

Where are areas of improvement you would like the town to focus on?

1. Maintaining its green spaces / farm lands / woods
2. Embracing change, helping downtown
3. More parks or nature protected. Would love more community activities-medway does parades, fireworks and more.
4. Better use of the downtown area with another restaurant or two and shops
5. I would like to see more attention given to schools, downtown revitalization, the preservation of farms/historical places, parks, water quality, and traffic concerns. We moved here over 6 years ago, falling in love with the charm and character of the town and good schools. Since we moved here, the school system has dropped significantly in rankings and we've noticed some of the initial charm we fell in love with is faded. Some of the parks could use some attention... Pleasure Point has broken playground equipment and what I believe was once a restroom that looks decrepit. I would also like to see some new businesses downtown. There are several empty storefronts - improved infrastructure like a town sewer/septic might entice more business downtown. There seemed to have been many more operating farms when we moved here, which was something we loved about the town. Farm Day 2021 seemed to be a lot smaller than what I recall from several years ago. I feel like the town wants to cling to the small rural identity, yet residential development is happening - trees are being torn down - and farms sit vacant or are purchased and not used for farm land, while downtown hasn't changed much at all except that the gas station looks even more decrepit than it did 6 years ago with the addition of some graffiti and broken in window panes. My overall perception of the town has changed since moving here and I am concerned about the direction we are heading in. Especially as I see surrounding towns making major improvements to their schools, businesses, and parks. Holliston has one of the highest tax rates amongst our neighboring towns and I would like to see more progress in the schools, parks, and downtown areas, similar to what I've seen in towns like Hopkinton and Ashland. I am concerned that if we don't start to make some changes, it will affect our property value. I truly do love this little town and I believe there is a lot of potential for Holliston as long as the residents and administration think critically and work together towards change and progress.
6. Local taxes are way to high for the overall lack of services that we receive from the town. If that requires outside investment then it should be encouraged. Change is not always bad and we are being left behind by neighboring towns who are not afraid to embrace change. A new High School is essential but that should go without saying!
7. Water Quality, Schools and places for kids to spend time
8. improvements in support and incentives for local/small business
9. Water quality (both lake Winthrop and town water supply to homes)
10. Ensuring small business / local community environment
11. Conservation of nature (scenic roads, woods, etc..), Water bills lowered, public works improvements so power doesn't go down so frequently, supported school staff
12. Investing in projects that help drive future growth
13. Improving small and medium size business presence. We don't have a grocery store, which is needed.
14. Commercial tax base; updating facilities (schools, parks, downtown infrastructure)

15. Big need to improve our parks and recreation areas. Big need for a true community center that offers something for all residents of Holliston (look at the Hyannis Community Center). This center could offer a space for recreation for all ages, space for education (continuing ed classes, jobs for residents etc. We need to provide a place so that our children aren't "hanging around" and a space for our senior citizens to congregate and socialize. We need to do something to be more welcoming to businesses especially in the industrial parks.
16. We need more commercial infrastructure. Restaurants and "walkable" recreational commerce opportunities. The downtown, while quaint, is not as vibrant as it could be. The town should have space for a few nicer restaurants and retail options, ideally in the same general location. We need a "hub" for some commerce.
17. More money and a better plan for the high school and SPED resources
18. Water quality, Schools and revitalizing downtown- fill the vacant storefronts with destination shops, add more dining (I realize this is not without its challenges).
19. water infrastructure, schools, too many empty storefronts, public spaces both indoor (community center?) and out (town fields). We can't "grow" until we fix our water/sewer infrastructure. And I'm concern we won't be able to maintain what we have either.
20. Diversity and inclusion, water quality, school buildings
21. The schools, the downtown
22. Infrastructure (water, roads, public buildings)
23. Commerce - we need some!taxes aren't great and don't match the schools, HPS seems to catch on to things slowly, racism and the false sense of superiority neighbors feel about this town and their homes
24. New high school building, other school improvements to give our children a stronger future. Water quality. More pedestrian and bike friendly routes.
25. More activity spots for middle school and high school kids, water that is not brown, high school facility replacement, housing affordability , higher business tax base
26. Attracting more small businesses (so no vacant fronts); what can be done about the abandoned gas station; more activities for teens/tweens
27. Downtown improvements/ rail trail & schools
28. Town Sports, baseball and softball fields...school buildings and grounds maintenance
29. "1) New School building & infrastructure revamp
30. 2) Town Sewer & natural gas pipeline"
31. Family friendly
32. Upkeep and improvements to the schools and fields.
33. "We need to revisit the septic/sewer issue. It will be a LONG road, but we need to look at what Medway did and try to model it if we can. Lack of tax revenue and quality businesses (that use a lot of water like restaurants, etc.) is a problem and it seems to stem from not having sewer in town.
34. Downtown needs a face lift. That old gas station has to go!
35. The fight for a new high school must continue!
36. A LOT of new subdivisions and neighborhoods are popping up all over town, but I don't see enough infrastructure improvements that are matching the pace of the growth. All these new homes/families, etc. are going to be a tax on the town's systems and should be planned for in advance. I hope this is the case and the planning board (or whoever is in charge) isn't just

passing the buck down the road. These issues need to be met HEAD ON, even if they are NOT what people want to be thinking about.

