

### **What is your future vision for Holliston?**

1. For it to continue to be a small town that values education, environment, independent establishments, and green /farming space.
2. Investing in downtown
3. To keep opening more local shops, hosting events (love the farmers market, could we do one at the park?) More farms and events—[redacted]
4. Holliston is a place that should be able to maintain it's traditions but keep up with the times. We don't need, or want to be a Wellesley but what they have done with their town center is impressive. They have been restrictive about the way that chains such as Starbucks but their logo's on the side of buildings yet they are there because people value their presence.
5. More recreation for kids and families
6. To see Holliston as a leader among local communities for balancing the historic charm of a small town with amenities of larger municipality.
7. To have a performing arts / cultural / community center (with hopes to draw more cultural and ethnic diversity to the area)
8. A town that works to retain aspects of small town feel but also demonstrates that it is open to new business development in industrial parks and especially the periphery of the town. A town that doesn't have draconian traffic limitations and plans for traffic smartly.
9. Businesses aplenty. Not being a drive through or past town. People coming to our town for commerce and events.
10. A community that has a commercial tax base that contributes to the town and are valued members of the community, and a town that expands it view of what a "small town" means in the 21st century.
11. A community that has a good balance of businesses, recreation, strong schools, good services, and affordable housing.
12. An idilic New England town with small town feel but big town dreams. We should seek out an area to convert into a small business district that can house multiple restaurant and retail offerings (an actual grocery store would be nice too), and create a well planned shopping district. Our investment in education should increase as well. Although our elementary school stands out, it is high time that our later grades also gain statewide attention. We should become as desirable as Lexington or Wellesley, but on a smaller scale. Oh and candidly, perhaps it is time to revisit the idea of an actual sewage system again.
13. Finding ways to bring us together and not focusing on what drives us apart. Teaching our youth the importance of people and that all people are important. Keeping our community thriving, through economy and keeping the parks and trails useable for all.
14. Stay as it is
15. Reputable, competitive, modern schools. Small interesting local shopping and dining options- Perhaps revisit public sewer in downtown to support this. Clean water. Continued community events for all ages/interests, rail trail and parks.
16. Updated schools, full storefronts, dining options, community center for all age ranges
17. Strengthen the schools and infrastructure
18. Not sure

19. To join the 21st century without losing the charm, commerce, a school system that prepares all students for the real world, special education resources become robust and the school system be flexible to all students' needs
20. A community for all
21. A town where we are proud to have surrounding towns visit our schools, play on our courts or fields and not be embarrassed. A town where we do not have to worry about our water. A town where we don't have to wonder where our tax money is going.
22. "1) Excellent school infrastructure & education quality
23. 2) Town sewer & natural gas pipeline
24. 3) More playground & improved sporting infrastructure for youth population"
25. Preserve open space from development
26. A prosperous safe town with lots of heart and spirit.
27. Progressive, forward-thinking, excellent schools, sky-rocketing property values, hometown feel. Other towns can do it, so can we!
28. Top 10 school district in MA, known for embracing inclusiveness and diversity, safe and desirable neighborhoods
29. A town that values business and family, leveraging the strengths of it's community to enhance the value of the town and attract talent and growth.
30. Well maintained infrastructure (buildings, roads, pipes, fire + police services), less town boards and departments trying to get involved in everything.
31. Return to being a vibrant town where people want to visit for stores/businesses and improved schools where families want to live for their children's education
32. Take advantage of remote work to attract people to live and work here. Improve schools and infrastructure.
33. I hope that Holliston is able to continue to cultivate a joyful, inclusive school culture that values and welcomes the contributions of all stakeholders. I want our students and staff to want to run INTO the building each morning!
34. include a few more small businesses, maybe restaurants, to help with tax revenue
35. If we keep allowing the town to build new roads/neighborhoods we need to be ready for the families. Family friendly, kid friendly, bike friendly all over the place.
36. A community that has an effective balance between providing what is meaningful to the community and how to pay for those things.
37. Town services seem behind surrounding towns, unsure if due to Holliston size or neglect
38. I'd like it to remain a small population with lots of woods and trails to walk. More Small shops, no huge warehouses, and a safe community for my children to grow up in.
39. "Encouraging involvement from citizens who
40. Live here, collaborating on positive changes, we are stronger if we work together"
41. Prettier walkable downtown with more shops and restaurants. Schools have to be top notch to bring people therefore money therefore businesses therefore better for Holliston. Keep strict town policies though to keep small town vibe.
42. "Holliston Happy" for sure! (1) A thriving downtown, washington st down to the rail trail and up to Goodwill. This year's Celebrate Holliston location was perfection and a glimpse into what could be. The Rail Trail vision is amazing, as is the new farmer's market. Addressing the environmental constraints(septics), landlords, aesthetic, etc., are all needed. A lot of my money

