What do you value most about Shutesbury?

- Value elevations (cooler summer)
  - Climate: Snow winter
  - Stayed for the community
- Rural feel: Sense of space within the community
- Water Wyola: Activity
  - Proximity/
- Institutions: School > Scale
  - Town Hall (old) > Administration
- Scale community & proximity to larger 30K pop. / Amherst 10min/20min
- Small population 2010: 4,771
- Open space 
- Acres: Farming
- Nature & community combination
- Gathering spaces (Nature)
What do you value most about Shutesbury?

- **Rural setting:** Beauty, Quiet, dark sky, Der land, wildlife, respect
- **Open Town mtg:** ATM, May: Every vote counts
- **wild life**
- **Small town have opportunity for individual to contribute/participate committees**
- **Sirios -> 25/30 residents**
- **Local mrkts / town hall**
- **Historical Reasources**: Old town hall -> holds a lot of history
- **Education -> School system well supported**
- **Library**: Sponsors cultural activities programs (lots)
- **State Park**: Shutesbury shares w/ everybody
- **State owned land**
- **Public Safety**
- **Neighborhoods**: Interdependence
What do you value most about Shutesbury?

- Rural character: Experience of Beauty
- Historic Resources: Buildings
  - Stone Walls
  - Dams/Foundations
- Connection to people
  - You are known/not anonymous
  - Connectivity w/each other
- Spaciousness → Nature, Physical space
- Nature / Trails / Library
- Nurturing: Happy / Joyful / Grounding
- Progressive minded / Considering Greater good
- Large open tracks of land / trails

- Quiet / Dark Skies → Peaceful
- Elem. Schools w/ local control
  - 50 staff / 120 students
- Natural Resources available to residents & non-residents
- Volunteerism

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What do you value most about Shutesbury?

- People:
  - Well educated
  - Nearby
  - Involved
  - Explore history
  - Families w/ generational connections
  - Lake Wyola—social activities
  - Rural/wooded/Amherst
  - "The Hill"—Bicycle
  - Community building opportunities
  - Sirius Community
  - Woodlands—beauty, hiking, exercise

- Space:
  - Surroundings—rural, shaded, knowledge, splendor
  - Other tomasts—everyone participated

- Natural Resources:
  - Amherst regional school "international"
  - Environment(s) for raising school-aged grandchildren—range
  - Reservoir
  - Familiar faces
  - Feeling of safety

- Tenacity of getting through conflicts:
  - Elementary school & library as resources
  - Proximity to 5 college communities
  - Education—UMass, Hampshire, Mt. Holyoke, Smith
What do you value most about Shutesbury?

- 90ac Sirius organic gardens
- eco village
- educational workshops
- 35 years Baker Rd.
- educational center
- close to Quabbin Res.
- Lake Wyola
- 3 conf centers / retreats
- Privacy of setting
- surroundings
- Community / knowledge of people
- Shutesbury Athletic Club
- Sirius community w/in Shutesbury
- Natural Beauty
- Independent thinking
- Families, generations, history, presence.
- Library → Kayak
- offeatstone Village
Small meeting spaces  
Lack of food/molasses  
Lack of new library  
Lack of community center  
Lack of community center

SPECIFIC INSTANCES: More need at City Hall  
Air quality and noise from some shop

The much-needed solar panels  
Street lights could be powered by solar panels  

Trees nice (grows)  
Lack of public transportation  
Dependence on cars  
Lack of public spaces  
Speakers cars on dirt roads  

Involve Plants

Privacy too burden

Look or call someone/instance
What is your least favorite thing about Shutesbury?

- Lack of a place to gather
- Under utilized commons
- Deficiency of desire to understand other people's feelings
- Debates where people don't feel listened to or heard
- Increasing taxes
- Underutilized commons
- Lack of industry
- Bad sides of a small town
- Lack of industry
- Old vs. New - continued conflict
- Increasing taxation, gentrification
- Diversity
- Issues of disagreement over the library
- Absence of an accepted family
What is your least favorite thing about Shutesbury?

- Library too small
- No bike paths (road)
- Library adequate to serve community
- Lack of awareness of economic diversity - lack of understanding or economic disadvantage
- High property taxes
- Lack of physical infrastructure (senior center, library, boys & girls club, comp. access)
- Large public accessible space
- No survival center services for poor
- Dirt roads
- Road maintenance
- Walking on roads - no place to walk - need sidewalks
- No broadband
- No Town Center - functional downtown - no barber shop/coffee shop
- Far from normal conveniences
- No Take out
- Divisive communication over issues people are passionate about
- Us vs. Them, old vs new
- No assisted living (going in place)
- No public transportation
What is your least favorite thing about Shutesbury?

- Having to drive everywhere
- Lack of services - limited library, internet
- Lack of open government and tolerance
- Citizens are judgmental
- We have a hard time understanding
- Lack of common narrative
- No Broadband

VERIZON
Corporations

Confederate flag on Montague Rd.
What is your least favorite thing about Shutesbury?