37. Stop the clear cutting! Not sure how that solar project got approved on Marshall street, (perhaps it is technically Hopkinton and not Holliston--it seems to be very close to town boundaries, so I'm not sure), but what an EYE SORE! I do not want this to be how Holliston is remembered, no matter how environmentally ""friendly"" the project is. I am really forward thinking about the environment, but this seems like a ""robbing Peter to pay Paul"" scenario. There have to be more creative ways to incorporate solar in the town that benefits the town, the environment, and property values, and the integrity of Holliston. I'm not asking for anyone to reinvent the wheel here. Do some research about solar projects around the state, the US, the world! Be forward thinking and don't cash in just because it's the easy thing to do!
38. Town-wide composting at the Marshall St. recycling center.
39. Please please please do something about the parking lots at Marshall Street fields, Stoddard Park, and Weston Pond specifically. They are a mess and dangerous for pedestrians. The pot holes are ridiculous and my aging mom can't even go to any of our kids games at Marshall because she can't navigate the stairs or any of the other ways to get down to the fields--they are NOT accessible in any way."
40. inclusiveness, investment in the high school infrastructure, quality of schools, traffic safety through town
41. Basic infrastructure, sports and community facilities (These are clearly a differentiator compared to surrounding towns and we are way behind)
42. Less government spending and less property taxes
43. Business Economy to assist with tax base, Traffic issues with downtown, improved school performance
44. "Attract tech companies to have satellite offices in town or office rental for individuals and groups.
45. Water management - not to over build in town and filter for more chemicals like PFAS class.
46. Misinformation and extremism infiltrating our town - town should actively counter this since it will lead to too much division."
47. I would like to see more opportunities for real-world authentic learning for our students.
48. adding sewer service, improving water
49. Traffic control - honestly, fix the timing of the lights. There is no reason for traffic on 16/Washington St to block Hollis St when that light is green.
50. The high school, effective use of our industrial areas (capitalize on tax revenues).
51. Full time ALS Ambulance service
52. The abandoned gas station right in the center of town, safer sidewalks on Washington st., traffic flow in downtown (longer lights out of exchange and central)
53. Lowering taxes, bringing some businesses to town to help offset the taxes
54. School system. Farm-to-table restaurants.
 - (1) Increase tax base to help fund schools and infrastructure projects;
 - (2) Address downtown landlords who are not taking care of properties and/or raising rents and running great businesses out of town;
 - (3) Put the water problems to bed... sick of hearing about them and having this topic be "the issue" w/Holliston properties;
 - (4)

Finding ways to make our political structure accessible & interesting to current and future generations

55. Sewers
56. Water, school system, sewer system, maybe more business/tax revenue
57. Reevaluating our schools, Youth and Family Services
58. The town needs to focus on bring in commercial tax revenue and development to be able to finance much need future projects such as new/rehabilitated school buildings, improved public spaces/parks/athletic fields, improved water treatment facility and possible sewer services.
59. New library, more restaurants downtown. Splash pad near goodwill park.
60. Attracting more businesses and business tax revenue to the town
61. Water quality, improving the business tax base
62. Improve high school
63. A balance of adding some tax generating entities (without compromising ^^ too much) so that taxes for families do not continue to climb at the rate they are currently.
64. New high school
65. Commerce, Sewer (at minimum for downtown), School Facilities, Redemption Center
66. Infrastructure, and downtown expansion
67. I'd LOVE to see a better recycling center - and more importantly I'd rather eliminate trash pick up all together, and have a Transfer station similar to Medfield
68. New/Improved high school, small business support/incentives to downtown area (septic?), doing something about blighted properties ([redacted]), sidewalks on busy roads
69. High school building, making downtown more walkable
70. School funding, side walks, and more small small shops
71. Maintaining/improve school rating.
72. "1. We need a new High School. This should be priority 1. We have fallen way behind surrounding towns and I'm concerned it hurts our image, our property values and our children's futures
73. 2. Focus on structural improvements (water, sidewalks). Understandably Mudville has been prioritized first but this needs to be expanded to other areas. Particularly the Central and Fiske St corridor has far less sidewalk access with busy roads than the rest of the community
74. 3. Preserve and expand our outdoor spaces. Our rail trail is a gem and other areas like Adams St. The 9 green st property and new bathrooms at Goodwill are helpful. Similar efforts throughout the community should continue
75. 4. Do what it takes to keep downtown thriving. More parking helps. Glad to see storefronts filled. New library improvements welcome as this is a walkable resource for our families and seniors"
76. Invite moderate commercial presence (restaurants); modernize infrastructure (town wifi, electric car charging stations)
77. Improve the look of the buildings downtown and the business offerings. Invest in school building improvements and capacity.
78. Entertainment/dining
79. Unoccupied buildings ([redacted]), visual update of downtown area, kid/teen center (like the senior center but for kids to safely hang out together)
80. Indoor and outdoor sports facilities.

81. Town needs to improve the quality of water ASAP! It is shameful that Holliston-with such high taxes- has brown water. Holliston also needs more recreational areas, such as basketball courts, swimming pool.
82. The idea of inclusion is good but not to the extent where it takes away from others. The inclusion and acceptance practices need to slow down! Also the town needs to stop handing out a license to build any development or large business as neither one benefits the current residents.
83. "Middle and high school child access to after school spaces that promote healthy activities
84. More opportunities for jobs, volunteering and young adult mentorship
85. More food options and support of small business - change the zoning laws in a way that protects historic preservation but promotes tax base"
86. I would like the people of town to be more accepting of others and more empathetic. Not to allow to have their privilege blind them to what is happening in regards to the BIPOC in our town. I wish we could make everyone feel like they were truly part of the community. School board meetings seem so terrible and divisive. No one is listening, actively. Parents have to understand that the schools and teachers are doing a great job and compared to most we are doing amazing.
87. A new high school
88. Schools
89. The high school needs to be completely rebuilt.
90. Downtown building repairs/painting, improvements to infrastructure to allow for more business opportunities, resolving the abandoned gas station situation.
91. sidewalks
92. high school service projects to fund dances, activities etc. build town pride
93. The corner of Green Street (abandoned gas station). Also the timing of the lights/traffic
94. Balance between residential and commercial/industrial. We are getting swallowed by commercial traffic
95. "The water, the school system and the downtown. Also, more dining options.
96. We need to have true water/sewer system in down town to attract businesses and restaurants. We need a new High School like 10 years ago. We need to generate revenue besides resident property taxes.
97. Enhancing the area around the "Downtown" e.g., around Central St and Washington St. Making it more business friendly, including connecting that area to sewers.
98. Encourage and increase resident participation on town boards and committees; improve school rankings; improve aesthetics of downtown with some signage and building guidelines to preserve New England character of downtown; preserve protect and increase open space.
99. Tolerance and support
100. Sidewalk access throughout town, some roads are very dangerous to walk on. Encourage more walking. Also, more restaurants in town would be great, but septic rules make that hard/cost prohibitive. Its unfortunate that we have a wealthy town and very few dining options
101. Gateways, land use continuum, regulation enforcement, interdepartmental communication/collaboration

