

Are there other areas not listed above that you would like addressed in a survey about Holliston's future?

1. N/A
2. I think the focus should be on the nature and local feel everyone really loves. And the family activities.
3. Business growth if that's what you mean by business economy then it's the same but we need to drive appropriate (and that's a dangerous word) development that balances needs for additional non residential taxes with keeping certain areas with more a small town and historic feel. Perhaps we create a second "center" for business development or something.
4. Downtown infrastructure
5. We need a strategic plan that will guide the Town in decisions on infrastructure and budget for the next 5 years, 15 years etc.
6. Shopping.
7. SPED services and conservation land
8. Community Center with pool for all residents. Programs for seniors, teens and kids.
9. Diversity and inclusion efforts
10. Your list is great- hard to rank!
11. Childcare and elder care
12. Sewer needs to be revisited in order to tackle many of the issues above.
13. Diversity and inclusiveness, sense of community
14. I'd like to see a deeper collaboration with business within town and development of plans to help develop opportunities.
15. How the residents want to prioritize their own money: pay more taxes for more 'stuff' vs keeping more of their own money and not letting the town spend it on 'stuff'.
16. I am so sorry that I spoke mostly about schools.
17. School start times
18. government structure
19. It is unfair to include water resources and agriculture in the same category. Clean water is a necessity, I doubt anyone would argue that agricultural space in town is.
20. A full service redemption center (see Medfield)
21. Tax reduction - but it can't work
22. No
23. Recreation activity for young ppl And more internships and job opportunities for high school kids; should align with the Holliston substance use coalition and Parks and Rec goals
24. A new High school
25. gazebo concerts, family activities, new years trail walk, fire&ice formalized
26. The nonstop noise pollution from landscaping services etc.
27. We need to invest in a new high school. A high school is the crown jewel of any town and ours needs to be replaced
28. We should consider having a beer garden/brewery in town - such a growth opportunity.
[redacted]
29. No
30. Balanced budget, accountability in schools

31. (the 1-11 ranking thing above is confusing, do I chose an order of 1-11 or rank those priorities so there are more than 1 number 1? not well done sorry)
32. long-term town Hall employee
33. Need to stress citizen engagement. New leaders and ideas need to emerge. Promote volunteerism.
34. public water system
35. Open Space and Pinecrest Golf Course preservation and maintenance.
36. Condition of Rt16 (Washington Street)
37. Clean water
38. Limited sewer in downtown area if bylaw and design review committee is established
39. Development. We have industrial districts and bigger business looking to move in, but absoutely no way to monitor and enforce rules, regulations, permits, etc.
40. No
41. Keep town festivals and celebrations and small town charm
42. That was hard. I dont know that if inwere to fill the above matrix out twice i would come up with the same issue rankings.
43. On the "business/economy" line item it would be good to differentiate and specify small, local, independent
44. Greater participation in Town Meeting
45. No
46. Taxes are high. Amenities need to be a bit better. Roads and sidewalks in neighborhoods is critical. Walkable place.
47. Diversity and inclusivity
48. 555 revisited
49. I would add inclusion and anti-racism efforts, but I think we are already working on that and have a good start... Also, I ranked some items above, like parks, a littler lower only because I think we already do a good job there. I would suggest a future sirvey that asks what areas like the above need improvement and how they could improve. Because I think that's how we need to frame the question. I think "pressing issues" is confusing. I would say the schools are always a "pressing issue" but I also think they are on the right track now, so I wouldn't necessarily want more focus there.
50. Septic
51. no
52. Diversity and inclusion
53. Ratings of town
54. School facilities and softball/baseball fields need to be redone/taken care of, large trucks traveling on small, residential roads.
55. Yup - I answered the priorities wrong on purpose. It's impossible to respond to - the priorities change year to year - the goal is to make sure everything gets a turn!
56. Diversity issues
57. attractnga d supporting small and buisnesses downtown
58. Diversity and inclusion
59. Thank you for doing this! Let me know if I can help.
60. Governance structure of Town

61. Fully develop- Industrial Parks
62. We desperately need a new high school
63. Making sure the schools and town sponsored activities are supporting families in teaching inclusion and the damage that can be done by bullying,
64. Activities for teens
65. Sidewalks
66. I think we should increase the walk ability throughout town from farther out neighborhoods to limit in town traffic allow more kids to walk/ride to school
67. Strong spirit of community service (town committee work, food pantry)
68. I would like to see more businesses/activities that involve Lake Winthrop/ Stoddard Park, Pleasure Point.
69. limit new development
70. Leisure and recreation Community Center for all ages.
71. Water infrastructure
72. Have to consider sewer system at some point
73. Keeping large developments like Amazon out.
74. I cant think of any more. That is a good list
75. no
76. I would like to see a discussion of issues that cropped up in 2021's fight against unregulated truck traffic and the onset of large-scale commercial developments, two very 21st-century problems that our small town, rooted in the 19th century, seems unequipped to cope with.
77. Considering public sewer system
78. A sidewalk extended past Locust st to make the rail trail safely accessible for more people.
79. Noise- we hear landscaping noise 7 days a week. The traffic noise (and smell) is bad enough, but the constant noise of mowers and leaf blowers is awful
80. No
81. No
82. Keeping small businesses in town, high tax and rent drives them out which will make people want to move out
83. Opportunities for young people outside school
84. The terrible water & not enough downtown parking especially handicapped parking [redacted]
85. Lets say more about schools. Lets have a deeper discussion about how we can improve our buildings, support for teachers, enhance our programs, and more equitable school start times.
86. No
87. Recreation center for children
88. None
89. Better internet
90. Need to address enforcement of town rules (trash & recycle rules, residential speed limits, open burn rules etc)imits,
91. Localized sewer service for downtown
92. Focus on downtown character
93. Events in town
94. Infrastructure
95. be a welcoming community for all.