- Lack of interest in bringing revenue into town
- Poor cell phone service
- Small property tax
- Lack of a gathering place
- Inefficient transportation
- Lack of basic needs
- Lack of internet
- Small business
- Lack of local government involvement
- Inefficient government services
- Poor town facilities
- Poor town planning
What would you change about Shutesbury?

- Butter on popcorn closer to ocean
- Nice big library / community meeting space
- More adequate town buildings - functional, contemporary, better maintained, modern facilities
- Place less restrictive housing / family restrictions - extended
- Shared living accommodations
- More aging in place services
- Easier access to basic staples - bread, milk, etc
- Coffee shop
- Better internet + cell service
- Change dynamics around issues
- Improve public discourse
- Engagement of younger people - govt, social, recreation
- Public transportation
- Ability to bike, walk, run safely on roads
- More fire & ambulance service
- More opportunities for social gatherings / activities
- Comfortable meeting / activities space
- More utilization of Senior lounge
- Erase us vs them attitudes - find common ground
- Attract young families to town
- More affordable housing
- Raise awareness of economic differences
- Shelter for those who have those needs
- Provide services for people in need

Apply for more grants
Rely less on volunteers more on paid employees
Have a Makers Space
Replace School auditorium curtain
What would you change about Shutesbury?

Have a little store
Bike/walking paths on main streets
Limit motor boats on Lake Wyola - size, speed,
Lower property taxes
Make Internet happen
Bring more people to farmers market
More Sustainable energy - homes, public land, geothermal
Charging stations
Public transportation
See more people do volunteering (clamoring)
More community space
New library
More municipal solar farms
Long range planning for self sustaining energy
Senior housing
More aging in place services
Support services for elderly/disadvantaged/neighbors
More family attractions
Space for small business + artists to work
More public gardens
Get rid of invasive species
Get rid of mold in buildings

More connection between town & Sirius
More gathering spaces - adult ed/recreation
What would you change about Shutesbury?

- Lower taxes
- Less polarized town
- Better cell & Internet reception
- Unusually community gathering space
- Pleasant
- Increased civic engagement
- Lower energy costs
- Encourage small businesses
- Internet cafe
- Cushman type location (Cushman Market)
- Bigger library w/ cafe, Internet
- Better senior services - housing, meals on wheels
- Attract young families to live here
- "Take it or leave it" location
- Less invasive species
- Take better care of dirt roads
- Post police blog
What would you change about Shutesbury?

- Improve Internet service
- Encourage local business - have locals shop here - general store
- More public transportation
- Increase utilization of town buildings including school
- Public water supply well for clean water
- Private drinking water protection assistance
- More respectful dialogue/transparency
- More places for community events
- Greater inclusion of Sirius residents
- Car pooling
- Visiting nurse service
- Increase Intergenerational support
- Increase community participation
- Create needs & offering system/directory
- Provide child care @ town events
- Town sponsored workshops & events (CPR, 1st Aid)
- Organize town communication group

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What would you change about Shutesbury?

- Redi Pellan Hill rd to the way it was
  - Sidewalks/Bike paths
- Build town center-gen. store, fountain, bandstand park
- Change the way we have discussed about divisive issues - build consensus
- Better communication
- Better communication about new issues
- Find ways to access/inform public about issues
- Elderly support
- Frame problems
- Greater involvement of residents
- Ability to agree on common ground + vision
- Make town more affordable
- Lower property taxes
- Find different funding sources
What about Shutesbury should stay the same?

- Rural/living in the woods -> walk in woods who being in someone’s backyard.
- Population (not more, not few) -> but grow until young families
  - not smaller (tiny base).
- Keeping school independent -> control, big asset to community, independence, local (in school pop).
- Natural beauty -> nights are dark (no light pollution), Lake Wyola, Sunset @ top of hill @ town hall
  - temp change in summer hiking paths, ponds
- Community spirit -> Celebrate Shutesbury, dancing + dinners @ AC, uke lea jam
  - large tracts of forested land
  - listening to the community

- Volunteer involvement
  - governance largely by volunteers
    - not professionals -> helpfulness + pleasantness of people at library + town hall
  - Civil servants - fire, police

- Four season recreational opportunities
  - skiing, biking, hiking, swimming
  - paddling, snowshoeing, skating

- Shutesbury Athletic Club
- Library + Kayak -> active + interesting library

HARRIMAN

November 3rd, 201
What about Shutesbury should stay the same?

- Lack of traffic
- Open woodlands — trees, quiet, wildlife understory
- Hiking trails
- Lake Wyola — breathtaking
- Rural character — wooded, night sky, dirt roads
- Own elementary school — local & great
- Quiet
- Clean drinking water
- Safety — crime rate is low, safe to raise children
- Climate — always cooler
- Programs — school, library, COA, HST, COMM, CNIC (Community Network for Children)
- Library programs — (but not buildings)
- Local control — long tradition, independence, self-governing, self-reliance
- Volunteerism (including town gov.)

- New zoning — open space, transit center
- Low density (building) (population)
- Artsy nature (studio art tour, holiday weekend)
- Farmers market
- Well kept secret
- Neighborhood
- Supportive nature of fire & police
- Friendly police dept.
What about Shutesbury should stay the same?