102. Dealing with the tremendous growth of weeds in the lake so it continues to be useful for recreation.
103. business development, sidewalks, schools
104. Infrastructure including new sidewalks and increased water pipe replacement plan.
105. The center of town is attractive but the area around where Cumberland Farm and the video store looks run didn't, especially with the septic truck on the road.
106. water quality is a huge drawback. the town should direct money to solve this issue, infrastructure - lights, pipes, demolish that old gas station in downtown.
107. Maintaining these natural spaces, and protecting them, along with the golf course.
108. Working with the Ma DOT to improve the quality of Rt. 16 (Washington ST) and reduce dangerous road conditions and unacceptable levels of noise. I support the ongoing discussion for a new High School facility and relocation of the Holliston Highway department.
109. There's a lot more to do about climate; also affordable housing
110. Improving zoning bylaws to prevent the already-too-prevalent blight of un-buffered businesses with outdoor storage and equipment, overrun parking areas, uncontrolled pavement and access, and glare of angled floodlights. Establish a design review committee that would require that any business or home in the downtown areas or historic district meet historic character standards. The new residences on the northwestern corner of Highland/ Washington Street is out of character with the historic homes in the historic district. This could have been prevented with adequate planning.
111. bylaws!! Apparently we have little to nothing in place to project our small town, so we're now battling huge business endeavors that would turn our town into a business district, including heavily trafficked (small!) streets and round the clock operations.
112. Downtown beautification , business friendly, parks
113. Schools
114. WATER
115. Beautification!!! And the schools! Not new buildings but improving the maintenance of the current structures and the quality and expertise of the administration!!
116. More opportunities for restaurants, local food cooperative like the one being built in Maynard and fixing the zoning laws so a situation like 555 hopping brook can't happen again. More traffic calming measures.
117. Zoning - have more architectural rules for developers. Balancing rock beige - could have looked so much better
118. Zoning, traffic, enhanced services
119. Walkability
120. Schools/infrastructure
 - 1) Remediate/clean up areas of chemical contamination in the ground [there are state grants for this - it is otherwise a clear and present danger to our water supply]; 2) Make the town center a nicer place to spend time in (more cafes, restaurants/pubs of character, small businesses & shops rather than service stations and garages); 3) Local organic/regenerative agriculture/horticulture to provide a degree of food security and help maintain a mixed community

121. More restaurants and nice bars in town (requires sewers), require nice signs not ugly industrial ones (Dunkin's block), sidewalks on roads connecting neighborhoods to town, More athletic fields and better shape
122. Schools, improve downtown, water situation
123. We need sidewalks to be able to walk from downtown to the main neighborhoods and have a safe way for the kids to walk or bike to school. For example, there is no sidewalk to go to the Queens nor a safe bike track for kids to bike safely to school.
124. Walkability in and around downtown, diversifying revenue sources so we can make real and long term infrastructure investment and support more income diverse residents
125. Continue with downtown walkability and grown the number of retail businesses downtown or in a another area
126. High tax rate, work to lower it, 555 would have been a good mode for this
127. more active business community, especially in downtown, and more restaurant options. Likely would require public sewer.
128. Preserving the above.
129. I think we need more affordable housing so Holliston can remain middle class. There are plenty of homes in the \$700k-\$900k+ range, but so very few for people who are struggling to stay in the middle class. I also wish we could afford a new/improved library, but I realize that higher taxes are not popular.
130. "Encouraging inter generational relationships- the different generations have so much to learn from each other. Encouraging/ facilitating better discourse amongst community members. Holliston Happy can be quite divisive and not a good place for honest respectful discussion of sensitive topics. Encouraging more participation at traditional Holliston events as well as creating additional opportunities for community involvement.
131. Updating our schools, strengthening our community heritage, and building our economy.
132. Having town septic so that we can have more restaurants come into town. Not looking for fast food but more boutique restaurants [redacted]. It is a shame that these restaurants struggle because of septic challenges. We should find a way to make it work in town. We've also been talking about sidewalks in town for decades and it's a shame we've made no progress. Looking at towns like Natick who consistently and continuously upgrade their sidewalks as a model. It would be so nice to be able to walk in safety to town. We live down Central Street and you always take a risk walking on this road.
133. "Agriculture: save every agricultural land for local organic food production
134. Water bodies: protect all water bodies/ways from pollution
135. Keep the trees!"
136. Schools, clean water for all, support for the small businesses, well maintained town resources
137. Diversity and inclusion efforts
138. Improved services and schools
139. Pedestrian safety
140. "-introduce a bilingual Spanish program
141. -evaluate morning and afternoon drop off at high school. As a new parent to the HS, there are two side doors that are absolutely a security threat to the safety of students. On the

heels of gun shooting in Michigan, I have been confident that since August I would have no problem walking right into the gym door or side door without a single adult approaching me. - an adult who does not belong in the building. A student with a gun could do the same. I inquired with the school officer about 4 weeks ago when I happen to run into him in the parking lot and he mentioned that there are adults stationed there. My student and other students I have talked to say there are no adults there. This security void keeps me sleepless at night."

142. Preserving quality of life
143. Develop town wide sewage.
144. Near term: water quality and distribution, reduce the heavy truck traffic that goes through town all day long making the downtown unsafe for anyone trying to shop local or just enjoy the downtown area.
145. East Holliston looks like a used car lot. How can we improve the look of East Holliston? More sidewalks to make the town more pedestrian friendly. DPW should take care of the sidewalks as one has to deal with poison ivy and weeds on many Washington Street sidewalks.
146. "1. Providing septic management for the Village Commercial area to encourage growth and vigor. The CR Rail Trail is a gold mine...tie everything into it...make it the attraction and then support that in other ways to expand economic development. I'd like to see us maximize the open space we set aside by improving the condition of the woodlands, maintaining rail trails and encourage folks that come to Holliston for the CR Rail Trail will stay, visit our other trails and woodlands and spend money locally. Open space is nice but we need to monetize the investment.
147. 2. I hope for open conversation and communication routinely from town government. It is not enough to expect the public to watch all the meetings. But when government communicates with the public, the residents get to feel more like they are a part of the town. Finding more and more ways to communicate with the community at large and with the subsets like faith organizations and businesses etc.can go a long way to ""building community.""
148. 3. Improved zoning for the future - that matches the Vision your committee is working on. In that zoning, fix those things that interfere with affordability. We especially need subsidized housing for senior citizens. There are not even options for different kinds of housing, modest condos, etc. for seniors who no longer want to maintain a single family house."
149. "1- Water issues
150. 2- install septic
151. 3- traffic in downtown
152. 4- improve quality of lake Winthrop
153. 5 - More aggressive climate policies for the town including but not limited to having the planning board or building department be sure that all new construction both residential and commercial are solar and heat pump ready and no gas hook-ups.
154. 6- Address and call for action to better understand and address the underlying cause of the racial, anti-semitic, anti-gay and hate in our schools."
155. invest in infrastructure (buldings, grounds, roads, sidewalks, parks) and then MAINTAIN it, better control over when and how \$750000 homes get built,
156. Sustainability - water and energy conservation, ecological landscape practices; diversity and inclusion
157. Enhancing the "downtown" shopping experience