96. Infrastructure drives desirability for residential and businesses. Please focus on what's best for all, not just a few. Start with the end in mind. But initially focus resources on the basics: roads, schools, water/sewer.
97. As stated above, there is more to Holliston than just Mudville. Focus on that.
98. Diversity and Inclusion
99. Avoiding overdevelopment. Preserving the woods.
100. Utility improvements like underground cables
101. Up to date information and resources by the town social worker
102. In police staffing at night
103. The high school is dated.
104. Providing more services for seniors in the town.
105. I noted "Community Character" as second on my list of priorities assuming it encompassed DEI questions and concerns. If I misunderstood this then I would add DEI initiatives to the top of the list. I am greatly concerned about how some recent hate speech was handled in the schools and feel it speaks to a town wide attitude of assuming heteronormative, anglo white male, upper middle class dominance in the town. There is so much beauty and diversity in the town than this and town leaders should celebrate and encourage increased diversity in the town!
106. Services (eg trash and recycling) pick-up to all parts of the community
107. Wastewater resources for downtown; Long term planning for improving school facilities; also attracting and retaining talented education professionals
108. Food security
109. Sewer
110. Metrics - can you measure it?
111. Decrease residential tax rate
112. less surveys and studies and more listening to community, better competitive bid process to include outside Holliston contractors
113. Property taxes, street lights
114. No
115. Community Center
116. No
117. n/a
118. Recreation center for kids, greater community/events coordination, diversifying tax revenues to expand town services.
119. I felt bad putting certain things last in the ranking because I feel like you have captured a good snapshot of the issues that we all care about.
120. no
121. School start times, public sewage
122. Traffic in downtown
123. Safety, especially in sharing the roads
124. Build a new high school
125. No
126. Allow a retail pot store in town to help off set the tax burden put on the residents. Stop being against business and relying solely on the residents for income

127. I would have liked to answer #1 to all the above questions
128. Industry/stores/restaurants
129. Interactive community space (town pool, rec center).
130. Would love to see Upper Town Hall renovated so it could be a rental space again.
131. Cambridge, MA, while having a much different community, exemplifies forward planning with success, glad that Holliston is doing this as well.
132. Discussion of permit only archery deer management.
133. Taxes
134. I think some downtown revitalization - we go out of town a lot for things like going out to dinner, grabbing a drink, taking an exercise class. Would love to see more ways to keep it in Holliston.
135. No
136. Keeping the tax rate reasonable so I don't have to sell my house.
137. No, I think everything is covered
138. More restaurants and shops
139. Let's look at Marijuana dispensaries again. Time to reconsider.
140. Please just see the best vision possible for the future and not be bullied into these projects that will turn Holliston into a terrible place.
141. No
142. Having a town government that is forward thinking, versus being stuck in the past
143. Less convoluted and more efficient and effective town government structure would likely solve many of the issues. We need to find the root cause of why we are declining but surrounding town are thriving and I suspect it has to do with our governance structure.
144. Park and rec department , perhaps more classes for adults
145. No
146. lower taxes
147. Avoid high density housing and overdevelopment of downtime area. Keep small town charm while modernizing for future needs.
148. I love to focus on Holliston doing more activities(fireworks,markets,have more parks and local businesses). I love that we have cute houses and not a bunch of apartment buildings. I think we could help farms more [redacted]. Also having more walking trails and parks.
149. A public swimming pool and ice skating rink. This has worked in Wellesley (rinks and swimming pool on Rt. 9). Bonus points if it's accessible from the Rail Trail.
150. Family friendly!
151. Land use by-laws and ordinances (updated) to guild our Planning & Zoning Boards to guide their approvals for future investments. 555 Hopping Brook and the addition of 2 -800,000 square foot warehouses within our small community should have never been allowed by local ordinance. Forward thinking and future proofing what Holliston becomes is critical for our SMART business growth within our Industrial Parks.
152. Schools and parks and recreation sports fields
153. No.
154. My family bought our house at the end of April 2021 and we have.had the best experiences. The neighbors are amazing and make us feel so welcome. We have really enjoyed and appreciate the whole community!!

155. Recognition of and support for diversity in all areas and aspects of town life.