury has super fast internet owned by the town!!!
6015616979	Best place to live in the valley
6015628002	Town of Shutesbury model of alternative energy. Townspeople embrace new technology.
6015677116	Shutesbury citizens find their groove rebuilding community spirit
6015679080	Shutesbury retains its rural character despite increased population
6015731752	Business cooperative opens.

6015734206	Affordable for all
6015766186	Shutesbury continues to maintain the small town community feel...
6015911172	The Shutesbury Shop celebrates its ten year anniversary with a joint concert of the Elementary School chorus along with their international sister-school compatriots who were Skyped in thanks to the amazing broadband connection. This technology has led to a boom of "rugged entrepreneurs" who are able to work remotely thereby cutting car emissions significantly. It is yet to be seen how the school will handle the increased enrollment resulting from its excellent reputation and the tight housing market. Alumni have been tapped to design an eco-expansion to highlight the school and town's commitment to the environment and environmental science.
6015911471	"Shutesbury Re-invents Rural Politics." "Shutesbury = ethnic diversity" "Shutesbury Amphitheater: a new oasis for the arts"
6015914115	United community rallies around
6015924554	Shutesbury institutes public transportation.
6015926728	Shutesbury is one of the best communities in MA for raising families.
6015937714	Neighbors unite under the festival of lights at the town center to celebrate their new library and community center with broadband's latest technology mostly funded by grants and donations also housing an area for community residents to use computers and child play areas ..and new park with playground equipment, gardens and guided woods walking paths behind Town Hall , where the first annual kite festival is planned in the following year. making the most of Town Halls grounds - walking paths to the back of Shutesbury Fire Department Join the upstart committee that will be raising money for sidewalks and an interstate bike path linked to Amherst and Wendell...and beyond.
6015962350	Roadtown Senior Housing Village Adds Six New Units The Road from Refugee to Resident: Shutesbury Celebrates Contributions of Syrian Families Who Fled War
6016013391	Creative town tucked up in the hills builds solar powered and sustainable community center for all ages. It would be great if this could support local home based businesses, arts, and kid friendly events and winter play
6016073070	Shutesbury has Broadband. More importantly, I hope that small town life in Shutesbury is still thriving.
6016157848	lowest taxes in state
6016171658	Shutesbury Schools awarded highest honor
6016178920	Small Massachusetts Town A Model for Sustainability In A Warming World
6016192057	Neighbors helping neighbors...
6016384078	regarding our landscape and people the forest and the water: "same as it ever was, same as it ever was..." but even KINDER, GENTLER, and even MORE CONSCIOUS...
6016510007	"Record size of school-age population in Shutesbury" or "Shutesbury has most sources of renewable energy per inhabitant in western Massachusetts"

6016625874	Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver and the other is gold. Motto for SHUTESBURY where everyone is grateful to have had a good life!
6016655344	Shutesbury totally independent of centralized fossil-fuel based energy economy
6016672291	Shutesbury resident becomes President!
6017378201	Nothing. Don't want our town to be in the news. Prefer privacy and anonymity.
6017461644	Most livable small town in New England: Beauty, character, and charm retained throughout the decades.
6017555344	Shutesbury; A town that has improved services to its populous while making the town affordable to all.
6017675272	Shutesbury is growing and keeping its rural lifestyle
6017698974	Whole Town Turns Out to Celebrate the Opening of the New Shutesbury Public Library!
6017940097	Green living on the hilltop!
6018398300	2017 Broadband Roll Out Was Key to Making Shutesbury Top Home-Based Business Town, With Lowest Tax Rate, And Highest School Testing Scores.
6019627836	Honestly - just something not derogatory.
6021044454	Shutesbury leads the Commonwealth in protected lands, energy self-sufficiency, and community engagement!
6022435652	Still here
6022854291	New Bus Stop at the Affordable Housing Complex Downtown by the Coffee Shop and Co-op
6022860000	shutesbury: a great place to live and work for diverse families
6023370361	still paradise!
6023371355	sorry. can't go there now.
6023403612	Shutesbury votes unanimously for...
6023413653	Community comes together to provide self sufficiency, technological advancement, and a thriving barter system.
6023414305	Shutesbury country store now sells hot pizza on Friday and Saturday nights.
6023424526	Shutesbury has home solar systems, geo-thermal and wind turbines in almost every household and is bustling with farmers and home gardeners selling their milk, vegetables, fruit, meat and mushrooms.
6023435723	Shutesbury Residents are Delighted About Opening Their New Library
6023507101	That we were finally able to bring the Internet to our town.
6023511126	Small town thrives with creative community problem solving
6023530326	Visitors flock to Shutesbury brew pub Tram to top great views!
6023579715	Town celebrates 10 years of new library opening.