158. Bringing more businesses into the center and installing a sewer system.
159. We need to improve traffic control. It has become difficult to navigate the traffic through downtown. Maybe more limitations? (If we can do it?) Business development is important, but it should fit into the small town atmosphere.
160. Recreational activities for kids between 12 and 18 e.g. more basketball courts, sidewalks on heavily trafficked roads e.g. Highland St.,
161. Water quality/availability and downtown sewerage to spur development. A modern governance structure to manage the demands of the 21st Century
162. "--Maintaining and expanding areas of open space and trails.
163. --Clean up the lake, Holliston's ""jewel in the crown"" It is long past due and closures are more frequent due to many factors (overabundance of invasive weeds, beaver dams, all restrict the flow of water making a more stagnant weed infested lake)
164. --Clarity on what types of businesses we want to attract, to be proactive rather than reactive that got us into trouble with CRG.
165. --Regular public transportation to the commuter rail (Framingham or Natick), thereby reducing reliance on cars to get into Boston/Worcester.
166. --Water quality. The water used to be the best around, now it tastes like chlorinated city water.
167. maintain and improve our infrastructure-roads, sidewalks, water, park and rec-within a reasonable budget.
168. School structures, more business development
169. "Blair Square updating. Improving Green Street lt. Fixing traffic at Highland/Washington and the Summer Street/Washington. Building a list of what the town needs and be able to MEASURE it (need and doable).
170. The town needs new:
 - 1) High School
 - 2) DPW Facility
 - 3) Fire Station (current chief will not agree but the next one will)
 - 4) Comparisons with our surrounding towns and see how we measure up. Including comparing taxes and services. We are slipping."
171. more kindness. less hate, less racism, more coming together, less divisiveness
172. Sending list to Stacey
173. Support for elderly; full time EMS/fire department
174. Avoid encouraging a sense of entitlement to those residents who speak the loudest while ignoring the opinions of the silent majority.
175. Maintenance of existing properties including upkeep of landscaping - too many eyesores
176. "Growth of Business base, but NOT proposed destructive ones like AMAZON
177. Business base needs to grow to help keep tax base"
178. Traffic. In 15 years of living here it has gotten much worse. The truck traffic on Route 16 is really disturbing.
179. safe, and accessible sidewalks and parking in downtown area, aging in place opportunities, encouragements of senior health and fitness, controlled industrial growth, encouragement of small businesses

180. Preserving the New England character of Washington Street would love see the closed gas station on the corner of Green Street changed to something more attractive. Wish there could be another coffee/sandwich shop for locals to gather."
181. Water quality, street light program. Lower taxes.
182. Down town improvements & traffic control. Better tax base.
183. Improve downtown ie.underground electrical wires, get creative to provide a downtown common on Washington street.
184. Downtown, empty worn down buildings more restaurants,
185. Address water and sewer issues, more walkable neighbor where the town maintains the sidewalks, more restaurants/store in center of town
186. Town sewage. Provide ability for Small local restaurants to open
187. Environmental sustainability
188. Commerce, tax income, restaurant and locally owned retail
189. Our schools must be repaired and maintained. They are literally crumbling. We also need to make downtown more attractive to small independent businesses.
190. Diversity and net zero emissions
191. Maintain school excellence, upgrade town infrastructure e.g. connect downtown to sewer system, improve sidewalks townwide, bury utilities downtown.
192. High school, brown water, lack of businesses
193. Meetings of all of the town boards were offered on Zoom during the pandemic, but most are not continuing this service. It's extremely hard for many residents to attend these weeknight meetings due to either work schedules or family obligations. Our town could improve community participation in our government if they would have all town boards and committees offer a remote connection to all residents
194. Schools and water
195. Figuring out how to get through town during high commuting time
196. Education, particularly the high school.
197. traffic, speed enforcement. PFAs in water in our history
198. develop downtown into a viable community focus, improve the school reputation, bring small to medium size businesses and commercial development to town to gain further tax revenue without going too far towards the giant Amazons of the world.
199. Traffic issues, new high school and water quality
200. Slow down on adding large industrial development. Better traffic control.
201. Tolerability (there is a lot of hatred and racism), more business that are not industrial (e.g., a fitness studio, a bakery, another good dining restaurant [redacted])
202. Traffic congestion
203. downtown, rail trail, Lake Winthrop,
204. Strengthening town boards through re-written by-laws, and improved coordination between town boards (as well as improved coordination between boards in Holliston and those in neighboring towns), in order to push back against predatory development schemes such as at 555 Hopping Brook Road. The pressure on Town government and its residents, brought by well-funded and well-lawyered commercial interests, has been shown to be more than either Town or residents can bear. The pressure is likely to continue in the coming years.