goes to neighboring towns, unfortunately. (2) A really special place to raise your kids, including great schools, competitively paid teachers and administrators, amazing after school enrichment and a culture of inclusion within our community. (3) Rich Culture - agriculture, arts, eco/sustainability first, historical preservation. We have SO many cool aspects of our town that make us unique, that make us "not Hopkinton" (or whatever other town) and we should go all in on those aspects. Highlight our people, too! (4) Modern environmental infrastructure - water problems are addressed, downtown septic to support new business development, investments in our existing or new school and town buildings. (5) Diverse & Inclusive - Housing options, great access to information/people/resources (e.g., libraries), cross-generational partnerships, thriving affinity/ally networks. I could keep going, but these are the top five right now.

43. Sewers, more thriving downtown, better drinking water
44. Same but better water
45. Positive supportive inclusive community
46. I'd like to see significant efforts made to bring businesses into the downtown corridor and along major roads like Route 16/126, Highland Street, Central Street, Norfolk Street, Fiske Street. Increasing business opportunities and commercial tax revenue would open up opportunities to improve our school buildings, public facilities/fields/parks, and our water services, which are all way behind surrounding towns of comparable size.
47. Increase the commercial tax base so we can continue to have strong schools, well kept outside spaces and update the library
48. Sewer for route 16/downtown at the least so that we can revitalize our downtown area.
49. New high school and new businesses
50. A thriving downtown of small businesses and restaurants
51. Maintain some historical charm, build infrastructure to support and sustain commercial growth especially downtown. Other towns nearby have vibrant downtowns which include shopping and dining.
52. One that I can afford. Taxes are going to drive me out of town. I get that they are required, and MUST be increased just to keep level services, but I'm tired of paying Holliston Taxes.
53. Keeping the small town atmosphere but upgrading the amenities
54. To retain its small town character
55. A community that invests in its children and the environmental safety of its residents.
56. A safe, progressive small town with a vibrant downtown
57. Town with exceptional school system , modernized infrastructure; leader in climate change management;; rustic downtown with cafes and eclectic restaurants
58. I would like the downtown area to be updated/modernized and more desirable for residents to shop and eat at. I would like Holliston to be regarded as a best in class school system that people want to move to for the school system.
59. It is plain to see that if we could turn Holliston into a Medfield-like town as it pertains to dining, it would be a much more desirable place to live and the town would be in a much better economic position.
60. A welcoming community to be enjoyed in common spaces that draw all people and cultures together. Sustained home and tax prices. Beautification of the towns (buildings, landscaping, roads)
61. Improve the schools, once a strength of the town, now a weakness.

62. Better quality water and more small businesses.
63. To get back it's roots and stop destroying blue collar lives because some people want to live in a "Weston"!!! The disappearance on open land needs to stop also, too many houses and developments are being built with not enough forethought!
64. An open and welcoming community that prioritizes belonging
65. A new High school and more cultural diversity. Strong community and empathy. But definitely a new high school. STAT.
66. Continue to put families first
67. Top schools in the state
68. I want to stay here forever but taxes will potentially drive us out after our kids are gone. Keeping taxes reasonable would be good.
69. lower taxes
70. Maintain small town feel
71. Boutiques downtown and artisan Industry. Would love to see craft brewery, spirits and bakery in industrial zones. Would like more business that service residents not clog the road with truck traffic.
72. A community people want to come live where we are seen as progressive in our future vision and keep the charm of a quaint downtown.
73. A town with a small town feeling, but with a more robust downtown and having a public school system that is one of the best in the state to continue to attract new families to town.
74. Holliston schools need to be looked at and strategic planning needs to take place to help them return to their former excellence. I would like to see Holliston return to its active, highly engaged and involved days when we were renowned for our volunteerism and town spirit.
75. A community of physically and emotionally healthy individuals and families support each other through these challenging times
76. Modest growth, increased use of industrial parks, further beautification of down town; decent pub/dining options
77. What does this mean?
78. A friendly, welcoming community that supports and welcomes diversity and works to maintain outdoor space and create an eco-friendly environment.
79. New generation of volunteers to emerge to share ideas to move town forward. Continued focus on family friendly community that places a priority on strong quality of life.
80. We can't control all of the traffic that enters town so we have to figure out a way to control it. Is it better to keep it on Washington St or divert to other Streets like Highland?
81. remain it's historic charm, add more retail and restaurants so it's seen as a true destination for locals
82. MORE trees, MORE open space, MORE farm areas.
83. I hope to see Holliston become a community less dependent on residential tax payers, and encourage business developments. However, I strongly oppose the quick money, financial allure of high cube warehousing, auto mobile car lots, additional industrial waste processing facilities. Holliston must be aware we have an active highway running through the center of our town, and one that cannot support high levels of large tractor trailers, car carriers, trash haulers and box trucks that will come with the expansion of these facilities.