- Natural resources
- Trash collection: curb side
- Nature - paths, woods, go out door
- Diverse population - different backgrounds
- Large volunteer participation in Town government
- Liberal spirit
- Location - Round Reservoir, ceremonial element
- Participation + access to 5 college community
- Unposted private land - no “No Tresspassing” sign
- Lake -> access to Lake Wyola (swimmers/kayakers); Wendell State Forest
- Kayak from library also fishing rods
- Farmers Market (corgrow)
- Garden Tours - attract visitors
- Hiking trails, skiing, (x-country out back door)

Privacy of settings of homes (low density and development)
- Bulky Waste Day
- Community Traditions - Halloween Pancake Breakfast, Spaghetti Dinner, Celebrate Shutesbury
- Athletic Club - good resource, live music, meetings
- Holiday Fair
- Rural Road Network (small, two roads)
- Annual Town Meeting - open
- Population (sustain)
- Unfragmented Back Land - huge blocks of acres
- Historic Assets - buildings & landscapes
- Monument on Green, church, school house
- History still part of present

HARRIMAN

November 3rd, 2016
What about Shutesbury should stay the same?

- Elementary - heart of community
- No lead in public water supply
- Historic buildings
- Old time New England
- Unspoiled

People
- Woods
- Stars
- Abundant wildlife

Athletic Club - free live music, benefits, food nights

Library - historic building (but size)

Windy phone lines (bug & crack)

Dirt roads that drop off (discourage cut-throughs)

Main roads in great shape (Town maintenance)

Incredible fire dept., police dept.

Swap meet - community

Bulky waste days - community

Garbage pickup (curbside pickup)

Post Office - original instructions

- School house, Old Town Hall
- Daniel Shays owned property
- Drinking water
- Neighborhood around Sirius - attract outside
- Lake Wyda - state beach
- Fireworks shows - 3rd of July, parade
- Beer fest - craft brewers
- Town Common
- Celebrate Shutesbury
- Farmers Market
- Small, home-based businesses - variety

People not on top of each other

Quiet, clean air at night

Montague Road

Village co-op

Dorothy Wendell
What about Shutesbury should stay the same?

- Nature - walks in the woods, living amid trees, open spaces, wildlife
- Mix of ages & backgrounds in town
- Public lake - healthy, accessible
- Rural feel - dirt roads, lots of trees, working farms, no streetlights
- Elementary school - great quality; community of kids, kids are known, lifelong friends
- Self-sufficiency, independent thinking - openness to new people & ideas
- Sense of cooperation when people are in need
- Irreverent forest - big blocks of unbroken forest
- Quabbin watershed
- Informality, familiarity in community

- Bridle library services
- Live town meeting
- Focus on alternative energy sources - interest in continuing to make progress

- Real open space (fields)
- Not Amherst - congested, urban, busy
- Coming back up the hill
- Historical buildings
- Quality of air, water, environment
- S-curves
- Athletic club
- Trails
- People are friendly
- Library - small but vibrant, meets needs
- Kayak, canoe, soccer
- Post office
- Police & Fire doing a great job
- Farmers Market (bird group)
- Olde & doughnuts on Halloween
- Senior potluck 1st Tuesday

- Level of volunteerism - giving of themselves to make Shutesbury work
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What factors will challenge Shutesbury now and in the future?

Internal
- Declining school pop.
- Lack of internet/ bandwidth
- Decrease in property values
- Water contamination
- Aging population / lack of infrastructure to age in place
- How to make Shutesbury more attractive to families
- Need for continued expertise in town government (volunteers) encouraging young people
- Developing a common narrative that respects differences

External
- Increase of cost of living / raising children
- Climate Change
- Energy prices
- Regional school issues (e.g. lead in H2O)
- Attracting more diverse population
- Lack of Federal / State funding

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What factors will challenge Shutesbury now and in the future?

**Internal**
- Broad band
- High Taxes/Budget
- Deteriorating infrastructure
- Cell Signal - Lack of
- Too much increase/decrease in Population
- Dirt Road issues
- Lack of volunteers
- Aging Population - Lack of services, transport, medical etc. support
- Lack of Gathering Space/Shops
- Library size problematic
- Supporting School

**External**
- Drug Problems
- Politics
- Regionalization of Schools K-12
- Sharing High Schools
- Public Ownership of land
- Financial issues: Resource Exploitation, i.e. clear cuts
- Drought/Water issues
- Waste disposal issues
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Divergence Between
Median income/property taxes
Declining enrollment in School
Cost of pensions and benefits
Civil discourse/communication
Rural character changes/definitions
Gentrification/.loss/transition

*Note: November 3rd, 2016*
Internal
- Internet access
- Aging Population
- Challenge of paying property taxes
- Lack of commercial enterprises to support tax base
- Divisiveness among people in town
- Population Growth/loss
- Affordability for young people
- Availability/Sustainability of Natural Resources
- Water Quality issues/drought

External
- Change in Revenue
- Non sustainable funding
- Loss of State Revenue
- Climate Change
- Ecological Sustainability
- Animal habitat loss
- Adapting to non-fossil fuel paradigm
- New economic imperatives
- Changes w/ 5 colleges (employers)