205. Traffic congestion in downtown square. It is often difficult to drive through the middle, and walking across the intersections feels dicey. Also, keeping large semi-trucks off our small, back roads that were never built for that kind of weight/traffic. Its unsafe for the residents as well who enjoy walking down these small, previously lightly used back roads. Now, trucks cut through these roads to avoid driving through Milford to get to Rt 126. Please protect our children, and say NO to 555 Hopping Brook Rd development!
206. Open space, sidewalks, keep traffic volume low
207. speed enforcement, sidewalks, zoning bylaws to maintain small town feel and avoid over development
208. How about synching the two out of synch lights in downtown so that traffic isn't backed all the way to [route 126] every day? Also, get rid of that damn gas station [redacted]! If it's a matter of \$ or o take the old tanks out. I bet everyone in town would gladly donate to get rid of that eye sore!
209. More infrastructure. More space for local businesses to thrive.
210. Defunct buildings and properties in the downtown area that could be renovated and utilized to benefit the community.
211. Schools
212. As a retail owner downtown I'd love to get more traffic my way. I feel the empty gas station is a deterrent and not many people walk here (my business is on the other side of the Mobil station). I'd love to see if the parks and Rec could organize some events for tweens and teens. There isn't much for them to do that is affordable.
213. Environmental consciousness including energy wise, greater focus on preserving green wooded areas, adding a few restaurants in the downtown area, ensuring clean water and making sure schools are top notch.
214. I'd like to see the sidewalks improved and lengthened. I would like to see more public trash bins for people who are out and about.
215. Attract more local businesses
216. We need more street lights. Some of our side streets are just too dark. We live on Ridge Rd and my husband leaves our lamppost light on all night to provide extra light on our section of street
217. Sustainability, infrastructure, beneficial and healthy projects to be focused on first in order to set up for the future. Also paving... the roads are absolutely terrible... please re-surface or research the issues with the roads and properly reconstruct and restripe them
218. Pedestrian safety. More sidewalks are needed. Other sidewalks are in disrepair. Kids within 2 miles of school need to be able to walk safely.
219. "speeders- the speed limit may be low, but it's rarely enforced (that I've seen)
220. water- I'm tired of rocks and sand in our water and destroying (literally- they are now broken) my water systems"
221. Investing in more public amenities - a dog park would be amazing!! A skate park, public garden, market place!
222. We are in dire need of a full-time Fire Dept. At least have full time EMTS and Paramedics during the day on 12 hour shifts. Holliston is always calling Ashland for help because they can't fill the shifts.

223. Sustainable living. More inclusivity for people of color, LGBTQ. The ability to attract small businesses.
224. Expanding to become more modern
225. The high school is embarrassing, so are our scores. Water is undrinkable.
226. Traffic downtown. High school is quite dilapidated.
227. Adding more small businesses and a couple restaurants or coffee shops
228. Traffic flow. The lights downtown HAVE NOT helped and possibly made traffic worse.
229. Engaging the community on changes and event planning, opportunities for young people
230. Sewers
231. Water, fixing the roads, parking
232. infrastructure
233. Traffic on small roads, but also speed and traffic on Washington St, especially west end; poor quality roads
234. The roads, especially with respect to lighting. I would like to see less large trucks on residential roads and a way to enforce speed limits. Roads without sidewalks are dangerous with large vehicle traffic moving at high speeds.
235. Water quality. School infrastructure.
236. Traffic/noise pollution SIDEWALKS. And also did I mention sidewalks?
237. We have to deal with the traffic jams and large trucks on side roads. We need better quality water. It would be nice to have more restaurant options - but I think that means a public sewer system downtown.
238. School system, taxes very high
239. Downtown/town square/ central meeting area events and culture - attract businesses to fill open vacancies - facelift for [older businesses]
240. Smaller homes
241. "** Entice new, local businesses to town that both attract tax revenue and increase community engagement
- Improve traffic flow in downtown"
242. I'd like to see some commercial areas redeveloped: [there are] terrible eyesores.
243. "Economic development in areas of restaurants/retail that provide more opportunities to support the town and bring people in downtown or near the rail trail. The basics like clean water, sidewalks, structural safe school buildings. Areas to explore more opportunities to develop in areas of parks and recreation (kayaks on Lake Winthrop, nature trails, bike parks, skate parks, dog parks, better fields for youth/high school sports). Thinking critically about what stores are representing our downtown area (record shop? Antique clock? Old and unused gas station which is just an eyesore). Landscaping areas like Lowland Street. A full time fire department. More educational programs/club opportunities. Holliston is running on its reputation for the Montessori and French programs, but not everyone gets in and feedback for the Montessori from parents is not strong. Giving teachers a salary that is competitive. The mass exodus of our senior teachers is not going to help our students if we continuously have teachers in their 1-3 years of teaching. We need to consider more equitable school start times that are not straining our community. It is happening and people are afraid to speak up about it because of social media backlash. If we are an agricultural town with so many farms, can there be a

connection within the schools to create hands-on opportunities that reflect farm to table experiences, growing food, and the farm process. What a unique space we have for culinary opportunities in the schools that not only are we growing, caring for these farms, but providing more nutritional food options/culinary programs.

- 244. Lastly, I am deeply concerned about the huge warehouse on Hopping Brook Road."
- 245. Traffic control, enabling more efficient travel through town, enforcement of no truck zones, supporting independent businesses
- 246. More affordable housing
- 247. School system - ratings have gone down over the past 15 years or so - need to improve them. Increasing diversity.
- 248. decreasing residential taxes annually, improving poor quality of water in town
- 249. Abandoned gas station in town is an eye sore. More restaurants. Something a bit more vibrant like other towns have. Just not enough to draw us into the center of town. Keeping the lake clean. Water supply needs much improvement.
- 250. Lack of consistent water, consistency in the schools, inclusivity
- 251. "Snow removal
- 252. A new high school
- 253. Paving"
- 254. Diversity, full time fire services, defining the police in favor of support services.
- 255. Water quality and sewage issues
- 256. Schools, infrastructure, business diversity
- 257. More business, retail and restaurants. I would like a full time ambulance , better internet!
- 258. A centralized sewer system that will allow more small businesses/restaurants to come into town without the demands of a self contained sewer management system. Imagine if [restaurants] could expand without the restrictions imposed by the board of health via septic requirements. A larger breakfast spot, a sit down sandwich shop like the Linden Store.
- 259. I believe our teachers are still working without a contract, and teachers' contracts are standard. Also, more times for leaf pick-up, and larger trash cans. Families like ours have a difficult time fitting trash in either the free or limited size allowed for additional paid/sticker pick-up.
- 260. Traffic and revitalizing downtown
- 261. Enhance natural features in downtown, especially the creek that runs through it. Increase access and use of lake Winthrop with walking trails and boating options.
- 262. Playground, brutal traffic downtown, vacant lots/building ms ([old gas station]), diversity
- 263. Some local roads could benefit from work.
- 264. A few more local restaurants to dine-in.
- 265. More restaurants in town
- 266. Traffic
- 267. More developed town center with restaurants and cafés
- 268. sidewalks
- 269. Improving infrastructure such as water issues, town sewer, natural gas. Bring more businesses to town to offset high tax rates. Invest in schools.