84. Protect and improve the downtown residences businesses with historic character, bury the electric lines, add more trees, remove the uncontrolled vehicle driveway access, and improve walkability and connections to the Rail Trail. Provide sewer to downtown businesses to provide more restaurants, brew pubs, additional housing, but only after the zoning bylaw is re-written and a design review committee is established to achieve the results without compromising the historic character
85. Holliston used to be as attractive as Hopkinton and a less expensive alternative to Sherborn. Why can't we become one of the most charming, desirable small towns in eastern MA?
86. Small town appeal with quality school district and good water supply and town sewage
87. Being a quality town that makes the residents proud to say they are from Holliston! That has been slipping for the past 10 or so years!!
88. A walkable, bikeable town where one could easily get to a few restaurants, do food shopping and not have to leave the town line. Also - a pot dispensary could bring in revenue (not that I personally need one). A place that incentivizes independent business and restaurants
89. Diversity of people, lots of common outside land
90. Preserve the quaint, historic and rural qualities of Holliston. Protect our open space and natural resources. Be progressive and modern in our approach to local governance
91. Inclusive, great schools
92. Community that helps those who need help
93. Progressive small town, attractive town center, small businesses with light environmental footprint, plentiful nature (open spaces, conservation land), local produce available, nice place to live
94. Humble, friendly, educated, community sense - not overly commercial but small town type businesses, outdoor activity focused/social opportunities, strong neighborhood connections, welcoming to all cultures.
95. I'd love to see downtown a place I want to go and walk, have a coffee, and or meet a friend. The entire downtown needs a facelift and some good cafes and shops.
96. Having a town where you do not need your car to go everywhere, but safely bike and walk. A town where there are areas for kids of all ages to hang out (skate park, outdoor work out area, basketball courts.....).
97. A diverse and vibrant community with solid services for all residents and the commitment and resources to support our local small businesses.
98. I want to be able to stay in my home and retire in Holliston (in 10-ish years). An upgraded senior center facility as well as a more robust downtown will be the driving factors in that decision.
99. More modernized small town, lower tax rate
100. I know we need more tax revenue to be able to afford a new high school, a new library and anything else we prioritize, but I don't know how we get it. I do think exploring sewers for some parts of town would make sense, if research shows it would bring in tax revenue.
101. Keeping small town feel but with a more vibrant downtown - more events more people eating etc.
102. A community that is sought after for great schools, welcoming community environment, and a good place to open a new business.
103. Our town needs to start invest in its infrastructure. Water infrastructure, sidewalks, space downtown etc. It's also quite a shame that we do not take care of our schools and the

land around them. I would love to see a Holliston that is free of litter. Schools blame it on parks and DPW. I honestly don't care who takes care of it but would like to see us take pride in our common spaces.

104. a town adapting quickly to the environmental/climatic crisis and energy descent from peak oil
105. I want holliston to be a welcoming community for all - regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity
106. Greater inclusivity in the community for all community members and prioritization of environmental protection initiatives.
107. Excellent schools
108. Not to be built up with lots of commercial businesses & traffic
109. To be an inclusive institution and relevant place of education. The racist incidents still unsolved absolutely baffles me. Why are you unable to find out who the culprit(s) is?
110. A town where our children can grow up and raise their own families and grow old without being priced out by the tax burden.
111. Need clean water for all. Would like to see a more diverse Holliston but the only way that that will happen is with more affordable housing..
112. When I moved here, the thing that I loved about this town was that people knew one another and were always willing to help one another. As the town has grown and the social mores have changed, that may not be fashioned the same way...but I certainly hope that the spirit remains: community matters, home matters, friends and neighbors - they all matter. As we struggle with changing the profile of residents and the more diverse make-up, we need to WORK at building and protecting that sense of community.
113. A healthy more diverse and accepting town
114. maintains small town character and feel-- don't turn into ashland
115. A community that is welcome and civil to all and recognizes the impact we each make on our natural and social environment.
116. Keeping the small New England town "feeling" while growing in population
117. A town with a vibrant center which includes many restaurants and small businesses.
118. I hope Holliston retains it's small town, family friendly atmosphere.
119. Remaining a not over-developed, quiet town with a great school system, diversity
120. A town that retains its character but is successful in managing the demands of the 21st Century and is able to increase its revenue stream to achieve these objectives for all its citizens.
121. A thriving town with strong sense of community supporting local business, advancing green technologies, and encouraging the use of open space.
122. The town continue to looks for ways to improve government without moving too fast.
123. Keep it similar to what it is now and inclusive of all
124. Having a beautifully improved Blair Square where the community can come together.
125. more of an inclusive community; less divisiveness
126. Encourage reasonable commercial and retail growth
127. Maintaining a quaint community and reducing the over dependence on "improvements"
128. A cohesive small town that takes pride in their uniqueness.
129. Increased support for seniors and townies who choose to live/stay in Holliston as taxes climb