6023587202	How wonderful the children have been educated in our fine elementary school--as long as you hire teachers of color and teach our children what they need to know about class and race in these united states. Thank you!
6023658571	The idyllic community of Shutesbury is a sought after location for both families and retirees.
6023779889	Shutesbury - They have it all.
6023936239	How one small Western MA town managed to keep its New England beauty and charm while advancing to meet the needs of its residents
6023974209	Rural New England town is a haven for culturally innovative ways of living and working together.
6023987368	Shutesbury Library celebrates 15 years of service to the community!
6024007668	Keep us out of the headlines
6024008952	Small Town Celebrates Community
6024132266	Innovative Town keeps High Quality of Life for All Ages and Incomes
6024145109	shutesbury off the grid
6024159821	Shutesbury the town with the happiest residents in the entire State (or go big... in all of the U.S.)
6024170965	Innovative, clean energy, and Public transportation available in Shutesbury
6024327617	Vibrant Shutesbury Town Center!
6024331683	We are a solar community.=====and green!
6024334871	Unlike many Towns, Shutesbury maintains its rural beauty.
6024351524	"How they did it - Shutesbury, Massachusetts - Small town finds perfect balance of affordability, commitment to their small-town sense of community, and access to technological conveniences."
6025102337	"Shutesbury leads the way in progressive, compassionate values and sustainable living strategies, with diversity increased 300% over the past 15 years! Serves as model for diverse community development for other rural communities across the nation!"
6025250794	Shutesbury Library and Community Center Celebrates 15th Birthday
6025265566	In 2032? Something about a remarkable small town with thriving infrastructure, as in beautiful community facilities, and a highly educated and supportive population.
6026527427	Fifteen years following universal broadband, Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Shutesbury resident who solves world's problems from home.
6026649782	-Shutesbury forestry and agricultural businesses flourish as population continues to dwindle
6027361822	Shutesbury celebrates 15 years of high-speed Internet access
6027367834	Shutesbury wins state, national awards as green energy community
6027379464	Shutesbury's new library hosts international author
6027387611	No motorboats on Lake Wyola.
6027397465	Shutesbury works together on ??? Project!

6027398321	It would say: "Shutesbury General Store a destination and meeting place for neighbors!".
6027422694	Shutesbury Models Open Dialogue & Civil Discourse - New Library Dedicated
6027423598	Shutesbury Center Complex Grand Opening! Come sample award winning cuisine, get a free health checkup, check your email, and get an oil change! Bus tickets also on sale!
6027430923	New stores opening
6027447247	Roadtown still best place to live in western Massachusetts
6027448237	Thriving interconnected town that provides welcoming community for all - nothing glamorous, just contentedness
6027481947	Shutesbury: a town that cares for its citizens, a town of people that care.
6027514481	Shutesbury powered by 100% green energy!
6027517223	Lowest taxes in western ma
6027525716	RETURNS TO LIKE IT WAS FORTY YEARS AGO
6027550653	Senior housing apts / assisted living units open in the LW park farmhouse!
6027621006	10 Perfect Gems for Peaceful Rural Americans: Shutesbury, MA tops the list of havens of safety, friendliness, and affordable charm.
6027630849	Shutesbury-Always Cooler-is Celebrating its 275th with the opening of the town's solar array-located on 10 acres behind the new library/community center.
6027662350	Shutesbury Elementary school continues to lead the way in immersing students in the arts,music,band, and becoming world citizens
6027906492	Shutesbury is THE new place to live , land values are through the roof.
6027922209	I would prefer never to see Shutesbury in the headlines at all, but failing that, something along the lines of "Shutesbury MA Sustainable Agriculture project sets new productivity record"
6027975788	Shutesbury, one of the smallest towns in Mass with some of the lowest taxes
6028251195	Shutesbury celebrates 10th anniversary of the new library with a parade equal to the 250th anniversary parade in 2011
6028973470	That Shutesbury is once again a welcoming, creative community with a strong sense of progressive values that can serve as a model for high quality living in a small rural setting and that respects diversity of residents.
6029004397	Shutesbury residents of all cultural, political and economic viewpoints come together to make decisions on how to sustain this small rural town.
6029266140	I'd imagine we wouldn't be in the headlines, and I mostly like it that way.
6032243321	Shutesbury residents sponsor event that raises \$20,000 for the hungry. Shutesbury library hosts 10th annual reading series.
6032745916	Ancient Town Hall building still hub of small town.
6032795716	If we still have newspapers in 15 years.... I'd like the headline to read "Shutesbury Youth & Elders Unveil Town's Newly Built Five Mile Hiking Trail".