- 270. We have to have a full-time paramedic staffed ambulance. We are gambling with our residents lives right now
- 271. Water
- 272. A revitalized down town with restaurants and bars. Also a new sewer system
- 273. town sponsored composting program, community center
- 274. rebuild the high school
- 275. reduce residential and commercial development, don't build on every free corner, save the apple orchard on Highland Street
- 276. Build or Strengthen partnership with BU who owns property across from schools to advantage of our kids.
- 277. Sidewalks, roads
- 278. School buildings and gymnasiums. Rt 16 road quality (all roads for that matter). Sewer. Water improvements. Zoning consistency. Zoning standardization for business signs.
- 279. Infrastructure, but select board needs to focus on more than just Mudville. Also need to boost the schools back to where they should be, including focus on a new high school and raising national rankings. Additionally, we need to stop turning away all business tax opportunities.
- 280. schools & downtown commercial district
- 281. better school
- 282. Create a more inclusive and diverse community in Holliston. The infrastructure in and around the town could use an uplift.
- 283. MWRA water and sewers. At least in downtown.
- 284. the downtown area has so many opportunities for improvement, we could bring in a few good restaurants and attract people from neighboring towns, we should turn the old gas station into a restaurant. some form of public transportation or bike lane on the main road would be a game changer too. we are constantly concerned about our drinking water too, particularly being pregnant and about to have a newborn.
- 285. Sidewalks and bike lanes everywhere, especially down Route 16
- 286. New High school. Better town fields. More restaurants
- 287. Converting private septic to town sewer and improving our once great school system
- 288. Wastewater management. Downtown growth, and walkability. Affordable housing. Support for area farmers.
- 289. Schools ranking, infrastructure, special education, education
- 290. sidewalks
- 291. We need to invest more into public safety. Our fire department needs to move toward a multi year goal of switching to a combination fire dept where full time firefighter/EMTs are on duty 24/7 and supplemented by the current on call force. We also need to move towards adding in house advanced life support service. We cannot continue to call other towns for mutual aid for their paramedics 100's of times a year . That's not "mutual" aid. We also need a full time Deputy Chief , fire inspector, training officer & administrative assistant/office manager working M-F. This town has grown quite a bit in 25 years, yet the fire department is still running the exact same way as it was then. We also need to condense our 5 station design, and shrink our footprint. Our fire department headquarters is antiquated with no sleeping quarters other than couches and cots. That station cannot provide female members with adequate bathroom,

shower and sleeping facilities. The town has much work to do to grow and modernize how we staff our fire engines and ambulances. The time is now to put a plan into place.

292. Town info structure, including The Fire Dept. Towns with less call volume have a 4 man staffing and actually send an engine/ladder to calls.
293. The high school. We moved to this town with one of the main factors being the school system. I was STUNNED when I saw the high school while voting. We don't need new turf... plant grass. Let's focus on the physical school.
294. Access to downtown (sidewalks/bike lanes/public transport), recreation (pool, gym), more small businesses i.e. eateries, goods, services.
295. Community spaces, and over development of residential areas
296. Traffic in downtown including lights, condition of streets, adding town sewer, THE SIZE OF THE TRASH BARRELS IS ABSOLUTELY LAUGHABLE... for the amount we pay in taxes, I would like to be able to throw at least half of my trash away each week!
297. Sidewalks and speed
298. Educating our residents and students in DE&I. We need more diversity in our town.
299. I'd love to see some consistent street lights in the queens neighborhood - at least on every other pole maybe. Walking at night is nice, but there Are very few lights. It would be great if some of the sidewalks along 126 [on Concord Street] were groomed or even re-done. It can be difficult to walk that road when things are overgrown.
300. To have more in Town events to keep community United .
301. Replacement of water mains, better traffic flow in the downtown area, and more money from the town for the Senior center.
302. Environmentalism and town wide efforts to reduce climate change impacts. Greater emphasis and support of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusions efforts and initiatives to make Holliston a more welcoming town to a more diverse (ethnic, economic, religious, ability, gender, and sexual orientation, country of origin) range of people.
303. Revitalizing areas in need of care and including all parts of town in its services
304. Investments in the resources that consistently attract families and businesses to our community; e.g. schools, parks, buildings, downtown / commerce areas, recreation, etc.
305. More businesses in town, new high school
306. Academic achievement in schools
307. Schools
308. Restaurant options
309. More affordable housing, like apartments or duplexes, would be nice, as would consistently better water
310. "A new high school building and an associated athletic fields.
311. Secondly , I would like to see town facilities like fields and parks improved (updated, renovated etc).
312. I would also like to see more retail and/or restaurants want to open on Holliston. Not sure if there are septic or other issues that may be preventing them from moving to town?"
313. I really would like to see schools get a little polishing. I was mortified when I saw the Montessori/ kindergarten room... let's make the schools the center ... the town is so beautiful but school rankings have slipped. I would also like the water quality to improve .. it's just so harsh... we definitely need our roads cleaned when there are snow storms... there are some

main roads that feel like they are either cleaned the next day which is unsafe . Unsafe for people coming from other towns traveling our roads just to get to work, these are our teachers, parents, mothers driving with babies in the cars.