130. VISION: Holliston is a thriving town that maintains its small town feel.
131. a safe, healthful place to thrive at any age; where all are valued members of a diverse community that cares for and takes care of neighbors, resources, and the future.
132. Not to become too much of an economic reach for people who want to live here. I am lucky to have 3 of my adult children live in town. I think another thing would be to have more seniors be able to stay in town rather than move away due to prices.
133. Improving total environment. A place that is concerned for all there citizens, both young and old.
134. diversity if possible
135. Holliston continues to be a vibrant town to raise a family and meet many of the needs of the older population. Property taxes are a burden for our elderly and appropriate adjustment need to be made to allow elderly to remain in town.
136. Keep small town feel but provide more business food options in town
137. Same small town, with focus on and innovation in education, small business development through improvements in infrastructure, sewer, water, streets/sidewalks,
138. Average some of our large industrial parks to bring in revenue. leverage. Tax revenue to build in sewage For downtown restaurants to open
139. More focused on environmental sustainability, more diverse, avoidance of development projects that would bring too much traffic and noise, e.g. 555 Hopping Brook
140. To preserve the rural feel while attracting business and new home buyers
141. As a life-long resident of Holliston, I envision an economically thriving community known for its agriculture and excellent education where families of all colors and creeds feel safe and accepted.
142. Good schools, less traffic
143. Desirable primarily residential community with a vibrant downtown of shops and restaurants. Develop housing environment that allows aging residents to stay in town.
144. Reliable, CLEAN water
145. Growth of small business brick and mortar.
146. Bringing Holliston into the 21st century economically, educationally, and environmentally.
147. Not to outgrow its population.
148. Drive extensive downtown development to drive both resident pride, comfort and accessibility while improving town services and reducing resident tax burden through growing business base.
149. Quality place to raise a family with great schools
150. To stay as it is.
151. Not sure
152. to not succumb to big businesses, try to maintain small businesses where possible
153. Over my 34 years in town, I've witnessed many changes, but Holliston still manages to blend an old-fashioned small-town/community feel while dealing with 21st-century realities. Can that continue? Bringing sewer service to downtown would revitalize that district, while of course bringing new challenges along with new possibilities. Can the rail trail be used to bring the pipe close to a connection with Medway's system, or Milford's? Here is another "pipe"

dream: Does it make sense for small towns such as Medway, Millis, and Holliston, to remain independent, or would they be stronger if they were combined?

154. Our rail trail stays protected, our woodlands stay protected, and semi-trucks are not allowed to cut through small, back roads that are 25-30mph and hardly big enough for two SUVs to pass each other, let alone a big semi. Semis fly down certain small, back roads even though they are not supposed to, and it's gotten to the point where it's not safe to walk our dogs with our family. Please say NO to 555 Hopping Brook Rd development!
155. Small New England town
156. Maintain its current sense of community and small town feel
157. A safe town for families, with a great school system and much less traffic !
158. Improved school system.
159. A window to the past with strong presence and connection to current needs.
160. "Downtown is getting there, I'd love to see some great small businesses and more restaurants please! I'd love to see a new high school. I'd love to see some social gathering events for tweens and teens that are possibly outdoors or a safe space where they can gather, dance to music, have pizza, whatever.
161. I'd love to see some houses for sale in an affordable range. It seems the median house sale is half a million dollars. If I didn't live with family I would not be able to live here. I know most of the people I grew up with here have moved away, with very few exceptions. Being stuck in the middle, not qualified for housing but can't afford a \$500,000+ home has ran many people out of town and we are struggling.
162. My future vision is to be one of the greenest towns in the country and be a town that focuses on being sustainable.
163. I'd like to see more community events.
164. A more vibrant town center
165. I would like to see more youth activities, more free town events. More solar, maintain green space, cut down on the number of McMansions. Expand special education offerings to provide more opportunities at the upper grades so kids could stay in the district
166. A nice quaint town that also has proper means of being set up for the future and ready for when problems arise and provide a safe town through roadway improvements
167. Safe, inclusive community with good schools that supports local businesses
168. I'd like to see us work harder to preserve our antique homes and historic spaces. We moved here from Natick because we were tired of feeling like we were living in a heartless city. We prefer town/rural living.
169. Not to grow to big but offer more to the residents. A higher end restaurant and bar would be nice, but keeping the chains out is key! A cleaner place to swim for the public!
170. "Central sewerage.
171. A few more commercial businesses to lower home owners property taxes. Real Financial Aid to Elderly home owners who cannot afford to pay the higher taxes."
172. An inclusive, safe community for all.



173. A more lively downtown combined with quiet side streets. Even though you don't have to go too far, everytime I need something I have to drive 15 minutes at least to Milford or Framingham
174. Better schools and water; better parks to attract young families
175. Better schooling and infrastructure
176. To have more to do in this town, have the downtown area have more small restaurants/coffee shops
177. A safe community who supports student growth and togetherness.
178. A community-centered and enjoyable place with safe opportunities to learn and grow
179. I'd like to see more wide open public spaces and possibly a dog park
180. Small town, friendly feel
181. this question is so vague I can't imagine you will get valid data
182. Lower taxes for 65+ so they can stay in homes; controlled growth
183. A close knit community with support for education, safety, and local businesses.
184. Walkability
185. Return to higher ranking in state for school system. Less vacant commercial spaces. Better traffic management. Less development / preserve open spaces.
186. I want Holliston to be a town I'm proud to be from. A lot seems to have changed in a short time. Our schools are failing our children. Our town is not the Holliston it was 10 years ago.
187. New high school; updated/walkable downtown area with vibrant shops and restaurants; continued small town feel
188. Town all inclusive for families and seniors and young working singles
189. I recently moved from another town in MA that had a robust small business association , raised funds through culinary summer food festivals and other events , and which increased tax revenue through high-income businesses in office parks off-the beaten path. As a resident, I appreciated the focus on attracting these businesses, which in turn significantly lowered residential property taxes. (Example: I paid \$250 per year in property taxes on a \$500K home. Amazing!) I think Holliston can retain its small-town charm while thinking creatively to improve its tax base. Ask Sterling, MA—they are much smaller than us but are attracting lots of business through film and television.
190. I'd like to see Holliston retain its small town charm, which to me means no huge developments, more small business, more green spaces. I was happy the Planning Board denied the 555 Hopping Brook developers. Would love to see less traffic generally but don't think that's possible.
191. People are not moving to Holliston to retire. We need to invest in our children of all ages, for opportunities to grow within the community.
192. Classic New England town that retains its charming character while also serving the population well with quality schools and retaining its community focus
193. Changes in zoning that would allow for more density in certain areas
194. Being singled out as a terrific school system, enhancing French Immersion and Montessori. Being known for its welcoming and anti-racist ethics.
195. Lower taxes, better water quality
196. Same as above. More restaurants. More small boutique shops.
197. One that is inclusive to all and focused on small businesses

198. For kids to grow up in a warm and small welcoming town just as I was able to
199. Quaint New England town that attracts new families and more small businesses
200. A well run well kept small New England town that retains it's charm but has modern infrastructure and vibrant downtown... lots of restaurants and shops.
201. Upkeep and maintain charm
202. A downtown filled with small businesses and restaurants.
203. A nice community with small town feel not too far from people's work, so staying much like it is! However, the town is limited in grocery and dining options, and incentives to bring these businesses could help the town.
204. Slowing development (look to Sherborn, not Medway), fostering local business
205. Improved parking and connectivity between downtown buildings (the separation between library parking and **[downtown]** is ridiculous), Also work toward a community center that connects all citizens (seniors, families and students) in a large accommodating facility.
206. Maintenance of small town identity
207. A town that provides the next generation with the pathway to success in life while creating a great sense of community for the older generations.
208. Small town feel with less traffic...
209. A strong central location for gatherings and events
210. To keep our small town feel and improve the downtown area
211. Bigger stores like stop and shop or market basket.
212. Continue to be a small town but develop the corner where corner market is and downtown with restaurants And bars
213. keep the small town feeling while welcoming all types of people to town. Providing education that enables children to succeed in a technologically driven society, and a global society.
214. Continue to be a district known for excellent schools and local shops and farms.
215. "For the most part, I enjoy the way this town is, and wouldn't need to see too many changes
  - I would prefer to preserve open land; I also think that Holliston needs more affordable housing to increase the diversity in our community"
216. "Desirable, quality school system. Like it used to be just 5-10 years ago.
217. Make downtown area have a common look and feel. Incorporate Central St into Washington St area (look at Blueback in West Hartford CT)."
218. Hopefully a progressing town that allows for growth while maintaining its character
219. A diverse, inclusive small town that continues to be a leader in educational programs and arts.
220. Expand businesses in the industrial areas (ONLY industrial areas) to lower taxes.
221. that is becomes more diverse and open to more cultures/races/ethnicities. town sewage would be great too.
222. Small businesses
223. More things to do downtown. Restaurants and bars
  - 1) Top ranked school system with a modern flagship high school; 2) Full-time parks and rec department with best-in-class local ball fields to help generate