314. Reduce heavy/polluting industries and remediate historically polluted sites; encourage commercial activity with low environmental footprint
315. tax revenue from non-residential sources
316. Downtown sidewalks town sewer
317. Town wide support of energy costs, access to town plans for street, business, etc changes/ improvements - info not just on town website. Water line improvement
318. High School, DPW, and Fire Station
319. Town center. Specifically, investment in town sewer system to allow for private investment in the downtown.
320. Encouraging more small businesses to open for a more lively downtown. This might include some outdoor dining options and places people can gather for food, drinks, and live music, and games. In addition to connecting residents, more commercial business might help lower the residential tax rate, which is really high and climbing compared to some neighboring towns.
321. control traffic, control growth, better planning and zoning laws; Whenever I've attended meetings the focus has been on economic development rather than caring about resident's right to enjoy their neighborhoods. Bylaws that are on the books already, but never take priority ie 5g antenna on Marilyn Street. I'd like to see water infrastructure prioritized and not just fixed as needed. Northway Street has had two water breaks and nothing done yet-not on list to be fixed.
322. Install more street lights, improve landscaping along roads, take care of abandoned/ugly buildings, bring in more restaurants and other business to reduce property tax
323. Central sewer system and better water quality
324. Water and road quality
325. Traffic, especially reducing truck traffic, and pedestrian/bicycle safety
326. Water infrastructure all around and sewer for downtown businesses.
327. Maintenance of downtown & route 16 business district; economic development, attracting new businesses and attitudes toward change
328. Traffic through town
329. Reducing traffic and decreasing large cookie cutter residential neighborhoods
330. continued maintenance on the rail trail, reduction of car traffic, increased green spaces
331. Clean, safe, water and prop up the school district
332. Roads, building sidewalks (especially on Central Street), changing septic to town sewage system. No more new housing or hacking of the woodlands and trees.
333. Updates to downtown buildings not currently occupied, better restaurants, updates to school and library
334. Water, Sewer, schools
335. Turn off downtown traffic lights when not needed
336. Walkability
337. "Water, and being pro business. Particularly, the downtown area which is just awful. Empty gas stations, storefronts that never open (record store), local businesses being pushed out due to greedy landlords (gracefully restored) and just overall lack of useful businesses. And

please stop replacing businesses with banks and dentists offices. Yes we need those but not taking up spaces in our downtown areas. [Restaurants have been] an amazing addition, and we need more of stuff like that n

- 338. In general I think this town is very anti-business which is unfortunate."
- 339. Preserve open space, stop massive building, improve Fire/EMS Department
- 340. Keeping it a wonderful town with lots of open land and space. Making sure offers of short term financial gains for building projects don't blind us and cause us to lose sight of why we love it here (ex/ CRG and 555)
- 341. Improving the water and snow plowing. Improving the downtown area- it's already great we just need to fix/replace the out of service gas station and ensure the buildings are maintained.
- 342. Sewer lines for downtown to encourage business growth
- 343. Schools and downtown development
- 344. Diversity
- 345. Sidewalks along main roads (e.g Central)
- 346. "Our "Downtown" as constituted is not sustainable. If two businesses were to close [redacted] consider what is left to attract and engage residents and others to this area either by car or via Rail Trail?
- 347. The unwillingness to act on expensive town sewer has limited what businesses can (or want to) be present, the services for our residents/visitors and stunted reoccurring commercial tax revenues.
- 348. To attract businesses that can sustain over time and be celebrated focal points of our community there needs to be investment in infrastructure – town sewer, improved water systems, connectivity for pedestrians from Rail Trail to Downtown and parking.
- 349. Also, there needs to be a focus on large economic development projects that provide meaningful tax revenues to the town. Industrial parks being less than 50% capacity for over 40 years is shameful town mismanagement and commerce advocacy. The opportunity costs to tax revenues that benefits schools, social services, infrastructure and maintain lower property taxes - which improves affordability for diverse people to come to Holliston and those here for years to afford to stay."
- 350. A new high school and funding for education and the arts, building a community/recreation center, preserve our historic buildings, create a downtown septic system to attract more businesses with better sidewalk access and maintenance that extends throughout the town. More affordable senior housing to allow our residents to age in place. Increase our diversity by welcoming those from different ethnic backgrounds and celebrating those traditions.
- 351. downtown needs major turnover and investment. You can still have old new england feel but with more business. Like downtown Concord.
- 352. Schools, infrastructure, commercial revenue
- 353. Industry, our water quality, the quality of our middle school education, and bringing healthy dining options to town. School start times that are healthy for children. Sidewalks!
- 354. I do think that public sewerage is long overdue as is a new high school. Sidewalks on all double-lined streets would be welcome as well!
- 355. Better water. Brown water is very unsettling.

- 356. Safe use of streets! As town grows, traffic increases and lack of sidewalks is growing concern
- 357. Could use a few more local shops & restaurants. We end up going to surrounding towns for diversity, and would love to keep that business local.
- 358. Better traffic flow
- 359. Being business friendly
- 360. Infrastructure improvements, specifically playing fields. A new HS would be a plus.
- 361. Infrastructure (water and sewer). Areas of downtown are an eyesore (mobil station in particular). I also think the town needs to do a better job of dealing with developers and making sure they abide by regulations. I suspect we are understaffed in dept of health, conservation, building inspection, planning and other departments that have contact with developers and with all the hubbub of 555 I think other developers have gotten away with a lot!
- 362. "Install and maintain good sidewalks,
- 363. clean, safe, healthy and modern water supply,
- 364. modernize the high school,
- 365. modernize sports facilities (basketball, baseball, football, soccer parking lot)
- 366. try improve traffic 126 westbound in the evenings,
- 367. improve the town website, make it much more intuitive and easier to find information
- 368. Later school start for Miller / no school time starts before 8am
- 369. Entering Holliston from other towns, e.g. Ashland, clean up around the signage"
- 370. Lake Winthrop needs serious saving from the lake weeds. Downtown/small businesses need help thriving and surviving.
- 371. I think the town can add more businesses to attract visitors and increase revenue. Adding public sewer would further this goal since this is one of the challenges restaurants and service businesses face. In addition school curriculum can be enhanced and stem programs should be added to make the school environment challenging for kids. Quality of water should be improved.
- 372. More places to eat
- 373. The schools, especially the high school need to be updated and kept up to par with other schools in the area, and it's time for Holliston to have a full-time fire department.
- 374. Downtown sewage for business, restaurants, fix Downtown lights
- 375. Schools: grades 3-5 are starting way too early to the detriment of a lot of families; Better snow plowing in winter- other towns around have a marked difference in roads in winter; new high school
- 376. Better inclusion - specifically in schools and school start times... those changes seemed dictated and forced to an unreasonable degree (and continue to be so).
- 377. More business in town, particularly in industrial parks and downtown / along Washington.
- 378. more small business downtown
- 379. Climate, diversity, schools, public space
- 380. Town water issue.
- 381. Financial base and infrastructure
- 382. Outdoor and community