- much needed funds from local towns; 3) Town sewer to help bring in more local businesses including restaurants along the rail trail and in center of town.
224. A model of a well run town, known for its legacy of rural farming but having transformed to meet the needs of a world not defined by the long commute to the city but instead one that has all the needs right here for residents. Yet avoids the feel of a paved parking lot.
  225. To see a wider range of voices within our local committees
  226. A new single fire station befitting of our department and its needs that can house full time staff and on call members.
  227. A better high school.
  228. I'd like to see the downtown become more accessible and more dynamic in the types of businesses that exist. I'd like to see a more robust farmers market like the one in Ashland and/or Natick. I'd like to see more recreational activities promoted i.e. canoe/paddle board rentals at the lake, xc ski rentals at the golf course, bike lanes into downtown and around town to make biking safer for everyone.
  229. A thriving community that has top level schools and the ability to provide top level infrastructure for a town of our size.
  230. And inclusive town that accept any race and believes.
  231. A more inclusive and diverse community.
  232. Keep it quiet and keep it simple. I love the plants and decorations, and expanding on that to different areas would really add to the town's charm.
  233. It will grow population wise , so we will need larger schools and stronger schooling system.
  234. Lower taxes for homeowners, a more vibrant downtown area, better care of town resources.
  235. I would love to see Holliston as a carbon neutral town that is welcoming to people from all walks of life! A town where folks are encouraged and able to bike safely around town and between towns on the rail trail. I envision Holliston as a place where green space is open and free to residents and non residents alike and more and more trails are maintained and children are encouraged to walk to schools. A town with a vibrant and diverse downtown that has offerings for all ages to enjoy. I imagine more support for local agriculture with a more robust farmer's market to buy local grown produce and meat and food products and and a town co-op where folks can purchase local produce, pantry items, and bulk items in a greener fashion with less waste. My personal dream is to create a home nature based education childhood center for the children in Holliston and nearby towns to offer a more local nature immersion program for our youth. I would love to see the public schools continue the French Immersion and Montessori and dare I add Waldorf tracts to the public school system to offer a truly unique opportunity for the children of this town.
  236. A place where families will continue to want to settle well into the future
  237. A preferred destination for Boston / Worcester area families and businesses to live and grow together in a community with common goals and interests.
  238. More businesses in town, new high school
  239. New high school, attract buyers due to excellent schools
  240. Neighborhood preserved, small town feel

241. A town filled with community activities and family engagement. A better library, more restaurants.
242. My hope is that Holliston continues to be a town with good schools and well-maintained parks while becoming more welcoming of diversity on multiple axes. My dream is that the physical plant of our schools improves and that there are sufficient resources to hire and keep faculty and staff at the schools to support students.
243. School ranks increase, better water, cleaner roads during winter storms.
244. More like Sherborn
245. Improve the schools, improve town's revenue
246. That Holliston is able to build a downtown community and preserve open space.
247. Still a "small town" with plans and objectives to improve quality of life for ALL.
248. Holliston is slipping! How many kids are school choiced in now? I believe it use to be a lot 25 years ago? If you were new to the are where would you live? Hopkinton, Medway, Franklin or Holliston? If you were new and had children of school age, especially high school, it would not be Holliston. How is the tax rate compared to comped neighbors? We have work in front of us.
249. A quaint, rural community with a robust downtown.
250. Top 20 public school system, many community events and traditions
251. more walkable-sidewalks not just in Mudville or Center but in E. Holliston ie. to cut thru Woodland Street safely, make DOT laws applicable for commercial vehicles that drive over bridge on woodland street (laws were made for woodland side near rail trail, but not in other direction); town officials should not serve as lawyers fighting against Holliston-conflict of interest is ongoing with 194 Lowland Street; change laws to protect aquifers,
252. Unique combination of old and modern, with a boutique feel (similar to Wellesley)
253. More industry and business to lower the tax burden on homeowners
254. Same small town feel without over populating
255. Fewer trucks, less reliance on automobiles and friendlier for pedestrians and bicycles.
256. A top notch restaurant and cafe by the rail trail.
257. More open-mindedness to change and economic development for the betterment and support of our growing town.
258. An environmental friendly small town
259. great town to raise your family
260. A thriving community, open spaces, more parks, better sports facilities, incentivising small businesses
261. Small town community that prioritizes outside spaces for kids and adults, encourages farming/composting and green living, promotes diversity
262. I'd like holliston to be a safe and innovative town for future generations - safety with infrastructure is at most importance with neglect from past plans. Education - quality courses and strong teachers to bring holliston back to a competitive school rating.
263. Safe sidewalks
264. To better or schools and get back to being some of the best in Massachusetts. Revitalize the downtown area.
265. Less Building, both commercial and residential. Encourage commerical businesses in town in existing buildings. Stop catering to the few to spite the many.

266. To maintain this wonderful community focused small town where people care about their neighbors and support their small local business [redacted]. That is what makes Holliston so special.
267. Maintaining our current great community and quaint downtown while enhancing public services (water, snow plowing). Being a top school district. Continuing to be a great town for families.
268. Downtown businesses to become robust to lessen tax burden on residents.
269. Long term community
270. Development consistent with Town's infrastructure.
271. "Proactive to change with a unified focus on what a 21st century small town can and should be.
272. Instead of rallying around "no" then lamenting what other towns have, focus on how other towns got there, how funds were raised, the compromises to change, action steps needed and where we can improve upon what other towns have done.
273. For action items – return to being a Top 30 state school district, expand to full-time emergency response programs, a 50-year infrastructure plan – all these need money.
274. Consider how other towns get to 75%/25% ratio (or better) of residential/commercial tax revenues. Holliston is currently 89%/11%. Worse, is there is no plan or consensus desire to focus on this important metric. Increasing commercial tax revenues creates opportunities to expand our community services while maintaining what we have and allowing more residents to be able to afford to remain. There should be a 3-year plan to get 84%/16% and 7-year plan to get to 75%/25% within the vision of a sustainable 21st century town."
275. A thriving community that provides good services for its residents at all stages of life.
276. New High School and new downtown (people will have to give up on the idea that [redacted] has to have the same spot in the same building and have useless stand alone lots that have businesses like banks. New public works like fire station.
277. An inclusive and safe suburban town with highly ranked schools and an infrastructure that could support more local businesses than we currently have.
278. I would like to see a Holliston with a thriving town center and a robust school system through which the community could better connect. I don't want to see Holliston overdeveloped but it certainly feels underdeveloped at this point and seems a little stuck in the past. While nearby communities have new schools, updated roads and playgrounds and thriving restaurants, Holliston seems a bit frozen in time - emblemized by the abandoned gas station in the center of town. As other towns 'up their game' people are going to opt for lower taxes, more local businesses and better schools. Until we have an infrastructure on which those can be built, the community will pay the price over time.
279. I think we should keep our town focused on improving water supply and providing a safer downtown area. Traffic is always a problem in the down town area
280. A specific and detailed plan that outlines and manages growth, embraces the types of businesses that uphold the small town, historical, and agricultural tones
281. We are starting our family. We want to raise our children here & continue to have a safe, involved, open environment.
282. A friendly community with thriving businesses and outdoor recreation areas
283. A small town with an active town center