383. Our schools and our downtown. While they are good, we have some of the highest property taxes in the state and we still can't compete with Hopkinton. We will retain our property value if we can make this a place that young families want to move. We're close to Boston, we've got great community culture - but we have to give people a reason to pick here.
384. "1. attracting appropriate businesses that don't add heavily to traffic
385. 2. drinkable water (including testing and remediating for PFAS)
386. 3. less deforestation for the purpose of building homes
387. 4. a town administration that takes a strong and public stance against misinformation and small groups that create a disproportionate amount of discord within our town"
388. Basic infrastructure
389. Roads
390. Downtown, the lights on Washington St are too close together. Also, a person in the pedestrian walk [downtown] CANNOT be seen , because a car can park right up close to the ped walk. Unfortunately, a person was hit and injured by a car for exactly that reason a couple of wks. ago.
391. Public services
392. Commercial and industrial development - the amount of vacancies in commercial and industrial zones is staggering and demonstrates a real mismanagement of the town. And the hostility towards commercial and industrial development is astounding. The people working in business support other local businesses, so by keeping them out, we are cutting off our nose to spite our face.
393. Improving the aging high school
394. Downtown traffic
395. Improving the high school, increasing diversity, preserving open spaces, improving the water system
396. "I would like to see changes in zoning laws and planning board requirements and practices. I feel when adult care facilities are built in established neighborhoods, notifications should be sent to neighbors--despite the fact it is not required because of DPH regulations., They should fit in with the neighborhood , not have dumpsters in full view in the front and have large parking areas out of sight, if possible.
397. I feel notification of super large projects should be made to adjacent neighborhoods, not just to those with abutting properties.
398. I feel we should have more flexibility on frontage for homes when there is land available but frontage is not able to comply. Perhaps using existing driveways for more than 1 residence.
399. I feel we should not allow 24/7 operation of any loud noise producing company or one with many trucks entering and/or leaving.
400. I would like to see existing and future commercial and/or industrial parcels with trees and shrubs at the entrances that border the main streets, especially Washington and Concord Streets."
401. Investigating town sewer options (revisiting). Also investigating creating more business friendly areas for the growth of common commerce such as grocery stores, restaurants, etc. The possibility of charter schools.

402. As time goes on I am wildly disappointed in the politics of this town and the willingness to work with developers or projects that appear to bring more harm than good to the health, welfare, environment/water, and quaint town feel. I support and am an active advocate for smart growth and development; however not at the expense of the safety, water supply, environment of the town. It's incredulous to think about more highway like traffic and volume going through the town proper. I worry about safety of pedestrians/ kids / animals; the water supply (tables); the environment; our property values; the air my kids breathe if these proposed massive projects go through; whom do they benefit long term? Not the taxpayers who love this town. Neighboring towns say "no"; why can't we? Who is doing the cost-benefit analysis of all of these factors for the long term safety, health and wellness of the citizens?
403. Traffic flow, electric charger availability, water quality, septic in downtown area, road quality improvement
404. Town sewer
405. The downtown; the quality of our drinking water; adding a beer garden somewhere in town, as well as adding cafes or restaurants.
406. Critical Race Theory being aught in schools
407. Better timing of lights in center of town, parking, put downtown overhead wires under ground.
408. We try to be everything to everyone and our towns "personality" is confused. We don't have the funding to do everything.
409. Public septic, crossing lights between St Marys and Town hall,
410. Reviving downtown with lively and appealing looking businesses
411. More sidewalks
412. eliminate traffic lights downtown, sewerage, lower taxes
413. Schools
414. Water quality could be improved, pave Mellon street, create more recreational areas for teens and kids, make it easier for elders to stay in town, preserve the downtown historic buildings
415. More family friendly activities, more parks, more local restaurants
416. "Spaces on the rail trail that are destinations. Imagine a public ice skating rink and swimming pool accessible
417. Residential emissions reduction. Our fossil-fueled furnaces, water heaters, and stoves can be replaced with electric versions that perform just as well."
418. Traffic, environment and sustainability, schools
419. Attracting businesses like retail and restaurants
420. Envisioning a more uniform and attractive aesthetic for downtown; smarter planning regarding development; avoiding large projects that have a negative impact, such as 555 Hopping Brook and the Adesa project; improving walkability and lessening traffic congestion
421. "Enhancing the Paid on-Call Fire Dept with capital investments to their facilities to enable our EMS volunteers to have administrative space and day/night rooms to allow them to respond from the station. The EMS dept has received very little investment relative to the Fire Dept and remains a service we should welcome to maintain but need to invest in (again relative to how the Fire Dept has evolved but the EMS Dept has not seen similar investments (stipends, hourly pay, equipment investments etc).

- 422. Need for a new High School!! The current High School is a patchwork of renovations and technology and relative to surrounding towns is a complete embarrassment.
- 423. A Community Center that includes the Library or other town dept to consolidate into our infrastructure (managing costs). Senior Center, Community Center and Library should/could all be one facility enhancing complimentary services to the community and a source of integrated community.
- 424. Education, elder services
- 425. Fix the timing of the Miller School, improve the library, offer more for adolescents (through a rec space, or businesses catering to that population-bowling alley, casual dining, etc)
- 426. Low income housing and diversity, more activities for high school aged people (not necessarily team athletics) like a swimming pool (sorry to see pool at Chamberlain Pines get filled in) and an ice-skating rink (where you don't have to worry about falling into a lake when temps rise). Skate-park looks like interesting project to support.
- 427. Water infrastructure (residents should not have brown water coming from their tap); Lake Winthrop weed control; more resources and programs available for elderly and adult population (historically, it has always been about the kids and the school system; while kids and schools are important and valued, there are other populations in town that are perhaps underserved); school system (our rankings as a school system have fallen over the last few years - we need to turn this around).
- 428. Community housing.
- 429. Schools, parks and rec fields
- 430. The schools - getting a new high school and getting the elementary schools on more similar start times for working parents the 1.5 hour gap on either end of the day is very hard to manage - supporting local small business/ restaurants in our downtown
- 431. Restoration of certain areas like the parks and a greater focus on local businesses
- 432. "Better communication regarding events and/or activities in advance...I always seem to miss stuff...
- 433. Also, more information re: places like the artists at the mill (?)"
- 434. Bridging divides (economic, political, racial, ethnic, social, generational etc) within town
- 435. parks and rail trails
- 436. bringing businesses to downtown
- 437. lights downtown