284. A nice place for kids to grow up
285. Id like to see greater participation in town committees and at town meetings. Id also like to see more diversity (race, age, ethnicity) among committees.
286. "Address all points in the areas of improvement plus
287. Keeps itself clean and well kept.
288. High performing schools
289. Carbon neutral"
290. A thriving small town community that embraces more cultural diversity and socio-economic diversity.
291. Holliston should be ranked within the top 10 towns to live in the greater Boston area.
292. I want Holliston to remain a destination for families who want to live in a close community. We need to add some sort of place for older kids to feel comfortable hanging out.
293. More gathering events to connect with other Hollistonians with ease of walking in Downtown
294. I really dont want it to change much. With small changes, holliston will be greater- such as my suggestions above
295. A family oriented town that produces well rounded, well adjusted individuals which make up a harmonious community.
296. Preserving the small town nature of Holliston while strengthening the town and the attractiveness to others with lower taxes and improved schools.
297. more communication with town offices
298. Climate aware, education centered, space for physical movement, diversity
299. I hope the town is mindful with the type of businesses approved for development. The wrong business could kill the small town dynamic that so many people are attracted to. A future Holliston would value green space, high quality education, and Invest in small businesses that bring community together while preserving the locations that make this town unique.
300. Take advantage of Holliston's location as a ring suburb as a new prime community to move to in era of hybrid work, reestablish Holliston schools reputation
301. Small town and community feel
302. A place where young people who are looking to head to the suburbs are excited to move their families and settle down into, while retaining the safe and comfortable community that those who have been here for a long time have strived to keep!
303. I'd love to see an unwavering commitment to the environment. I don't understand how a town knows not to spray pesticides on public playing fields but installs an artificial turf football field which is laden with persistent chemicals harmful to humans and planet. And we MUST be certain our water is free of PFAS.
304. My hope would be that more industry would lead to more tax revenue that could be allocated to the schools. The reason there aren't any substitute teachers (even before Covid) is that we do not pay enough. This staffing shortage should not fall on the shoulders of classroom teachers.
305. A safe place for middle schoolers to go after school would be a great benefit to the town."
306. Make what we have work well. No need for palatial schools, a million restaurants, etc
307. Welcoming community

308. A vibrant and sustainable community (not just environmentally sustainable, but also fiscally and developmentally). I'd like to have a downtown area that is engaging and fun. The different groups in Holliston do a great job planning fun events, but the events are among a bunch of empty storefronts.
309. To keep the small town community feel. Not too built up.
310. Community oriented town with preserved open spaces and more cutting edge schools. I realize that more industry could help with town programs. I think that industry must be balanced with preserving open spaces.
311. "Holliston has become a very affluent community . Many of our residents come, stay awhile and then move. My vision is for our newer residents to develop a love for and interest in our community. This usually happens when people contribute or get involved with different activities and learn the history of and how the town functions.
312. Because of the pandemic many town committees had to resort to zoom meetings. If normal returns someday I hope we are able to continue broadcasts and hear the voices of residents otherwise unable to attend.
313. I want to keep the volunteer officials and departments but wish I had ideas on how to recruit new ones.
314. Ease restrictions (if any) for allowing single-family homes to have boarders or in law ap'ts.. This might help some to provide affordable housing and keep some elderly solvent.
315. Eventually maybe we'll have sidewalks, sewers and clean water throughout town.
316. I would like to see Holliston have a reputation as one of the finest school districts in MA, and an ideal New England community with a vibrant civic culture for its size.
317. A healthy, active community with a vision for the future that includes: reasonable development, great schools, more diversity, more transparency in governance and less cronyism. The current Select Board and Town Administrator are working so hard to keep Holliston the quaint and vibrant community it is - they are truly appreciated.
318. Keeping the small town look and close knit community
319. Upscale restaurants with new sewer
320. My vision would include adapting to the times in terms of providing amenities that young homeowners are looking for - strong schools, charming downtown, cafes/ restaurants. Think more like Hopkinton.
321. A small but vibrant town filled with active community groups and churches and temples, the way it is now
322. Tempered growth, carbon neutral
323. Fewer people and houses, even if it means increased home values and taxes.
324. To remain a family friendly town.
325. Long term resident. Young couple looking to raise a family
326. not a lot of changes
327. Quiet residential town
328. a charming, historic new england town blended with modern ammenities like connectivity, more walkable, safer to ride bikes to down, more spaces for community gatherings
329. My vision is for it to be a great local community with more parks,activities,trails and local shops...similar to Wellesley

- 330. I would love to see the town attract more restaurants and smaller retail businesses and be more friendly for them. The downtown is a bit disjointed. I'm not sure how to fix it, I'd just like to see some consistency.
- 331. A vibrant downtown; walkable and environmentally friendly. Becoming more green; outlaw plastic bags in businesses; protect and improve water quality, improve schools.
- 332. A top ranked High School and School system that has improved technology and communication relative to surrounding towns.
- 333. Prosperous suburban community with clean industry / businesses adding to the tax base.
- 334. Well-connected but open community, with support for activities for all ages.
- 335. Maintain Holliston's small town feel, while recognizing the needs of various and diverse parties of interest (residents, school system, business community, etc.).
- 336. Providing sewerage for the downtown area without including low-lying Mudville is short-sighted.
- 337. Improving the schools, town sewer
- 338. Schools high ranking, downtown small business thriving and local restaurants thriving - supporting local small businesses in our downtown. Also maintaining sport fields.
- 339. Warmer and more community focused town
- 340. To continue all of the wonderful things that they already do.
- 341. Model community supporting opportunities, education,
- 342. place to live happily
- 343. quiet suburbia